

(5) *Preparatory Features—Statement of Work (6.0)*. Degree to which the proposal reflects special innovative features to attract, interest, and improve the economical and social conditions of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

(f) The final decision to award is at the discretion of the awarding official. The awarding official shall consider the ranking, comments, and recommendations from the proposal review panel and any pertinent information before deciding which applications to approve and the order of approval. The awarding official will notify in writing entities whose proposals are rejected. In accordance with §1900.55 of subpart B of part 1900 of this chapter, appeal rights will be provided only to those entities identified as eligible under §1943.105 of this subpart.

(g) After a decision regarding funding is made, FSA and the recipient which is selected will enter into a grant or cooperative agreement. The awarding official will notify the recipient of approval and inform them of the necessary documents needed to execute the agreement. If no funding is involved, FSA and the recipient will enter into an MOU.

§§ 1943.112–1943.114 [Reserved]

§ 1943.115 Authorized use of funds.

Any funds authorized under this subpart will be used solely for the operation and administration of the Small Farmer Outreach Training and Technical Assistance Program specifically for the project under the cooperative or other agreement. There is no other authorized use of the funds. Eligible costs are limited to those line items specified in §1943.111 (b)(4) of this subpart.

§§ 1943.116–1943.125 [Reserved]

§ 1943.126 Other applicable Federal statutes and regulations that apply.

Several other Federal statutes and regulations apply to proposals considered for review or cooperative and other agreements awarded under the program. These include, but are not limited to the following:

(a) 7 CFR part 1b—USDA Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act;

(b) 7 CFR part 3—USDA implementation of OMB Circular A-129 regarding debt collection;

(c) 7 CFR part 1.1—USDA implementation of the Freedom of Information Act;

(d) 7 CFR part 15, Subpart A—USDA implementation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;

(e) 7 CFR part 3015—USDA Uniform Federal Assistance Regulations, implementing OMB Directives (i.e., Circular Nos. A-110, A-21, and A-122) and incorporating provisions of 31 U.S.C. 6301-6308 (formerly, the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977, Public Law No. 95-224), as well as general policy requirements applicable to recipients of Departmental financial assistance;

(f) 7 CFR part 3016—USDA Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments;

(g) 7 CFR part 3017, as amended—USDA implementation of Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (non-procurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants);

(h) 7 CFR part 3018—USDA implementation of New Restrictions on Lobbying. Imposes prohibitions and requirements for disclosure and certification related to lobbying on recipients of Federal contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, and loans;

(i) 29 U.S.C. 794, Section 504—Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and 7 CFR part 15B (USDA implementation of the statute), prohibiting discrimination based upon physical or mental handicap in Federally assisted programs; and

(j) 35 U.S.C. 200 *et seq.*—Bayh-Dole Act, controlling allocation of rights to inventions made by employees of small business firms and domestic nonprofit organizations, including universities, in Federally assisted programs (implementing regulations are contained 37 CFR part 401).

§ 1943.127 Fund disbursement.

The method of payment will be by reimbursement by Treasury check, and payment will be requested on Standard Form (SF) 1034, "Public Voucher for Purchases and Services Other Than