## Stakeholder Announcement

## Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program Announcement of Application Deadlines and Funding

On May 18, 2012, USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Service announced in the Federal Register that \$3,000,000 in grant funds will be competitively awarded for the Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program for fiscal year 2012.

RUS will make grants to qualified public television stations that serve rural areas as defined in 7 CFR 1740.2. A public television station is a non-commercial educational television broadcast station that is qualified for Community Service Grants by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting under section 396(k) of the Communications Act of 1934.

Individuals are not eligible for Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program financial assistance directly.

The application guide and materials for the Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program are available at the following sources:

The Internet at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP\_DTV.html.

Completed applications may be submitted the following ways:

- Paper: Submit completed paper applications for grants to the: Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Room 2844, STOP 1550, Washington, DC 20250-1550. Applications should be marked `Attention: Director, Advanced Services Division."
- Electronic: Submit electronic grant applications to <u>Grants.gov</u> at the following Web address: <a href="http://www.grants.gov/(Grants.gov">http://www.grants.gov/(Grants.gov</a>), and follow the instructions you find on that Web site.

The deadline for paper and electronic submissions is July 17, 2012.

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