Rural Development Innovation Center

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SUBJECT: Recission of RD Instruction 2006-TT

Rural Development Enhancing Transparency of Federally Funded Projects Through Use of Public

Signage

INTRODUCTION

- The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance memorandum <u>CA 23- 06 "Enhancing Transparency Through Use of the Investing in America Emblem on Signs (UPDATED)</u>," issued on February 24, 2023, encourages Federal agencies to facilitate "clear and prominent signage" for projects funded through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA); the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL); and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA). Consistent with OMB guidance, Rural Development (RD) issued RD Instruction 2006-TT on July 3, 2023, encouraging awardees of certain programs to display approved signage to inform taxpayers how Federal funds from these laws are being spent and advance the goals of accountability and transparency of Federal spending.
- On July 26, 2024, RD amended RD Instruction 2006-TT to provide additional guidance for the field regarding the purchase of temporary signs for RD/USDA events.
- On February 18, 2025, OMB issued <u>CA-25-01</u> rescinding CA-23-06 and directing agencies to "modify[] existing guidance [] or taking other actions to remove any guidelines or requirements related to either CA-23-06 or the prior version of the alert issued on August 22, 2022."

EXPIRATION DATE: FILING INSTRUCTIONS
March 31, 2026 Administrative/Other Programs

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Unnumbered Letter is to provide guidance related to RD Instructions 2006-TT "Rural Development Enhancing Transparency of Federally Funded Projects Through Use of Public Signage" pursuant to OMB Guidance CA-25-01 "Recission of Prior CA Alerts."

BACKGROUND

RD implemented Regulation 2006-TT pursuant to CA-23-05 for the purpose of providing guidance to RD staff on implementing USDA signage guidelines for projects funded by the ARPA, BIL, IRA and other Federally funded projects as appropriate. It supplemented the USDA's "Investing in America Signage Guidelines" USDA Investing in America Signage Guidelines or signs displayed at these project sites. The guidance pertained to signs for Federally funded projects that are not installed in the highway right-of-way.

The guidance covered the following:

- (a) Projects funded through IRA: (1) Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP) (2) Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) (3) Powering Affordable Clean Energy (PACE) (4) New Empowering Rural America (New ERA)
- (b) Projects funded through ARPA: (1) Emergency Rural Health Care Grant Program (ERHC). (2) Food Supply Chain Guaranteed Loan Program. (3) Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP). (4) Indigenous Animals Harvesting and Meat Processing Grant Program (Indigenous Animals Grants) (IAG).
- (c) Projects funded through BIL: (1) ReConnect Loan and Grant Program. (2) Rural Broadband Loans, Loan/Grant Combinations, and Loan Guarantee Program. In addition, the guidance, as amended July 26, 2024, provided detailed instructions for obtaining temporary signage for RD/USDA events.

On February 18, 2025, OMB issued CA-25-01 rescinding CA-23-06 and directing agencies to review, modify, and rescind all guidance or language related to implementation of CA-25-01.

As such, RD is issuing Procedure Notice (PN) rescinding 2006-TT.

CONCLUSION: RD Instruction 2006-TT is hereby rescinded pursuant to CA-25-01 dated February 18, 2025.