REAP Application Deadline Extended Until May 31

USDA Rural Development's Rural Business-Cooperative Service is extending the application deadline for Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grants until May 31, 2013. USDA is seeking applications to provide assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. REAP, authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, (Farm Bill) is designed to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses reduce energy costs and consumption and help meet the Nation's critical energy needs.

For information on how to apply for REAP funding, contact a USDA Rural Development Business Program Specialist in Kansas:

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Visit the USDA Rural Development in Kansas website for additional program information and for application templates at: <u>http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/KS_RBS_REAP.html</u>. The Notice of Funding Availability for the Rural Energy for America Program published May 8, 2013 in the Federal Register can be found at: <u>http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-05-08/pdf/2013-10941.pdf</u>