

Farm Loan Programs

Streamlining Project

Greetings to all of you. I want to update you again on the status of the streamlining project.

Status of Streamlining Contact

Since the December 1997 Newsletter, we met several times with prospective contractors, along with our General Services Administration representative, to finalize the project scope and cost. We have selected ICF-Kaiser to carry out the majority of the project plan and, barring any additional unforeseen turns of events, expect to have them on board around the middle of March. Some of you may be aware that ICF-Kaiser completed the rewrite of the RHS Single Family Housing handbooks and regulations, and are currently involved with a rewrite of the RHS Multi-Family and Single-Family guaranteed loan programs. Since they have experience with FmHA Instructions and processes, we believe that the project will progress more smoothly than it might otherwise.

Streamlining Task Forces

We contacted the National Association of Credit Specialists, National Association of Support Employees, National Association of District Directors, and the National Association of County Office Employees, to obtain nominees for each of the six streamlining task force groups. The task force groups will be the main subject matter experts advising the contractor, reviewing their work products, and serving as a conduit for funneling other FSA employees suggestions back to the National Office and then on to the contractor. Each task force is composed of a representative from each of the employee associations, along with representation from the State Farm Loan Sections. We were surprised and very appreciative of the interest in the project and the willingness to serve on the task forces, especially in light of the strain on resources that we all feel. Although we regret that weren't able to place everyone who was willing to serve on a task force, please keep in mind that you can still have input through your member associations and others serving on the task force.

An Oversight Committee made up of State Executive Directors and Agriculture Credit Directors has also been formed. This committee will serve in an advisory capacity to help oversee the activities of the six streamlining task force groups, and provide consistency and coherency in the overall direction of the project.

We would like to emphasize that the members on the six task forces and oversight committee will serve as access points for those who wish to obtain draft materials and provide feedback. We will also explore other alternatives to making draft materials available to the field for comment. The names of the task force and oversight committee members are attached to this newsletter.

Miscellaneous

We have contacted every FSA division outside of FLP to inform them that we will be eliminating the former FmHA Instructions and asking for their assistance in incorporating FLP into FSA handbooks and regulations.

For example, the Financial Management Division (FMD) has taken an active role in incorporating loan payment processing into the FSA FI handbook series. We have been very impressed with the professionalism of the other FSA divisions and staffs, and appreciate their recognition that this project concerns all of FSA - not just FLP.

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Deputy Administrator for Farm Loan Programs

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TASK FORCE AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

<u>General and Administrative</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Region/Specialty</u>
1. Ag Credit Director	Howard Lester	Northeast (WV)
2. Ag Credit Specialist.....	Jeff Johnson	Midwest (MN)
3. Ag Credit Manager (NACS)	Bruce Wunder	Midwest (IA)
4. Ag Credit Technician (NASE).	Jennifer McKinney	Southwest (TX)
5. County Executive Director (NASCOE)	Trudy Soucy	Northeast (ME)
6. District Director (NADD).....	Rodney Youngquist	Northwest(NE)
7. National Office Loan Specialist.....	James Fortner	Environmental
8. National Office Loan Specialist.....	Chris Greenwalt	Appraisals
9. National Office Loan Specialist.....	Cathy Quayle	All Other
<u>Guaranteed Loans</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Region/Specialty</u>
1. Ag Credit Director	Butch Dunsmore	Southeast (KY)
2. Ag Credit Specialist.....	Gary Groce	Southeast (AR)
3. Ag Credit Manager (NACS).....	Nathan Margoni	Southwest (CA)
4. Ag Credit Technician (NASE).....	Pamela Spear	Midwest (IA)
5. Automation Coordinator (NASCOE)	Herb Bunnell	Northeast (CT)
6. District Director (NADD).....	Donald Delp	Northeast (PA)
7. National Office Loan Specialist.....	Steve Ford	FLP/LMD/GLB
8. National Office Loan Specialist.....	Craig Nehls	FLP/LSPMD/GLB
<u>Direct Loan Making</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Region/Specialty</u>
1. Ag Credit Director	Fred Kocher	Midwest (IL)
2. Ag Credit Specialist.....	Jenny Breece	Midwest (OH)
3. Ag Credit Manager (NACS).....	Maureen Mausbach	Northwest (NE)
4. Ag Credit Technician (NASE).....	Bobbi McKinney	Southeast (FL)
5. Ag Credit Officer (NASCOE).....	Judy Becker	Northwest (SD)
6. District Director (NADD).....	Pam Davis	Southwest (KS)
7. National Office Loan Specialist.....	Chuck Ropp	FLP/LMD/DLB

<u>Direct Loan Servicing-Routine Servicing</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Region/Specialty</u>
1. Ag Credit Specialist.....	Paula Volesky	Midwest (IA)
2. Ag Credit Specialist.....	Anthony Plemons	Southeast (AL)
3. Ag Credit Manager (NACS)..	David Scott	Northeast (NJ)
4. Farm Loan Program Technician (NASE).....	Jackie Cravens	Midwest (MO)
5. County Executive Director (NASCOE).....	Phil Addy	Southeast (GA)
6. District Director (NADD).....	Robert Nordstrom	Northwest (WA)
7. National Office Loan Specialist.....	Shelley Davis	FLP/LSPMD/DLB

<u>Direct Loan Servicing-Delinquent/Problem Accounts and Property Management</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Region/Specialty</u>
1. Ag Credit Director	Mickey Cochran	Southeast (NC)
2. Ag Credit Specialist.....	Mike Cumpton	Southwest (TX)
3. Ag Credit Manager (NACS).....	Carolyn Blecha	Southwest (OK)
4. Ag Credit Technician (NASE).....	Nancy Fuchs	Northwest (ND)
5. County Executive Director (NASCOE).....	Laura Schlote	Northeast (NY)
6. District Director (NADD).....	Joel Obrecht	Midwest (OH)
7. National Office Loan Specialist.....	Bob Zimmerman	FLP/LSPMD/DLB
8. National Office Loan Specialist.....	James Fortner	Inventory

<u>Special Programs</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Region/Specialty</u>
1. Ag Credit Director	Lynn Voight	Northwest (OR)
2. Ag Credit Director.....	Roger Van Valkenberg	Southwest (NV)
3. Ag Credit Manager (NACS).....	Rick Dean	Midwest (MI)
4. State Loan Technician (NASE).....	Mary Moore	Southwest (CO)
5. County Executive Director (NASCOE).....	Mark Warnick	Southwest (UT)
6. District Director (NADD).....	Hill McKemie	Southeast (GA)
7. National Office Loan Specialist.....	Galen Van Vleet	FLP/LMD/GLB
8. National Office Loan Specialist.....	Gary West	FLP/LSPMD/DLB
9. National Office Loan Specialist.....	Doug Littau	FLP/PDEED

<u>Oversight Committee</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Region</u>
1. State Executive Director	Chris White	Midwest (MI)
2. State Executive Director	Terry Peach	Southwest (OK)
3. State Executive Director	Willie Cooper	Southeast (LA)
4. Agriculture Credit Director	Robert Jedlicka	Northwest (NE)
5. Agriculture Credit Director	David Marshall	Northeast (ME)
6. Agriculture Credit Director	Raymond Naeyaert	Southeast (FL)
7. Agriculture Credit Director	Frank Rodgers	Southeast (TN)
8. Agriculture Credit Director	Darrell Zerger	Southwest (CA)