

Invitation to join USDA for the National Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Stakeholder Forum

Who: Rural Small Businesses
Agricultural Producers
Lenders
Equipment Vendors
Agricultural Support Groups
Chambers of Commerce
Rural Electric Cooperatives
Grant Writers
Resource Providers



What: USDA National REAP Stakeholder Forum
Two sessions will be held with a short break in between:
1.) REAP program changes resulting from New Rule & 2014 Farm Bill
2.) REAP opportunities and successes from Stakeholders

When: February 6, 2015
1:00—3:00 PM Eastern Time

Where: *In Person:* USDA Headquarters- Whitten Building (Room 107-A)
1400 Jefferson Drive SW, Washington, DC
RSVP: energydivision@wdc.usda.gov by noon EST February 4, 2015

Via Webinar: <https://www.webcaster8.com/Webcast/Page/038/1643>

Register at above link to view and participate in the webinar

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Additional information about how to apply for [REAP funding](#) and about the [REAP Final Rule](#) are available in the [Federal Register](#) <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-29> (December 29, 2014, page 78029.)

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National Stakeholder Forum Draft Agenda

February 6, 2015

1:00pm -3:00pm EST

USDA, Whitten Building 107-A

Moderator: Venus Welch-White, REAP Outreach Coordinator

Greetings *Lillian Salerno, RBS Administrator*

Welcome and Opening Remarks..... *Lisa Mensah, RD Undersecretary*

REAP Overview

Introduction..... *Kelley Oehler, Energy Division Branch Chief*

Applicant and Project Eligibility.....*Lisa Noty, RBS Regional Energy Coordinator*

Application and Scoring.....*Deb Yocum, RBS Regional Energy Coordinator*

Guaranteed Loans..... *Will Dodson, RBS Regional Energy Coordinator*

10 MINUTE BREAK

REAP Opportunities and Success Panel

Environmental Law and Policy Center*Andy Olsen*

Self-Help Credit Union.....*Ed Durand*
Julia Borbely-Brown

Distributed Wind Energy Association.....*Mike Bergey*

Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy.....*Jerry Bingold*

REAP Wrap-Up

Question and Answers.....RBS Energy Team

Closing Remarks.....RBS Energy Team