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SUBCHAPTER I—FORESTRY RURAL REVITALIZATION

§6601. Forestry rural revitalization

(a) Establishment of economic development and global marketing program

The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the Cooperative Extension System, and in consultation with the Forest Service, shall establish and implement educational programs and provide technical assistance to assist businesses, industries, and policymakers to create jobs, raise incomes, and increase public revenues in manners consistent with environmental concerns.

(b) Activities

Each program established under subsection (a) shall—

(1) transfer technologies to natural resourcebased industries in the United States to make such industries more efficient, productive, and competitive;

(2) assist businesses to identify global marketing opportunities, conduct business on an international basis, and market themselves more effectively; and

(3) train local leaders in strategic community economic development.

(c) Types of programs

The Secretary of Agriculture shall establish specific programs under subsection (a) to—

(1) deliver educational services focused on community economic analysis, economic diversification, economic impact analysis, retention and expansion of existing commodity and noncommodity industries, amenity resource and tourism development, and entrepreneurship focusing on forest lands and rural communities;

(2) use Cooperative Extension System databases and analytical tools to help communities diversify their economic bases, add value locally to raw forest product materials, and retain revenues by helping to develop local businesses and industries to supply forest products locally; and

(3) use the full resources of the Cooperative Extension System, including land-grant universities and county offices, to promote economic development that is sustainable and environmentally sound.

(d) Rural revitalization technologies

(1) In general

The Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, in consultation with the State and Private Forestry Technology Marketing Unit at the Forest Products Laboratory, and in collaboration with eligible institutions, may carry out a program(A) to accelerate adoption of technologies using biomass and small-diameter materials; (B) to create community-based enterprises through marketing activities and demonstration projects; and

(C) to establish small-scale business enterprises to make use of biomass and small-diameter materials.

(2) Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2023.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XXIII, §2371, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4045; Pub. L. 108-148, title II, §202, Dec. 3, 2003, 117 Stat. 1902; Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, §7511(c)(25), title VIII, §8201, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1269, 1290; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VII, §7511(c)(25), title VIII, §8201, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2031, 2051; Pub. L. 113-79, title VIII, §8201, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 914; Pub. L. 115-334, title VIII, §8701, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4875.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 115–334 substituted ''2023'' for ''2018''.

2014—Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 113–79 substituted "2018" for "2012".

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-246, §7511(c)(25)(A), substituted "National Institute of Food and Agriculture" for "Extension Service".

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 110–246, T511(c)(25)(B), substituted "System" for "Service".

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 110-246, §8201, substituted "2008 through 2012" for "2004 through 2008".

2003—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 108–148 added subsec. (d).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

Amendment by section 7511(c)(25) of Pub. L. 110-246 effective Oct. 1, 2009, see section 7511(c) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 1522 of this title.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 101-624, title XXIII, §2372, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4046, provided that: "This chapter [chapter 2 (§§2372-2379) of subtitle G of title XXIII of Pub. L. 101-624, enacting subchapter II (§6611 et seq.) of this chapter] may be cited as the 'National Forest-Dependent Rural Communities Economic Diversification Act of 1990'."

SUBCHAPTER II—NATIONAL FOREST-DEPENDENT RURAL COMMUNITIES

§6611. Findings and purposes

(a) Findings

The Congress finds that—

(1) the economic well-being of rural America is vital to our national growth and prosperity;