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Subject: Adoption of The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Program Comment on Certain Housing, Building, and Transportation Undertakings.

Dear Director Nelson,

This letter is a notification of intent by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Housing Service (RHS), and Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS), to adopt the ACHP's Program Comment on Certain Housing, Building, and Transportation Undertakings (PC) for use in the entirety of the United States, including all territories and possessions.

Both RHS and RBCS have an existing reporting system that will capture all uses of the PC and will also create an annual report for the ACHP.

Training for all State Environmental Coordinators and their staff will be conducted by both Federal Preservation Officers for RHS and RBCS. These training sessions will occur prior to implementation of the PC and will continue annually throughout the life of the PC.

The vast majority of RHS and RBCS undertakings result in a No Effect, No Adverse Effect, or No Historic Properties Effected Finding by the agencies. Both RHS and RBCS are anticipating a significant cost and time savings through adoption of the PC, while still maintaining our high standards for the protection of historic properties.

The USDA RHS and RBCS value our relationship with the ACHP, and as such, will maintain open lines of communication and full transparency while utilizing the PC.

Sincerely,

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