

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Impact of Regional Approaches to Rural Development: Initial Evidence on the Delta Regional Authority

Type of Report
(ERR, EIB, EB) ERR

Influential Scientific Information

Agency: Economic Research Service Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
USDA

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Subject of Review: Regional economic development approaches are again becoming popular. Congress authorized the Denali Commission in 1998 and the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) in 2000 to promote rural development in Alaska and the Mississippi Delta region, respectively. Since 2000, four additional regional rural development commissions have been authorized, and limited start-up funds have been appropriated for two of these. This study assesses the initial economic outcomes of the (DRA, which began funding rural development projects in the Mississippi Delta region in 2002. The study focuses on non-metropolitan DRA counties and similar counties elsewhere in the Mississippi Delta region and the southeast.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: Panel Review Individual Reviewers

Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 08/25/10 End: 02/03/11 Completed: 02/03/11

Number of Reviewers: 3 or fewer 4 to 10 More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: Agency Designated Outside Organization

Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? Yes No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? Yes No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? Yes No



