USDA Local and Regional Procurement Program

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History of the USDA LRP Project

Background:

• The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008; The USDA completed the LRP Pilot Project in 2011, which was a 5-year pilot designed to evaluate the timeliness, cost and market impact of using local and regional procurement as a tool to respond to natural disasters and other food crises in developing countries.

• Now amended by the Agricultural Act of 2014, provides that the Secretary of Agriculture will provide grants to, or enter into cooperative agreements with, eligible organizations to implement field-based projects that consist of local or regional procurements of eligible commodities in developing countries to provide development assistance and respond to food crises and disasters.
USDA Pilot LRP Program Summary

Program Type

- Development ($19.8 million)
- Emergency ($32.0 million)
Procurement Modalities

USDA LRP Projects by Procurement Method

- Local Procurement Only
- Regional Procurement Only
- Voucher Distribution Only
- Local and Regional Procurement
- Local Procurement and Voucher Distribution
Update on the LRP Program

• USDA will publish the proposed rule in the *Federal Register* for public comments.
• USDA will then make an announcement for the request for proposals.
• The notifications and deadlines will be posted on the FAS Website.
How will the USDA LRP Program prioritize funding?

• Development programs, although if a need arises emergency programs may be approved.


• Projects that are located in Africa and procure eligible commodities that are produced in Africa.
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