

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: The Effects of Stimulating U.S. Agricultural Exports on Metro and Nonmetro Employment

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB, TB, SOR,) ERR

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information  
USDA [ ] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: One of USDA's Strategic Goals is to "assist rural communities to create prosperity so they are self-sustaining, re-populating, and economically thriving"—including through the creation of new markets for agricultural products outside the United States. Yet the economic linkages between U.S. agricultural exports and rural employment are not fully understood, particularly at the sectoral and regional levels. This report uses a computable general equilibrium (CGE) model of the U.S. economy to explore the possible employment effects of a 10-percent increase in foreign demand for U.S. agricultural exports. The model has sufficient detail to distinguish between the metro and nonmetro regions of each State and among production agriculture, food manufacturing, and other sectors of the economy.

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 [X] Individual Reviewers  
[ ] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 1/13/16 End: 10/12/16 Completed: 10/12/16

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

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [ ] Designated Outside Organization  
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ ] Yes [X] No

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

How:

When

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Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [ ] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [ ] Yes [X] No