

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Rural Manufacturing Resilience in a Period of Decline

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: Manufacturing provided 13 percent of jobs and 20 percent of personal earnings in the rural (nonmetropolitan) private sector in 2011—twice the jobs and three times the earnings that production agriculture provided. This study examines the relationship between rural manufacturing plant survival and plant- and community-level factors during a fifteen year period, which includes two recessions and general manufacturing sector decline. The study informs on possible tradeoffs between incentives to recruit/retain/expand branch plants and providing support for entrepreneurial, or smaller, independent, locally-owned plants.

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: 11/07/16 End: 2/9/17 Completed: 2/9/17

Number of Reviewers: [] 3 or fewer [x] 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:

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

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