

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Rural America at a Glance, 2013 Edition

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

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

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Subject of Review: Each year, ERS publishes a short description of recent trends affecting Rural America. Each edition examines trends in employment, unemployment, poverty and population among U.S. counties outside of standard metropolitan statistical areas. In addition, other trends of interest are typically described. The 2013 edition examines metro-nonmetro earnings disparities and the growth of income inequality within nonmetro counties during and after the economic recession.

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: 6/27/13 End: 07/23/13 Completed: 08/05/13

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

