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RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM

GRANT WORKSHOP

FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS & RURAL SMALL BUSINESSES

DATE: MARCH 3, 2015
TIME: 9:00 AM TIL 12:00 NOON

LOCATION: SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY COLLEGE/TYGER RIVER CAMPUS, 1875 EAST MAIN ST., DUNCAN, SC 28334

USDA, Rural Development (RD) offers agricultural producers and rural small businesses in South Carolina the opportunity to reduce their energy consumption with the assistance of the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). REAP grants can pay for up to 25% of the cost of doing energy efficiency improvements to a facility, building, or a process within the agricultural operation. The maximum grant amount for an energy efficiency project is $250,000 and the minimum grant is $1,500. Renewable energy grants are available for a system that produces or produces and delivers usable energy from sources such as a renewable energy source, with a maximum grant of $500,000 and a minimum grant of $2,500. Applications can be filed at any time, but the awardees are not usually selected until September.

RD will be holding workshops at the sites listed above to discuss the REAP and to provide application assistance.

- Are your utility bills more than you can handle?
- Are your grain dryers old and inefficient?
- Want more value for you agricultural products?
- Are you interested in installing solar panels?
- Need marketing for your agricultural product?
- Are your diesel motors getting too expensive to operate?
- Do you want to create a renewable energy source?

If these questions have you interested in our programs, we invite you to attend our GRANT WORKSHOP to learn more. Please use the contact information below to confirm your attendance.

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