

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FROM RD LENDERS' CONFERENCE**

The Rural Development Lenders' Conference was established to provide a forum to solicit lenders' feedback in an effort to improve program delivery and we appreciate all comments submitted both oral and written. The forum was a huge success in that the Agency was provided with invaluable feedback from our lenders that will be considered in future policy making decisions.

The overall tone of the comments received at the forum was to allow the lenders more flexibility in delivering our loan programs and provide for a more consistent program without fluctuations in processing loans. The focus was to take the burden off of the Agency and delegate more responsibility to the lenders with Agency oversight of more flexible loan programs.

The transcript from the conference has been posted. The comments/suggestions have been highlighted and contain links of the National Office responses and can be view by double-clicking the link. These links may also include additional references, for clarification purposes, contained in a series of Unnumbered Letters and Administrative Notices. Most of the comments were categorized into four categories:

1. [Issues that are in our current procedures.](#)
2. [Issues that require statutory change.](#)
3. [Issues that would require a regulation change.](#)
4. [Issues that can be reviewed by management to expedite implementation.](#)

Please keep in mind that all waiver requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and must be beneficial to the Agency in order to be approved.

Your comments will be taken into consideration in our next regulation rewrite without resubmitting. However, you are welcome to submit additional comments during the comment period at the time of publication.

Again, we appreciate your feedback and look forward to promoting a program where the USDA works in partnership with its constituents to provide a lender and customer-friendly program promoting economic development in America's rural areas.