



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development

RURAL GATEWAY PEER-TO-PEER CONFERENCE CALL
Housing and Transportation in Rural America:
A Discussion of Best Practices
Date: October 11, 2012
Time: 2:00 p.m. EST

The Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development (ORHED) invites you to take part in our next Peer-to-Peer conference call. Scheduled for **October 11, 2012**, this call will offer participants the opportunity to learn about the current issues related to housing, transportation and economic development activities throughout Rural America.

Leaders of Rural America organizations will share their knowledge of successfully implementing housing and transportation activities that have expanded and created opportunities for those living in Rural America. Various organizations will have an opportunity to discuss and share issues related to housing, transportation and economic development and the impact on Rural America. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about best practices, discuss the challenges of improving housing and transportation, and economic development activities within rural communities, and establish contacts for future reference.

Join HUD's Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development (ORHED) and HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities as we engage rural community leaders in this open forum on the perspective of improving housing and transportation as it pertains to economic development. Speakers will include **Shelley Poticha**, Director, Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities; **Megan McConville**, Policy and Planning Fellow, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; **Lilly Shoup**, Policy Analyst, U.S. Department of Transportation; and **Kate Somers**, Program Manager, Randolph County Housing Authority in West Virginia.

Topics to be discussed

- The types of housing, transportation and economic development activities developed and implemented
- Performance outcomes of the housing, transportation, and economic development activities
- Public and Private sources of funding to carry out projects
- Best practices and lessons-learned

Format of the call:

Call-in instructions and additional materials will be emailed to participants on **October 10, 2012**. The call will consist of a 60 minute presentation by our speakers, followed by a Q&A session.

Please **RSVP** by email to rhed@hud.gov no later than close of business on **October 10, 2012**. Please include your name and organization.

If you have any questions, please call 1-877-RURAL-26 (1-877-787-2526).