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Dear Prospective Applicant,

Attached you will find a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document from Rural LISC soliciting applications from rural-serving, nonprofit community-based organizations in Wyoming for membership in the Rural LISC Partner CDC Network.

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is the nation's largest organization supporting community development in both urban and rural areas. The Rural LISC program works with selected rural community development organizations, which we call Partner CDCs. Rural LISC provides Partners with grant and loan resources, and supports that financial contribution with intensive technical assistance, training and peer networking to build the capacity of groups both large and small to fulfill their missions. We work with and through locally based organizations, within their geographic footprint, to increase the supply of affordable housing, serve low-income residents and revitalize rural communities. See [www.lisc.org/rural](http://www.lisc.org/rural) to learn more.

We currently support 87 Partner CDCs working in 44 states and are expanding our geographic reach in Wyoming. Some of our Partners have been in the Rural LISC program since its inception in 1995. Some joined us just in the past couple of years. We are looking for a balance of emerging and established organizations for a long-term partnership with Rural LISC. Rural LISC Partners apply and compete for a two-year grant commitment, which includes scholarships for two representatives from each group to attend our Annual Seminar to engage in peer networking and training. We anticipate selecting two new Partners in Wyoming.

We encourage nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations pursuing community development activities in rural areas of Wyoming – small or large, one employee or 100 – to complete the RFQ. The application is comprehensive, but the benefits are significant for those selected as Rural LISC Partners. Please remember – we are just as interested in groups that have *potential* as we are in groups that have a *proven track record*. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions about Rural LISC or the RFQ application and/or process. Following are important dates for all applicants:

<b>Applications due back to Rural LISC:</b>	<b>March 1, 2019; 5pm EDT</b>
<b>Initial review completed by Rural LISC:</b>	<b>March 15, 2019</b>
<b>Potential site visits to finalists</b>	<b>March 18-22, 2019</b>
<b>Final selection of new CDC Partners:</b>	<b>April 5, 2019</b>

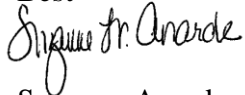
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We are excited to be able to distribute this RFQ and look forward to reviewing your application materials. **Completed applications and/or questions about the application should be directed to Julia Malinowski ([jmalinowski@lisc.org](mailto:jmalinowski@lisc.org)) and Murat Unal ([munal@lisc.org](mailto:munal@lisc.org)).**

Best –



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