

**RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 411 of 2012**

**286.946 Evaluation of project proposals; criteria; review and update; posting on department's website and printed materials.**

Sec. 6.

(1) The board shall develop criteria for evaluating project proposals for funding with money from the fund. The criteria shall include both of the following:

(a) A preference for projects in the region in which revenues are generated as described in section 5(2)(c).

(b) Support for projects that address the expansion and sustainability of land-based industries, worker training related to land-based industries, and energy, transportation, communications, water, and wastewater infrastructures to benefit rural communities and micropolitan statistical areas described in the 2010 standards for delineating metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas of the United States office of management and budget, 75 FR 123, p 37246 (June 28, 2010).

(2) The board shall annually review the criteria developed under subsection (1) and update the criteria as the board considers necessary.

(3) The criteria developed under this section, as updated under subsection (2), shall be posted on the department's website and on printed materials in advance of any request for funding proposals.

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