

NATIONAL RURAL HOUSING COALITION

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Dear colleague,

Rural housing organizations are in the midst of a very challenging political climate. Congress and the President are under increased pressure to continue to cut government spending. In this difficult environment, rural housing and community development programs must find new and better ways demonstrate their impact and effectiveness.

That's why I invite all rural housing organizations to participate in our **2013 Impact Survey**.

By participating, you can help us document the critical role rural housing organizations play in planning, developing, financing, and building affordable housing. Your participation helps strengthen our voice on Capitol Hill in advocating for the federal programs you use.

This survey is one part of our larger strategy to collect data on rural housing successes. Recently, we published a report on how USDA's [Section 502 Direct Loan and Section 523 Mutual Self-Help Housing programs](#) have expanded rural homeownership opportunities. This year, we plan to release similar reports on the successes of USDA's Multi-Family Housing and Farm Labor Housing programs.

Please complete the attached survey and return it to Sarah Mickelson at sarah@rapoza.org by February 15, 2013. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sarah via email or at 202-204-3952. And, remember to submit the survey only once; a number of organizations are assisting NRHC in disseminating the survey, so you may receive it from many sources.

Finally, I encourage those of you who are not already NRHC members to consider joining [our coalition](#). NRHC provides our members with access to a number of benefits to keep you up-to-date with federal budgets, legislation, and policies in Congress and the White House. And, we'd love to have your support.

Thank you in advance for helping make this survey a success.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Rapoza