Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Rural America at a Glance, 2019 Edition

Type of Report
(ERR, EIB, EB,
TB, SOR,)   EIB

Agency: Economic Research Service
USDA

[X]   Influential Scientific Information
[ ]   Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: Nonmetropolitan (nonmetro) America encompasses a diverse set of counties, from those that are closely tied to metropolitan (metro) areas with relatively large urban populations, to those that are isolated and sparsely populated. About two-thirds of nonmetro residents (30 million people) live in counties that are adjacent to metro areas, and nearly 14 million of them live in counties with an urban population of at least 20,000 people ("more urban" nonmetro counties). This report focuses on demographic and socioeconomic trends after the end of the Great Recession in 2009, including trends in population, employment, labor force participation, and poverty rates. Different demographic and socioeconomic trends are evident for different places along the rural-urban continuum.

Purpose of
Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [ ]   Panel Review   [X]   Individual Reviewers

[ ]   Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.):   Start: 7/23/2019   Completed: 09/04/19   Withdrawn: XX/XX/19

Number of Reviewers: [ ]   3 or fewer   [x]   4 to 10   [ ]   More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X]   Agency   [ ]   Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment?   [ ]   Yes   [X]   No
   If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:
   How:
   When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?   [ ]   Yes   [X]   No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?   [ ]   Yes   [X]   No