



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Dear Southwest Region Economic Development Districts:

In advance of the 2017 SWREDA Conference, the Austin Regional Office would like to remind the recipients of this letter that your district is up for review this year and that our annual Peer Reviews will take place concurrent with the conference programming. These Peer Reviews are required for continued funding of your District grants (13 CFR 304.4). Peer Reviews will be held the morning of Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at the Hilton Hotel – Baton Rouge Capital Center in Baton Rouge, LA.

Since the restructuring of the annual Peer Reviews in 2015, the improved process structure received the NADO Innovation Award and has been given excellent feedback from many of those EDDs involved. We hope to continue to maximize the value of the Peer Reviews for all Districts with this improved process and the positive investment of all parties involved.

We appreciate everyone's hard work and anticipate more successful Peer Review sessions this year.

We look forward to seeing and learning from you all in Baton Rouge.

Best Regards,

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