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Recent RUS Success and Future Enhancements

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Successes and Changes

- RDApply
- Infrastructure Program
  - Loan Processing Times
  - Continued Increases in Loan Approvals: ~$470M in 2017
  - Updated Infrastructure Loan Application Guide

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- Broadband Loan Program
  - Historically: a high ineligibility rate
  - Address by Implementation of Rolling Windows
  - Updated Broadband Loan Application Guide

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Successes and Changes

- Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program
  - Telecom and Electric Borrowers now Eligible
- Community Connect Grant Program
  - Increase in Appropriations: ~$30M
  - Increased eligibility definition of Broadband to 10Mbps / 1Mbps

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Enhancements…

- Pilot Broadband Program
  - $600M in budget authority
  - Loans, Grants, Loan/Grant Combos
- Loan Processing Criteria
  - Studying criteria for reduced financial analysis
  - Based on historical metrics / performance
  - Test cases

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Questions???

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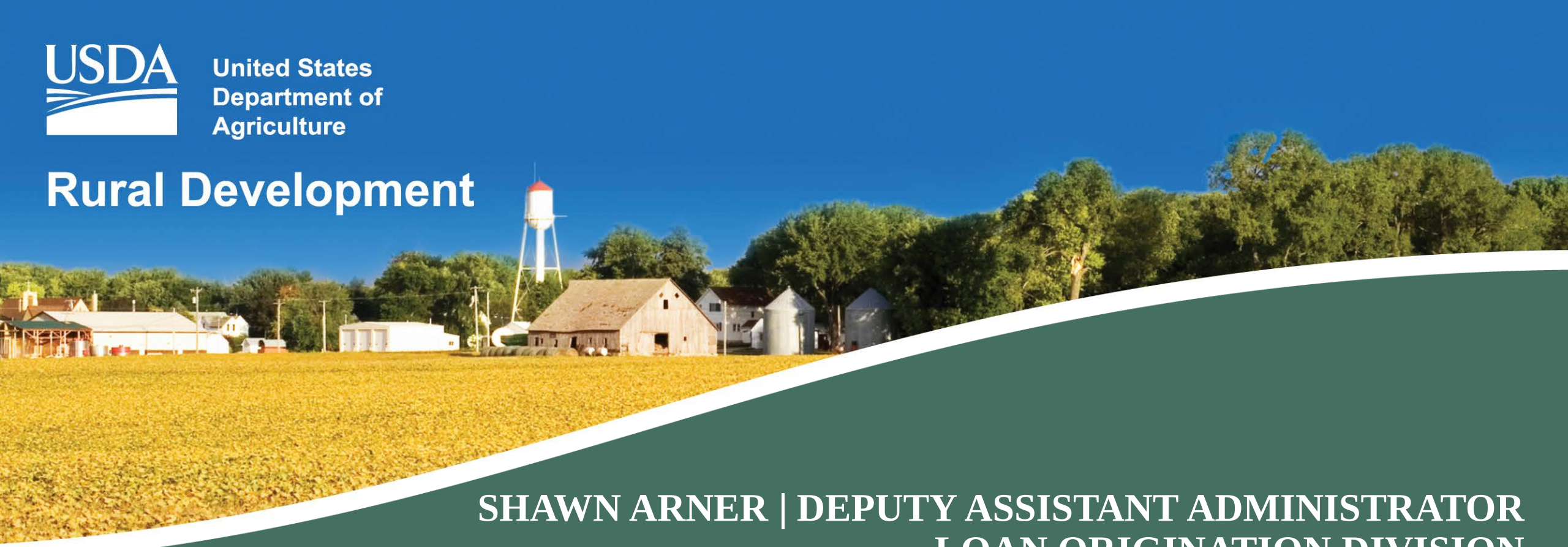

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