## Peer Review Plan

**Preliminary Title:** RURAL EDUCATION AT A GLANCE 2016

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

**Agency:**
- Economic Research Service
- USDA

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**Subject of Review:** Improvements in technology, globalization, and other factors have increased the demand for skilled workers in the United States over the last fifty years and the rural economy has not been immune to this change. Although more pronounced in urban areas, the supply of more highly-educated workers has also risen with the demand in rural areas. This research is a short description of recent education trends affecting Rural America.

**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: 05/23/16
- End: 09/09/16
- Completed: 09/09/16

**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:**

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

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