



WHITE HOUSE RURAL ROUNDTABLE

and the Delta Regional Authority present

“Bastrop Rural Council Listening Forum”

Hosted by:

Chris Masingill, Federal Co-Chairman, DRA

And

John Fernandez, Assistant Secretary, EDA,

Doug O’Brien, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, USDA

Clarence Hawkins, State Director, USDA Rural Development

August 23, 2011

5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Bastrop Municipal Center
1901 Moeller Drive
Bastrop, Louisiana

Dear Stakeholder,

The White House Rural Council and Delta Regional Authority invite you to participate in a *Rural Roundtable discussion* on August 23, 2011. John Fernandez, Assistant Secretary, EDA, Doug O'Brien, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, USDA, Lawrence McCullough, State Director and I will be facilitating the discussion.

On June 9th, 2011 President Obama signed an Executive Order establishing the White House Rural Council, the first of its kind which was established to focus on policy initiatives for Rural Americans. The White House Rural Council will focus on actions to better coordinate and streamline federal program efforts in rural America, and to better leverage federal investments. As the Rural Council continues to meet and address challenges in rural communities, they want to hear from Rural Americans across the country to hear their concerns about what the Federal government can do to help. We invite you to join the discussion and help advise the Rural Council.

The event is free of charge, though pre-event registration is required and space is limited. Please RSVP to ruralcouncilsvp@dra.gov with your name, title, organization, website, email address, phone number and topics you are interested in discussing. Should you have any questions please e-mail my staff contact Bevin Hunter, bhunter@dra.gov about this event.

Sincerely,



Chris Masingill
Federal Co-Chairman
Delta Regional Authority

