

## Truth in Testimony Disclosure Form

In accordance with Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)\* of the *Rules of the House of Representatives*, witnesses are asked to disclose the following information. Please complete this form electronically by filling in the provided blanks.

Committee: Agriculture

Subcommittee: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Date: 03/25/2021

Hearing Title :

"A Hearing to Review the State of Black Farmers in the U.S"

Witness Name: Cornelius Blanding

Position/Title: Executive Director

Witness Type:  Governmental  Non-governmental

Are you representing yourself or an organization?  Self  Organization

If you are representing an organization, please list what entity or entities you are representing:

Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund

### **FOR WITNESSES APPEARING IN A NON-GOVERNMENTAL CAPACITY**

Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.

Are you a fiduciary—including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent—of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing? If so, please list the name of the organization(s) or entities.

Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund

**Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the hearing's subject matter that you, the organization(s) you represent, or entities for which you serve as a fiduciary have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the source and amount of each grant or contract.**

see attached list

**Please list any contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government and related to the hearing's subject that you, the organization(s) you represent, or entities for which you serve as a fiduciary have received in the past thirty-six months from the date of the hearing. Include the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.**

N/A

**Please complete the following fields. If necessary, attach additional sheet(s) to provide more information.**

- I have attached a written statement of proposed testimony.
- I have attached my curriculum vitae or biography.

\* Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5), of the U.S. House of Representatives provides:

(5)(A) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial presentations to the committee to brief summaries thereof.

(B) In the case of a witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include— (i) a curriculum vitae; (ii) a disclosure of any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts, grants, or payments originating with a foreign government, received during the past 36 months by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness and related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (iii) a disclosure of whether the witness is a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

(C) The disclosure referred to in subdivision (B)(iii) shall include— (i) the amount and source of each Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) related to the subject matter of the hearing; and (ii) the amount and country of origin of any payment or contract related to the subject matter of the hearing originating with a foreign government.

(D) Such statements, with appropriate redactions to protect the privacy or security of the witness, shall be made publicly available in electronic form 24 hours before the witness appears to the extent practicable, but not later than one day after the witness appears.

**Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund  
USDA Grant Awards**

**Federation of Southern Cooperatives  
USDA Program Funding (36 months)**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
NRCS Eligibility	252,000	150,000	350,000
NRCS Cleveland	300,000	300,000	350,000
NRCS Georgia	-	100,000	-
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)	100,000	100,000	100,000
NIFA	200,000	200,000	200,000
Georgia Agricultural Mediation Program	174,300	174,300	174,300
Louisiana Agricultural Mediation Program	137,250	137,250	137,250
National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)	40,000	40,000	40,000
2501 Program	-	-	266,665
USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Proram	<u>-</u>	<u>1,137,090</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,203,550</b>	<b>2,338,640</b>	<b>1,618,215</b>