August 31, 2012

Mr. Alan McGregor, Vice President
U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities
908 E. North Street
Greenville, SC 29601

It is with great pleasure that we submit for your consideration the attached pre-proposal survey for the Sustainable Forestry and African American Land Retention Request for Proposals.

Serving our area of north central Louisiana as a 501c3 organization and a former Resource Conservation and Development project of the USDA, we offer 25 years of successful projects that have addressed the needs of the land and the needs of our people.

Offering partnerships, accountability, integrity, and a willing spirit, we are coming off a recent (August 4) highly successful event at Grambling State University where we informed about 100 African American landowners of opportunities available through the USDA agencies for their land and for their communities.

We will be thrilled to work with the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities to become the lead organization of a system of support helping to stabilize African American land ownership and enhancing family wealth through sustainable forestry practices.

With kindest consideration,

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