### Rural Utilities Service, USDA

# DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO CLOSE OUT SPECIAL EQUIPMENT CONTRACTS—Continued [RUS Forms 397 and 398]

RUS Form No.	Description	No. of copies prepared by			i	Distribution	
		Form 397	Form 398	Contractor	Engineer	Borrower	Contractor
None	Report in writing, in- cluding all meas- urements and other information required under Part II of the ap- plicable specifica- tions.	1			1	1	
None	Set of maintenance recommendations for all equipment furnished under the contract.	1		1		1	

- (ii) Obtains certifications from the engineer that the project and all required documentation are satisfactory and complete. Requirements for this contract closeout certification are contained in §1753.18.
- (iii) Submits copies of the engineer's certifications to RUS with the FRS requesting the remaining funds on the contract.
- (iv) Makes final payment in accordance with the payment terms of the contract.

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#### §§ 1753.69-1753.75 [Reserved]

## **Subpart I—Minor Construction**

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### §1753.76 General.

(a) This subpart implements and explains the provisions of the Loan Documents containing the requirements and procedures to be followed by borrowers for minor construction of telecommunications facilities using RUS loan funds. Terms used in this subpart are defined in §1753.2.

#### (b) [Reserved]

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## § 1753.77 Methods of minor construction.

Minor construction may be performed by contract using RUS Contract Form 773, "Miscellaneous Construction Work and Maintenance Services", by RUS Contract Form 515, or by work order construction. The rules for using Form 515 for minor construction are contained in subpart F of this part.

#### § 1753.78 Construction by contract.

[64 FR 16612, Apr. 6, 1999]

- (a) RUS Form 773 shall be used for minor construction by contract. Compensation may be based upon unit prices, hourly rates, or another basis agreed to in advance by the borrower and the contractor. A single work project may require more than one contractor.
- (b) The borrower shall prepare the contract form and attach any diagrams, sketches and tabulations necessary to specify clearly the work to be performed and who shall provide which materials. Neither the selection of the contractor nor the contract requires RUS approval.
- (c) Borrowers are urged to obtain quotations from several contractors before entering into a contract to be assured of obtaining the lowest cost. The