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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Request; Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program Study

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Nutrition Service's intention to request Office of Management and Budget approval of the Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program Study.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by March 9, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are invited on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technology.

Comments may be sent to: Steven Carlson, Acting Director, Office of Analysis and Evaluation, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

All requests to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information

collection forms should be directed to Steven Carlson (703) 305-2017.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program Study.

*OMB Number:* Not yet assigned.

*Expiration Date:* N/A.

*Type of Request:* New collection of information.

*Abstract:* The Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FSNEP) is an optional food stamp administrative activity available to all States under Section 11(F) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, 7 U.S.C. 2020(f), with the goal of improving nutrition education for food stamp recipients. In fiscal year (FY) 1997, 37 State Food Stamp Agencies applied and received approval for Federal reimbursement of nutrition education expenditures. As the number of States applying for food stamp nutrition education funds has increased and the breadth of their activities has expanded, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) would like to maintain information about the content and expenditures of these State activities in a centralized location. Currently the State plans for these FSNEPs are held at FNS regional offices and FNS lacks a national file or data-gathering system to track and analyze State FSNEP activities. The purpose of this project is fivefold: (1) to characterize the food stamp nutrition education activities proposed and implemented by States in FY 1997; (2) to describe reasons for less-than-full implementation of proposed activities; (3) to describe how FY 1997 FSNEP dollars were spent; (4) to estimate the cost-effectiveness of the FSNEPs, in terms of the number of persons served, amount of nutrition education delivered, and geographical coverage; and finally; (5) to create a database for FNS to use in tracking State food stamp nutrition education activities in the future.

Information for this study will be collected in three stages. First, as background, a content analysis of State FY 1997 Nutrition Education Plan (NEP) documents will be conducted. The second stage of research will involve telephone interviews with State officials from each of the 37 States with FNS-approved FY 1997 NEPs. These interviews will be conducted to confirm, update, and obtain missing information abstracted from the NEP documents and to compare proposed

FSNEP activities and budgets to activities implemented and dollars spent. Copies of nutrition education materials and curriculum used in State FSNEPs will be requested from State officials. Data from stages one and two of the research will be entered into a database and included in a final report submitted to FNS.

The third stage of data collection will involve on-site interviews with one local FSNEP in each of six States. Local staff and program recipients will be interviewed to gather more detailed information on how local programs work, including information on facilitators and barriers to conducting nutrition education activities for the food stamp population and to collaborating with other nutrition programs at the community level.

*Affected Public:* State and local governments, local private organizations collaborating with FSNEP programs, and recipients of food stamp nutrition education activities.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* For the telephone survey, an average of six State-level staff will respond from each of the 37 States with approved FY 1997 NEPs. Respondents from each of the States will include one official from the State Food Stamp Agency, and three NEP administrators and two budget officials from State-level FSNEP sponsoring agencies. For the local on-site interviews, an average of nine key informants will be interviewed in each State. These include one local FSNEP program administrator/director, an average of two local nutrition education program staff, one representative from a community agency that is collaborating with the local FSNEP, and up to six recipients of the nutrition education activities who will be interviewed in a group setting, if practicable.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Telephone interviews with NEP administrators will average one hour each; telephone interviews with State Food Stamp Agency staff and budget officials will average 30 minutes each. On-site interviews, whether conducted individually or in group settings, will last a total of two hours for each local program director and one hour for each of the remaining nine respondents.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* The estimated total annual burden of the telephone interview data collection effort will be

4.5 hours per State, totaling 166.5 hours of respondent time for the 37 States. The estimated total annual burden of the site visits will be 11 hours per site, totaling 66 hours for the six site visits.

Dated: December 29, 1997.

**Yvette S. Jackson,**

*Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Research Service

#### Government Owned Inventions Available for Licensing

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Government owned inventions available for licensing.

**SUMMARY:** The inventions listed below are owned by the U.S. Government as represented by the Department of Agriculture, and are available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development. Foreign patents are filed on selected inventions to extend market coverage for U.S. companies and may also be available for licensing.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Technical and licensing information on these inventions may be obtained by writing to June Blalock, Technology Licensing Coordinator, USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Bldg. 005, BARC-W, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350; telephone: 301-504-5989 or fax: 301-504-5060. Issued patents may be obtained from the Commissioner of Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The inventions available for licensing are:

- S.N. 08/563,834, "Dietary Fiber Gels for Preparing Calorie Reduced Foods"
- S.N. 08/844,274, "PiggyBac Transposon-Based Genetic Transformation System for Insects"
- S.N. 08/844,631, "Bacteriophanetrol and Related Compounds Useful for Modulation of Lipoxxygenase Activity and Anti-Inflammatory Applications"
- S.N. 08/859,309, "Trapping System for Flying Insects"
- S.N. 08/879,560, "Methods for Separation of Wheat Flour into Protein and Starch Fractions"
- S.N. 08/905,113, "Novel Thermostable a-L-Arabinofuranosidase from *Aureobasidium pullulans*"

S.N. 08/906,333, "Method of Using Bile Salts to Inhibit Red Heat in Stored Brine-Cured Hides and Skins"

S.N. 08/915,609, "Single-Site Amplification (SSA)"

S.N. 98/000,027, "Soybean—'Derry'"

S.N. 98/000,028, "Soybean—'Donegal'"

S.N. 98/000,029, "Soybean—'Tyrone'"

**June Blalock,**

*Technology Licensing Coordinator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0122]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Scope and Duration of Contract

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0122).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Scope and Duration of Contract. The clearance currently expires on April 30, 1998.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted on or before March 9, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Linfield, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1757.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0122, Scope and Duration of Contract, in all correspondence.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### A. Purpose

The FAR clause at 52.241-3 requires the utility to furnish the Government with a complete set of rates, terms and conditions, and any subsequently approved or proposed revisions when proposed.

#### B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .25 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 1,000; responses per respondent, 5; total annual responses, 5,000; preparation hours per response, .25; and total response burden hours, 1,250.

#### C. Annual Recordkeeping Burden

The annual recordkeeping burden is estimated as follows:

Recordkeepers, 1,000; hours per recordkeeper, 1; and total recordkeeping burden hours, 1,000.

#### Obtaining Copies of Proposals

Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0122, Scope and Duration of Contract, in all correspondence.

Dated: January 5, 1998.

**Sharon A. Kiser,**

*FAR Secretariat.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0123]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Change in Rates or Terms and Conditions of Service for Regulated Services

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).