

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

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Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Title: Small Socially-Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 0570-0052.

Summary of Collection: The Small Socially-Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program was authorized by section 2744 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 2006, Public Law 109-97. The Act provides for the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to cooperatives or associations of cooperative whose primary focus is to

provide assistance to small producers and whose governing board and/or membership are comprised of at least 75 percent socially-disadvantaged.

Need and Use of the Information: Rural Business Service needs to receive the information contained in this collection of information to make prudent decisions regarding eligibility of applicants and selection priority among competing applicants, to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations and to evaluate the projects it believes will provide the most long-term economic benefit to rural areas.

Description Of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 30.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually; Semi-Annually; and Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 468.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Summer Food Service Program Claim for Reimbursement.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0041.

Summary of Collection: The Summer Food Service Program Claim for Reimbursement Form is used to collect meal and cost data from sponsors to determine the reimbursement entitlement for meals served. The form is sent to the Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) Regional Offices where it is entered into a computerized payment system. The payment system computes earnings to date and the number of meals to date and generates payments for the amount of earnings in excess of prior advance and claim payments. To fulfill the earned reimbursement requirements set forth in the Summer Food Service Program Regulations issued by the Secretary of Agriculture (7 CFR 225), the meals and the cost data must be collected on the FNS-143, Claim for Reimbursement form.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect information to manage, plan, evaluate, and account for government resources. If the information is not collected on the claim form, the sponsor could not receive reimbursement.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 111.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other: (3 per year).

Total Burden Hours: 167.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: 7 CFR Part 225, Summer Food Service Program.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0280.

Summary of Collection: Section 13 of the National School Lunch Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1761, authorizes the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The SFSP provides assistance to States to initiate and maintain nonprofit food service programs for needy children during the summer months and at other approved times. Under the program, a sponsor receives reimbursement for

servicing nutritious, well-balanced meals to eligible children at the food service sites. Information is gathered from State agencies and other organizations wishing to participate in the program to determine eligibility. FNS uses a variety of forms to collect information.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS uses the information collected to determine an organization's eligibility and to monitor program performance for compliance and reimbursement purposes.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or household; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 105,249.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Weekly; Quarterly; Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 182,683.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Collection of Public Information With the Use of a Survey

AGENCY: Rural Development, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Development's intention to request clearance for continuation of information collection to measure the quality of loan servicing provided by the Rural Development, Centralized Servicing Center (CSC) in St. Louis, MO.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 15, 2010 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terrie Barton, Customer Service Branch Chief, Centralized Servicing Center, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Mail Code FC 25, St. Louis, Missouri 63120-1703, phone: (314) 457-5133, e-mail: Terrie.barton@stl.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Development—Customer Satisfaction Survey.

Type of Request: Continuation of information collection.

Abstract: USDA, Rural Development provides insured loans to low- and

moderate-income applicants located in rural geographic areas to assist them in obtaining decent, sanitary and safe dwellings. Rural Development currently processes loan originations through approximately 700 Field Offices. The Rural Development, Centralized Servicing Center (CSC), located in St. Louis, Missouri, provides support to the Field Offices and is responsible for loan servicing functions for Single Family housing direct program borrowers. The CSC was established to achieve a high level of customer service and operating efficiency. The CSC has established a fully integrated call center and is able to provide borrowers with convenient access to their loan account information.

To facilitate CSC's mission and in an effort to continuously improve its services, a survey has been developed that will measure the change in quality of service that borrower's receive when they contact the CSC. Three previous surveys have been completed under prior authorization. Respondents will only need to report information on a one-time basis.

The results of the survey will provide a general satisfaction level among borrowers throughout the nation. The data analysis will provide comparisons to prior surveys and reveal areas of increased satisfaction as well as areas in need of improvement. CSC's goal is to continuously improve program delivery, accessibility and overall customer service satisfaction. A follow up survey will be conducted in 18–24 months, but may or may not be sent to the same initial respondents. Additionally, in accordance with Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), the survey will enable CSC to measure the results and overall effectiveness of customer services provided as well as implement action plans and measure improvements.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 16 minutes per response.

Respondents: Rural Development, SFH Program Borrowers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

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Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 960.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Linda Watts Thomas, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0226.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Linda Watts Thomas, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 29, 2009.

Sylvia Bolivar,

Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2007-0044]

Draft Environmental Impact Statement; Determination of Regulated Status of Alfalfa Genetically Engineered for Tolerance to the Herbicide Glyphosate

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a draft environmental impact statement and public meetings.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has prepared a draft environmental impact statement in connection with making a determination on the status of the Monsanto Company and Forage Genetics International alfalfa lines designated as events J101 and J163 as regulated articles. This notice also provides notice of public meetings.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before February