

specifies the preliminary and on-bidding intentions of the non-Federal land exchange party and the Forest Service in pursuing a land exchange. The *Agreement to Initiate* contains information such as the description of properties considered for exchange, an implementation schedule of action items, identification of the party responsible for each action item, and target dates for completion of action items.

The Exchange Agreement documents the conditions necessary to complete the exchange. It contains information identifying parties, description of lands and interests to be exchanged, identification of all reserved and outstanding interests, and all other terms and conditions that are necessary to complete the exchange.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 120.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 120.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 21, 2010.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the 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 the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) 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 technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget

(OMB), *OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Title: Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Making and Loan Servicing—ARRA Funding.

OMB Control Number: 0570-0060.

Summary of Collection: Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program was legislated in 1972 under Section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended (Act). The purpose of the B&I program, as authorized by the Act, is to improve, develop, or finance businesses, industries, employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities including pollution abatement and control by bolstering the existing private credit structure through the guaranteeing of quality loans made by lending institutions, thereby providing lasting community benefits. The B&I program is administered by Rural Business Service (RBS) through Rural Development State and sub-State Offices serving each State. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 (Pub. L. 111-5) (Recovery Act) provided approximately \$126,100,000 in supplemental budget authority for the B&I Program.

Need and Use of The Information: To appropriately use these additional Recovery Act funds for guaranteeing B&I loans, necessary information is obtained on rural areas experiencing persistent poverty, outmigration, high unemployment, and under-served and under-represented groups and areas, which are among those areas hardest hit by the current economic crisis. The information is used by RBS loan officers and approval officials to determine program eligibility and to monitor the guaranteed loan portfolio to ensure that the lenders are servicing the loans adequately.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit;

Number of Respondents: 700.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually and On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 15,915.

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Office of Procurement and Property Management

Title: Procurement: Brand Name or Equal Provision and Clause.

OMB Control Number: 0505-0014.

Summary of Collection: In order to obtain goods or services, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), like other Federal agencies, has established agency contracting offices to enter into Federal contracts. The Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) (48 CFR ch. 4) and the (48 CFR 411.171), provision (48 CFR 452.211-70), and a clause (48 452.211-71) permits the use of "brand name or equal" purchase descriptions to procure commercial products. Such descriptions require the offeror on a supply procurement to identify the "equal" item being offered and to indicate how that item meets the salient characteristics stated in the purchase description. The use of brand name or equal descriptions eliminates the need for bidders or offerors to read and interpret detailed specifications or purchase descriptions.

Need and Use of the Information: The Office of Procurement and Property Management (OPPM) will collect information to determine from the descriptive information furnished whether the offered "equal" item meets the salient characteristics of the Government's requirements. If information were not collected, OPPM would spend more time developing purchase descriptions and offerors would spend more time reading and interpreting the purchase descriptions.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 9,300.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 930.

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Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Food for Peace, Title I Financing and Record Keeping.

OMB Control Number: 0551-0005.

Summary of Collection: Title I of the Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1691) provides for U.S. government financing of sales of U.S. agricultural commodities to recipients (foreign countries or private entities). The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) is responsible for administering Food for Peace, Title 1 agreements. In accordance with the law, an agreement providing for long-term credit financing is first negotiated with the recipient through diplomatic channels. After an agreement has been signed, the recipient applies to FAS for authorization to purchase each commodity provided in the agreement. A purchase authorization is issued which provides for financing of commodity sales by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), the USDA agency authorized by law to provide financing for Title 1. At least 75 percent of the gross tonnage of commodities purchased under Title I must be

shipped on privately owned U.S. flag commercial vessels to the extent such vessels are available at fair and reasonable rates. If ocean transportation is required to a country where there is no U.S. flag vessel coverage, a foreign vessel will be used at its prevailing rate. The recipient must send the pertinent terms of all proposed ocean freight contracts, regardless of whether any portion of the ocean freight is financed by CCC, to FAS for review and approval before the vessel is contracted.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS will collect information to insure that (1) suppliers keep accurate records on Title 1 transactions; (2) suppliers permit access to authorized USDA representatives (such as auditors and investigators); and (3) suppliers retain records for three years after final payment. FAS will review the information to ensure that there are no potential conflicts of interest. FAS also evaluates the sales price to ensure that it is within the prevailing range of export market prices. Without the information, FAS could not ensure program compliance.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 9.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 11.

Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: CCC's Export Enhancement Program (EEP) and CCC's Dairy Export Incentive Program (DEIP).

OMB Control Number: 0551-0028.

Summary of Collection: The major objective of the Dairy Export Incentive Program (DEIP) is to expand U.S. dairy product exports by paying cash to exporters as bonuses, allowing them to sell U.S. dairy products in targeted countries at competitive prices. Currently 102 countries and 3 country regions are targeted export destinations and 650 exporters are eligible to participate under the DEIP. Under 7 CFR part 1494, exporters are required to submit the following: (1) Information required for program participation, (2) performance security, (3) export sales information in connection with applying for a CCC bonus, and (4) evidence of export and related information. In addition, each exporter must maintain accurate records showing sales and deliveries of the eligible commodity exported in connection with an agreement made under the DEIP, as outlined in section 1494.1001.

Need and Use of the Information: The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) collects information from U.S. exporters in order to determine the exporters'