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C. NIFA Review of Shortage Situation Nominations

1. Review Panel Composition and Process

NIFA will convene a panel of food supply veterinary medicine experts from Federal and State agencies, as well as institutions receiving Animal Health and Disease Research Program funds under section 1433 of NARETPA, to review the nominations and make recommendations to the NIFA Program Manager. NIFA will review the panel's recommendations and designate the VMLRP shortage situations. The list of approved shortage situations will be made available on the VMLRP Web site at www.nifa.usda.gov/vmlrp.

2. Review Criteria

Criteria used by the shortage situation nomination review panel and NIFA for certifying a veterinary shortage situation will be consistent with the information requested in the shortage situations nomination form. NIFA understands the process for defining the risk landscape associated veterinary service shortages within a State may require consideration of many qualitative and quantitative factors. In addition, each shortage situation will be characterized by a different array of subjective and objective supportive information that must be developed into a cogent case identifying, characterizing, and justifying a given geographic or disciplinary area as deficient in certain types of veterinary capacity or service. To accommodate the uniqueness of each shortage situation, the nomination form provides opportunities to present a case using both supportive metrics and narrative explanations to define and explain the proposed need.

While NIFA anticipates some arguments made in support of a given shortage situation will be qualitative, respondents are encouraged to present verifiable quantitative and qualitative evidentiary information wherever possible. Absence of quantitative data such as animal and veterinarian census data for the proposed shortage area(s) may lead the panel to recommend disapproval of the shortage nomination.

The maximum point value that panelists may award for each element is as follows:

20 points: Describe the objectives of a veterinarian to meet the needs of the shortage situation in the community, area, State/insular area, or position requested above.

20 points: Describe the activities required of a veterinarian to meet the

needs of the shortage situation located in the community, area, State/insular area, or position requested above.

5 points: Describe any past efforts to recruit and retain a veterinarian to achieve the objectives and activities in the shortage situation identified above.

35 points: Describe the risk of this veterinarian position not being filled or retained. Include the risk(s) to the production of a safe and wholesome food supply and/or to animal, human, and environmental health not only in the community but in the region, State/insular area, nation, and/or international community.

An additional 20 points will be used to evaluate overall merit/quality of the case made for each nomination.

Done in Washington, DC, this day of August 31, 2017.

Robert Holland,

Associate Director for Operations, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for Fire and Rescue Loans.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 6, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Outen, Community Programs Division, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 0787, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0787. Telephone (202) 690-5273.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Fire and Rescue Loans.

OMB Number: 0575-0120.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 2018.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Fire and Rescue Loan program is authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to

make loans to public entities, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes for the development of community facilities for public use in rural areas and is covered by 7 CFR 1942-C. The primary regulation for administering the Community Facilities program is 7 CFR 1942-A (OMB Number 0575-0015) that outlines eligibility, project feasibility, security, and monitoring requirements.

The Community Facilities fire and rescue program has been in existence for many years. This program has financed a wide range of fire and rescue projects varying in size and complexity from construction of a fire station with fire fighting and rescue equipment to financing a 911 emergency system. These facilities are designed to provide fire protection and emergency rescue services to rural communities.

Information will be collected by the field offices from applicants, borrowers, and consultants. This information will be used to determine applicant/borrower eligibility, project feasibility, and to ensure borrowers operate on a sound basis and use funds for authorized purposes. Failure to collect proper information could result in improper determination of eligibility, improper use of funds, and/or unsound loans.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.15 hours per response.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions, State, local, or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,970.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.06.

Estimated Number of Responses: 12,058.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 25,925 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, (202) 692-0040.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Rural Housing Service (RHS), including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS' 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

through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250. 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: August 31, 2017.

Richard A. Davis,

Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: American Battle Monuments Commission.

ACTION: Notice of a New System of Records.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the American Battle Monuments Commission establishes a new system of records titled, "ABMC-6, Personnel and Payroll System". This system allows the American Battle Monuments Commission to ensure proper payment for salary and benefits, and to track time worked, leave, or other absences for reporting and compliance purposes. Once this notice and the associated routine uses go into effect, the American Battle Monuments Commission will rescind two previously published system of records notices, "ABMC-1, Official Personnel Records", and "ABMC-2, General Financial Records", as the related records will be maintained under this newly established system of records.

DATES: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) and (11), this system of records notice is effective upon publication, with the exception of the routine uses, which will go into effect 30 days after publication of this notice, on September 7, 2017, unless comments have been received from interested members of the public requiring modification and republication of the notice. Please submit any comments by October 10, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Any person interested in commenting on the establishment of this new system of records may do so

by: Submitting comments in writing to Jamilyn Smyser, Program Management Officer, American Battle Monuments Commission, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 500, Arlington, Virginia 22201; or emailing comments to privacy@abmc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Senior Agency Official for Privacy, American Battle Monuments Commission, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22201; or by telephone at 703-696-6900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) builds and maintains suitable memorials commemorating the service of American Armed Forces and maintains permanent American military cemeteries in foreign countries. ABMC employs U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, and non-U.S. citizens or nationals from foreign countries. ABMC maintains the ABMC-6, Personnel and Payroll System, to manage payroll and personnel data for ABMC employees, ensure proper payment of salary and benefits to ABMC personnel, and track time worked and leave or other absences for reporting and compliance purposes. ABMC is publishing this new system of records notice to reflect updates to ABMC payroll and personnel data processes and services.

ABMC has entered into an agreement with the Department of the Interior (DOI) Interior Business Center (IBC), a Federal agency shared service provider, to provide payroll and personnel processing services through DOI's Federal Personnel and Payroll System (FPPS). Although DOI will host and process payroll and personnel data on behalf of ABMC, ABMC will retain ownership and control over its own data. ABMC has included a routine use in this notice to permit sharing of records with DOI for hosting and support services. Individuals seeking access to their records owned and maintained by ABMC must submit their requests to ABMC as outlined in the Record Access Procedures, Contesting Record Procedures, and Notification Procedures sections below.

II. Privacy Act

The Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, embodies fair information practice principles in a statutory framework governing the means by which Federal agencies collect, maintain, use, and disseminate individuals' records. The Privacy Act applies to records about

individuals that are maintained in a "system of records." A "system of records" is a group of any records under the control of an agency from which information is retrieved by the name of an individual or by some identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual.

The Privacy Act requires each agency to publish in the **Federal Register** a description denoting the existence and character of each system of records that the agency maintains and the routine uses of each system. The ABMC-6, Personnel and Payroll System, system of records notice is published in its entirety below. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(r), ABMC has provided a report of this system of records to the Office of Management and Budget and to Congress.

Dated: August 21, 2017.

Edwin Fountain,

Senior Agency Official for Privacy.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER

ABMC-6, Personnel and Payroll System.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

The ABMC-6, Personnel and Payroll System, system of records is centrally managed by the American Battle Monuments Commission, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22201-3367. Electronic payroll and personnel records processed through the FPPS under a shared service agreement with DOI are located at the U.S. Department of the Interior, Interior Business Center, Human Resources and Payroll Services, 7301 W Mansfield Ave. MS D-2000 Denver, CO 80235.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Chief Human Resources, American Battle Monuments Commission, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22201.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

36 U.S.C. 2102; 5 U.S.C. Chapter 55; 5 CFR part 293; and Executive Order 9397 as amended by Executive Order 13478, relating to Federal agency use of Social Security numbers.

PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:

The purpose of the system is to allow ABMC to collect and maintain records on current and former employees to ensure proper payment for salary and benefits, and to track time worked, leave, or other absences for reporting and compliance purposes.