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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Public Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors

AGENCY: United States African Development Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF) will hold its quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors to discuss the agency's programs and administration. This meeting will occur at the USADF office.

DATES: The meeting date is Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via teleconference. Please contact Nina-Belle Mbayu for further information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nina-Belle Mbayu, (202) 233-8808, nbmbayu@usadf.gov.

Authority: Public Law 96-533 (22 U.S.C. 290h).

Dated: October 5, 2021.

Nina-Belle Mbayu,

Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Economic Research Service

Notice of Intent To Request Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Economic Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Economic Research Service (ERS) to

request extension of a currently approved information collection, the Generic Clearance for Survey Research Studies.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 7, 2021 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to pheny.weidman@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pheny Weidman at the address in the preamble. Tel. 202-694-5013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for Survey Research Studies.

OMB Number: 0536-0073.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2022.

Type of Request: Intent To Seek Approval To Extend an Information Collection for 3 Years.

Abstract: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the ERS' intention to request renewal of approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a generic clearance that will allow ERS to rigorously develop, test, and evaluate its survey methodologies, instruments, and administration. The mission of ERS is to provide economic and other social science information and analysis for public and private decisions on agriculture, food, natural resources, and rural America. This request is part of an on-going initiative to improve ERS data product quality, as recommended by both its own guidelines and those of OMB.

The purpose of this generic clearance is to allow ERS to evaluate, adopt, and use state-of-the-art and multi-disciplinary research to improve and enhance the quality of its current data collections. This clearance will also be used to aid in the development of new surveys. It will help to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed.

ERS envisions using a variety of survey improvement techniques, as appropriate to the individual project

under investigation. These include focus groups, market analysis, cognitive and usability laboratory and field techniques, exploratory interviews, behavior coding, and respondent debriefing.

Following standard OMB requirements, ERS will inform OMB individually in writing of the purpose, scope, time frame, and number of burden hours used for each survey improvement or development project it undertakes under this generic clearance. ERS will also provide OMB with a copy of the data collection instrument (if applicable), and all other materials describing the project.

Authority: These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a).

ERS intends to protect respondent information under the Privacy Act of 1974, Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, and 7 U.S.C. 2276. ERS has decided not to invoke the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA). The complexity and cost necessary to invoke CIPSEA is not justified given the nature of the collection; the collections would generally be conducted by ERS' contractors and designed to be hosted in non-government owned computer systems, where CIPSEA compliance could not be assured.

Specific details regarding information handling will be specified in individual submissions under this generic clearance.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for these collections of information is estimated to average from .5 to 1.5 hours per respondent, depending upon the information collection and the technique used to test for that particular collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households, farms, and businesses or other for-profits.

Estimated Total Number of Respondents: 3,630.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,820 hours. Public reporting burden for these collections of information is estimated to average from .5 to 1.5 hours per respondent, dependent upon the survey and the technique used to test for that particular survey.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Pheny Weidman at the address in the preamble.

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 the 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; (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 should be sent to the address in the preamble. 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.

Spiro Stefanou,

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United States Department of Agriculture.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Food Program and Reporting System (FPRS)

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection. This is a revision of a currently approved collection for the Food Programs Reporting System (FPRS). The purpose of FPRS is to enable data gathering for the reporting of data related to Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). FPRS is the primary collection point for FNS program performance statistics and financial data from State agencies, Indian Tribal Organizations and U.S. Territories running and operating the nutrition assistance programs. FNS is announcing a revision to the reporting requirements in the SNAP Employment and Training program, specifically FNS-583, SNAP

Employment and Training Program Activity Report, due to changes in rulemaking from the final rule titled, "Employment and Training Opportunities in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program," RIN 0584-AE68 published January 5, 2021. This notice also announces the proposed revision of the FNS-366B, Program Activity Statement, to revise the currently collected data on initial and recertification applications. FNS is not requesting any other updates in this request.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 7, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted via fax to Moira Johnston at 703-305-2515 or via email to moira.johnston@usda.gov. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Moira Johnston at 703-305-2515.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were 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 use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title: Food Programs Reporting System.

Form Number: FNS-583, SNAP Employment and Training Program Activity Report and the FNS-366B, Program Activity Statement.

OMB Number: 0584-0594.

Expiration Date: 07/31/2023.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract:

FNS-583 Revision

The SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) program, established by the Food Security Act of 1985, helps able-bodied SNAP recipients find work or gain the skills, training, and experience that leads to employment. In accordance with 7 CFR 273.7(c)(9), State agencies are required to submit quarterly E&T Program Activity Reports containing monthly figures for participation in the program no later than 45 days after the end of each Federal fiscal quarter FNS uses Form FNS-583 to provide the format for this data. State agencies report this data using the online Food Program Reporting System (FPRS, OMB Control Number: 0584-0594; Expiration Date: 07/31/2023). The purpose of the E&T Program Activity Report (FNS-583) submitted and maintained in FPRS is to collect standard and consistent information on all States and Territories Work Registrants, E&T Participation, Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD), Program Activities, Components funded through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Office of Employment and Training (OET). The data collected through the FNS-583 is used by FNS to help with management decisions, supports policy initiatives, and provides insight into where OET can best offer Technical Assistance to States, thus supporting planning within the agency. The current data elements collected as part of the FNS-583 in accordance with 7 CFR 273.7(c)(9), ask State agencies to report on:

- Newly work registered E&T participants;
- Number of ABAWD applicants and recipients participating in qualifying components;
- The number of all applicants and recipients participating in components;
- The number of ABAWDS subject to the 3-month time limit (in accordance with 273.24(b)) who are exempt under the State agency's discretionary exemptions under 273.24(g).

Merging OMB-Approved Burden for the FNS-583 from OMB Control Number: 0584-0653 to OMB Control Number: 0584-0594: FNS intends to update the FNS-583 form to reflect changes made as a direct result of the final rule titled, "Employment and Training Opportunities in SNAP," RIN 0584-AE68, published January 5, 2021, (86 FR 358). The information collection burden associated with FNS final rule, 7 CFR parts 271 and 273, "Employment and Training Opportunities in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program," was approved under OMB Control Number: 0584-0653; Expiration