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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### USDA Equity Commission

**AGENCY:** Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of virtual meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that the inaugural meeting of the USDA Equity Commission (EC or Commission) and Subcommittee for Agriculture will convene to begin its work reviewing USDA programs, services and policies for the purpose of making recommendations for how the Department can improve access and advance equity.

**DATES:** The EC meeting will be open to the public and held virtually via Zoom on Monday, February 28, 2022, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** The webinar for the meeting and public comment period can be accessed by internet and/or phone. Access information will be provided to registered individuals via email. Detailed information can be found at: <https://www.usda.gov/equity-commission>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cecilia Hernandez, Designated Federal Officer, USDA Equity Commission, Office of the Secretary, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6006-S, Washington, DC 20250-0235; Phone: (202) 913-5907; Email: [Equitycommission@usda.gov](mailto:Equitycommission@usda.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 20, 2021, President Biden signed an Executive Order On

Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government and committed to creating the USDA Equity Commission as part of his rural agenda and commitment to closing the racial wealth gap and addressing longstanding inequities in agriculture. Section 1006 of the American Rescue Plan directed USDA to create the Equity Commission and provided funds sufficient to ensure the Commission is well staffed and positioned to deliver on its charge.

The USDA Equity Commission will advise the Secretary of Agriculture and provide USDA with an analysis of how its programs, policies, systems, structures, and practices contribute to barriers to inclusion or access, systemic discrimination, or exacerbate or perpetuate racial, economic, health and social disparities and recommendations for action. A Subcommittee on Agriculture is being formed concurrently and will report back to the Equity Commission and provide recommendations on issues of concern related to agriculture. Subsequent subcommittees will focus on other policy areas, such as rural community and economic development. The Equity Commission will deliver an interim report and provide actionable recommendations by September 2022. A final report will be completed by the summer of 2023.

**Meeting Agenda:** Agenda items may include, but are not limited to, welcome and introductions; administrative matters; overview of governance including roles and responsibilities; the purpose, scope, and priorities of the Equity Commission; and the overview and charge of the Agriculture Subcommittee. Please check the USDA Equity Commission website for an agenda 24-48 hours prior to February 28th at <https://www.usda.gov/equity-commission>.

**Register for the Meeting:** The public is asked to pre-register for the meeting by visiting <https://www.usda.gov/equity-commission>. Your pre-registration must state: Your name; organization or interest represented; if you are planning to give oral comments; and if you require special accommodations. USDA will also accept day-of registrations.

**Oral Comments:** The Commission is providing the public an opportunity to provide oral comments and will accommodate as many individuals and

organizations as time permits. Persons or organizations wishing to make oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. ET, Monday, February 21, 2022, and may only register for one speaking slot. Participants who wish to make oral comments must also be available to attend a tech-check the day before the meeting. Instructions for registering and participating in the meeting can be found on <https://www.usda.gov/equity-commission>.

**Written Comments:** Written public comments for consideration at the meeting will be accepted on or before 11:59 p.m. Monday, February 21, 2022, EST. Comments submitted after this date will be provided to USDA, but the Commission may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting. The USDA Equity Commission strongly prefers comments be submitted electronically. However, written comments may also be submitted (*i.e.*, postmarked) via mail to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by or before the deadline. Written comments will be accepted up to 15 days after the meeting.

**Availability of Materials for the Meeting:** All written public comments received by February 21, 2022, will be compiled into a file and available for member review and be included in the meeting minutes. Duplicate comments from multiple individuals will appear as one comment, with a notation that multiple copies of the comment were received. Please visit <https://www.usda.gov/equity-commissiontoviewtheagendaand/orminutes> from this meeting.

**Meeting Accommodations:** USDA is committed to making its electronic and information technologies accessible to individuals with disabilities by meeting or exceeding the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794d), as amended. If you need reasonable accommodations, please make requests in advance for reasonable accommodations through the meeting registration link on <https://www.usda.gov/equity-commission>. Determinations for reasonable accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Dated: February 9, 2022.

**Cikena Reid,**

*USDA Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 9, 2022.

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 are requested regarding; 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden 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 technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by March 16, 2022 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### Foreign Agricultural Service

*Title:* USDA Trade Missions and Trade Show Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0551-NEW.

*Summary of Collection:* The primary purpose of the USDA Trade Missions and Trade Shows is to evaluate the

effectiveness and value added of USDA support to USDA-endorsed Trade Shows, USDA Agribusiness Trade Missions, and USDA Virtual Trade Events. Participants desiring to participate in the USDA Trade Missions and Trade Shows Program will submit an application to determine eligibility of the applicants to take part in the event. This program evaluation information will be reported as USDA Key Performance Indicator "Value of agricultural exports resulting from participation in USDA endorsed foreign agricultural trade shows and trade missions". Authority for these programs falls under: (a) 7 U.S.C. 1761 "Foreign Market Development", (b) 7 U.S.C. 5693 "Export Promotion—Foreign Agricultural Service—Functions of the Foreign Agricultural Service," and; (c) 7 U.S.C. 1765b "Functions of the U.S. Agricultural Trade Offices".

*Need and Use of the Information:* USDA Foreign Agricultural Service Staff will utilize the information in assessing the performance of USDA-endorsed Trade Shows, USDA Agribusiness Trade Missions or USDA Virtual Trade Events activities that utilize Market Access Program, Emerging Market Program and Country Strategy Statement Funds. The information will be used to measure the outcomes of the activities, participant satisfaction with the activities, and how activities can be improved.

*Description of Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit; Farms.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,300.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 444.

**Ruth Brown,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Virginia Resource Advisory Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice of virtual meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Virginia Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a virtual meeting by phone and/or video conference. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal

Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act, as well as to make recommendations on recreation fee proposals for sites on the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests within Alleghany, Bath, Page, and Smyth Counties, Virginia, consistent with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. RAC information and virtual meeting information can be found at the following website: [www.fs.usda.gov/main/gwj/workingtogether/advisorycommittees](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/gwj/workingtogether/advisorycommittees).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on March 15, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting is open to the public and will be held virtually via telephone and/or video conference. Virtual meeting participation details can be found on the website listed under **SUMMARY** or can be obtained by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received upon request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beth LeMaster, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by phone at 540-265-5118 or email at [elizabeth.lemaster@usda.gov](mailto:elizabeth.lemaster@usda.gov) or Rebecca Robbins, RAC Coordinator at 540-492-1901 or email at [rebecca.robbins@usda.gov](mailto:rebecca.robbins@usda.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Hear from Title II project proponents and discuss Title II project proposals;
2. Make funding recommendations on Title II projects; and
3. Approve meeting minutes.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an