

prevent and address such instances, and protect beneficiaries from harm.

Tolerated has been removed and replaced with the specific language: supporting or advancing these actions, or intentionally ignoring or failing to act upon allegations of these actions.

Comment: The Agency received two comments noting that a point of contact will be provided at the headquarters level.

Response: Recipients may designate a relevant point of contact based on their organizational structure.

Comment: The Agency received one comment requesting clarification on referral to local authorities in the notification section and whether this would be a requirement.

Response: The potential information that may be contained in a notification is illustrative and may not be required or applicable in every case. The notification provided by recipients may also identify any actions taken to investigate or respond to the allegation, which may include referral to local authorities, but the standard provision does not require referral to local authorities.

Comment: The Agency received two comments requesting clarification on the established organizational procedures or framework in the notification section.

Response: The potential information that may be contained in a notification is illustrative and may not be required in every case. In some instances, recipients may have established organizational policies, standards, frameworks, or procedures for responding to instances of exploitation, sexual abuse, child abuse, and child neglect.

Comment: The Agency received three comments requesting clarification on when the Safeguarding Compliance Plan would be submitted or requested.

Response: The submission of the compliance plan is by request of the Agreement Officer, and an Agreement Officer may ask for a Compliance Plan at their discretion.

Comment: The Agency received one comment on the inclusion of non-sexual child abuse and neglect to mandatory reporting diluting the importance of sexual exploitation and abuse measures.

Response: Strengthening requirements for sexual exploitation and abuse, in coordination with child abuse, exploitation, and neglect, is meant to allow for a consolidated, consistent approach for implementing partners to address safeguarding in the areas of sexual exploitation and abuse, trafficking in persons, and child safeguarding. Addressing these issues in

a unified manner strengthens protections for beneficiaries and communities, while reducing duplication for partners.

Comment: The Agency received one comment noting that a “credible information” standard increases the administrative burden and asking if USAID would consider funding for recipients to address the additional burden.

Response: Credible information is the standard consistent with the Counter-Trafficking in Persons standard provision and the burden is consistent with the burden assessed for that requirement. This burden is necessary to enable USAID to respond to allegations of exploitation, sexual abuse, child abuse, and child neglect and institute appropriate standards of behavior. Consistency with existing standards further reduces burden on partners to determine the exact type of misconduct early in the process.

While final decisions on cost allowability, allocability and reasonableness will rest with the cognizant Agreement Officer, USAID recognizes the need to strengthen the aid community’s overall capacity for safeguarding against exploitation, sexual abuse, child abuse, and child neglect, including individual organizations’ varying levels of existing capacity.

Comment: The Agency received two comments requesting clarification on the difference between the routine reporting requirements in the Need and Uses section and the requirements outlined in the annual burden section of the **Federal Register** Notice and whether an annual report is required.

Response: The Need and Uses section outlines the new information collection requirements that will be part of the forthcoming standard provision, which is the Notification requirement and the Compliance Plan requirement. The annual burden section calculates the annual administrative burden of these requirements outlined in the Need and Uses section, which includes the burden for reporting notifications to the USAID Inspector General and the cognizant Agreement Officer. No annual report is required.

Comment: The Agency received one comment recommending that USAID notify Recipients of receipt of final investigative reports and not provide further inquiries if no violation is found to occur, unless there is reason to believe that the Recipient’s final investigation is unsatisfactory.

Response: USAID will address procedures for consistent response to reports in internal guidance to staff.

Kathleen Stohs,

Division Chief, Responsibility, Safeguarding, & Compliance Division, Office of Management Policy, Budget, and Performance, Bureau for Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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 (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 June 29, 2023 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. 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.

Departmental Administration—Office of Safety, Security and Protection

Title: Request for USDA Identification (ID) Badge.

OMB Control Number: 0505–0022.

Summary of Collection: The AD–1197 was initially created to support the HSPD–12 information collection as required for establishing the applicant's identity for PIV credential issuance. The information requested must be provided by Federal employees, contractors and other applicable individuals when applying for a USDA credential (identification card).

This information collection is necessary to comply with the requirements outlined in Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 12, and Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 201–3. USDA must implement an identity proofing, registration, and issuance process consistent with the requirements outlined in FIPS 201–3. This information collection form was required as part of USDA's identity proofing and registration process. After 10/27/06, form AD 1197 was eliminated from the HSPD–12 process with the USDA's participation in the GSA USAccess program, however the form continues to be utilized for the information collection and processing of USDA Site Badges (non-PIV). As USDA continues the HSPD–12 program, one estimate of burden has been calculated and one process description has been included.

Need and Use of the Information: Information will be collected using form AD 1197, Request for USDA Identification (ID) Badge, to issue a site badge to grant individuals short term access to facilities. USDA has chosen to use GSA's USAccess program for HSPD–12 credentialing and identity management. The automated system includes six separate and distinct roles to ensure no one single individual can issue a credential without further validation from another authorized role holder. An automated notification workflow provides streamlined communication between role holder and the applicant, notifying each as to the respective steps in the process. If the information is not collected, Federal and non-Federal employees may not be permitted in some facilities and will not be allowed access to government computer systems.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 3,000.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**USDA Equity Commission**

AGENCY: USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public and 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 a public meeting of the USDA Equity Commission (EC or Commission), Subcommittee for Agriculture and the Rural Community Economic Development (RCED) Subcommittee will convene to continue 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 held Tuesday, June 27 through Thursday, June 29, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. EST to 6:00 p.m. EST each day.

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, June 13, 2023, and may only register for one speaking slot. Participants who wish to make oral comments must also be available to attend a tech-check 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. ET, June 13th. Comments submitted after this date will be provided to the Commission, 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 for inclusion in the meeting minutes.

Meeting Access:

The public can participate via a zoom meeting link. 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 Deputy Secretary, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6006–S, Washington, DC 20250–0235; Phone: (202) 913–5907; Email: Equitycommission@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission and Subcommittees are authorized under section 1006(b)(3) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117–2 (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. app. 10.

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. The Agriculture Subcommittee reports to the Equity Commission and provides recommendations on issues of concern related to agriculture. The Rural Community Economic Development Subcommittee (RCED) also reports to the Equity Commission and is focused on issues related to rural community prosperity. The Equity Commission delivered an interim report and provided actionable recommendations in February 2023. A final report will be completed by winter of 2024.

Meeting Agenda: The agenda items may include, but are not limited to, welcome and introductions; administrative matters; introduction and presentation of the Agriculture