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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 required 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 September 20, 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.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Emergency Grain Storage Facility Assistance Program (EGSFP).

OMB Control Number: 0560–0315.

Summary of Collection: FSA is providing assistance to producers or groups of producers in their efforts to build and acquire new or used, permanent or portable on-farm grain storage capacity, drying and handling equipment. FSA is administering the EGSFP and addressing the emergency on-farm grain storage, drying and handling needs, while mitigating supply chain disruption. The financial assistance for the producers is covered in the sections 5(b), (d), and (e) of the Commodity Credit Cooperation (CCC) Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714c(b), (d), and (e)), in the amount of 80 million to be used to partially compensate producers for on-going market disruptions and assist with the transition to a more orderly marketing system.

Need and Use of the Information: The information submitted by producers is used by FSA to determine eligibility and distribute payments to eligible producers under EGSFP program.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 9,350.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (once).

Total Burden Hours: 4,244.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

[Docket ID: FSA–2023–0016]

Information Collection Request; Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a

revision of currently approved information collection associated with the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP). The revision will include new forms related to ECP that will accompany new software to be implemented fiscal year 2024. The existing forms for prior ECP contracts will remain in use until contracts executed prior to fiscal year 2024 are closed.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by October 20, 2023.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this Notice. You may submit comments, identified by Docket ID: FSA–2023–0016, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to: www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier:* Shanita Landon, ECP Program Manager, Conservation Division, Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0513, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–0513.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the information collection may be requested by contacting Shanita Landon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, Shanita Landon, (202) 578–9928 (work mobile); email: shanita.landon@usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of Information Collection

Title: Emergency Conservation Program and Biomass Crop Assistance Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0082.

Expiration Date: July 31, 2024.

Type of Request: Revision.

Abstract: The collection of this information is necessary to allow FSA to:

(1) Effectively administer the regulations under ECP, which are set forth at 7 CFR part 701, so as to provide funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to restore farmland

damaged by natural disasters, and for emergency water conservation measures in severe droughts; and

(2) Effectively administer the regulations for BCAP, which are set forth at 7 CFR part 1450, so as to provide financial assistance to owners and operators of agricultural and non-industrial private forest land who wish to establish, produce, and deliver biomass feedstocks.

This information is collected in support of, respectively, sections 401–407 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–334), as amended, and section 9011 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–171), as amended.

Activity related to BCAP did not change since the last Office of Management and Budget (OMB) submission due to the lack of BCAP funding. Activity related to ECP requests, approvals, and payments has increased due to major storm systems that caused catastrophic damage across the nation, from 2022–2023. Hurricane Fiona and Ian occurred in 2022. Multiple wildfires in 2022 and flood events in 2023 all contributed to the increase in activity. The new Cost-Share Request form for ECP is included in this request. The number of responses increased to 560,000 while the burden hours increased by 18,497 to cover the new Cost-Share Request form. The number of respondents remains 140,000 in the request.

For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hours is the estimated average time per response multiplied by the estimated total annual of responses.

Estimate of Average Time to Respond: Public reporting burden for collecting information under this notice is estimated to average 0.0688 hours per responses, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, completing and reviewing the collection of information for all respondents.

Type of Respondents: Owners, operators and other eligible agricultural producers on eligible farmland.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 140,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.04.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 945,445.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 67,852 hours.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Evaluate the quality, ability and clarity of the information technology; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who respond through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information.

All responses to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632–9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by mail to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250–9410 or email: OAC@usda.gov.

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Zach Ducheneaux,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review and Approval; Comment Request; Challenge and Prize Competition Solicitations Generic Clearance

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on April 20, 2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: Office of the Secretary, Commerce.

Title: Challenge and Prize Competition Solicitations Generic Clearance.

OMB Control Number: 0690–0031.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission [Extension of a current information collection].

Number of Respondents: 2100.

Average Hours per Response: 10–30 minutes.

Burden Hours: 1050.

Needs and Uses: The information collected will be for the following purposes: verify data sources, understand whether the solution provider has met the technical requirements for the challenge, has