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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Comments regarding this information collection received by September 22, 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.

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National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Title: Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Funding Agreement Certificates.

OMB Control Number: 0524—New.
Summary of Collection: The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/ Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) make competitively awarded grants to qualified small businesses to support high quality, advanced concepts research related to important scientific problems and opportunities in agriculture that could lead to significant public benefit if successful.

The USDA SBIR/STTR Programs are administered by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). NIFA oversees the policies and procedures governing SBIR/STTR grants awarded to the U.S. small business community, representing approximately 3.2% of the USDA extramural R/R&D budget. This represents approximately \$140M in Phase II grants awarded to the U.S. small business community from 2012 to 2020. In 1982, the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Grants Program was authorized, Public Law 97–219, and in 2022, the SBIR and STTR Extension Act of 2022 reauthorized the SBIR and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs through September 30, 2025.

Need and Use of the Information: The Funding Certification form is used by USDA to ensure small business concerns meet specific eligibility requirements for an SBIR/STTR award. The form asks applicants to certify a series of ten statements in order to ensure the grantee is complying with specific program requirements during the life of the funding agreement. Information collected includes program participant certifications regarding: the awardee meets ownership, control, size, and organization requirements; U.S. citizen or permanent resident alien status is met; all statements made within forms and documents are true and correct; all certifications are continuing in nature; agreement of no misrepresentation of small business status; the signatory on the form is an authorized representative of the awardee.

If NIFA were unable to collect this data, then the USDA SBIR/STTR program would be unable to comply with the Small Business Administration program and reporting requirements that apply to all SBIR and STTR awardees to ensure program requirements are being met during the life of the Funding Agreement.

Description of Respondents: Individuals.

Number of Respondents: 115.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 58.

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Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: Swine Health Protection.
OMB Control Number: 0579–0065.

Summary of Collection: The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, or eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. The AHPA is contained in Title X, Subtitle E, Sections 10401–18 of P.O. 107–171, May 13, 2002, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. Veterinary Services, a program with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), is responsible for administering regulations intended to prevent the dissemination of animal diseases within the United States. Garbage is one of the primary media through which numerous infections or communicable diseases of swine are transmitted. Because of the serious threat to the U.S. swine industry, Congress passed Public Law 96–468 “Swine Health Protection Act” on October 17, 1980. This law requires USDA to ensure that all garbage is treated prior to its being fed to swine that are intended for interstate or foreign commerce or that substantially affect such commerce. The Act and the regulations will allow only operators of garbage treatment facilities, which meet certain specification to utilize garbage for swine feeding. APHIS will use various forms to collect information.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS collects information from persons desiring to obtain a permit (license) to operate a facility to treat garbage. Prior to issuance of a license, an inspection will be made of the facility by an authorized representative to determine if it meets all requirements of the regulations. Periodic inspections will be made to determine if licenses are meeting the standards for operation of their approved facilities. Upon receipt of the information from the Animal Health Officials, the information is used by Federal or State animal health personnel to determine whether the

waste collector is feeding garbage to swine, whether it is being treated, and whether the feeder is licensed or needs to be licensed.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 15,500.
Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.
Total Burden Hours: 1,742,601.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: USDA Professional Standards Training Tracker Tool (PSTTT).

OMB Control Number: 0584–0626.

Summary of Collection: Section 306 of the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) requires Professional Standards for state and local school district nutrition professionals. In addition to hiring standards, mandatory annual training will be required for all individuals involved in preparing school meals. To meet the training requirements and assist in keeping track of training and training courses, FNS has developed a web-based application tool with a SQL-server database which is available to local educational agencies and school food authorities through the FNS public website. While training requirements are mandatory, using the USDA PSTTT to track the training is voluntary. State and local school district nutrition professionals can use any method to track and manage their trainings. These resources facilitate compliance with HHFKA requirements and are provided at no cost to the state, district, or school nutrition professionals.

Need and Use of the Information: State and school nutrition professionals can use the PSTTT to keep track of their training courses, learning objectives, and training hours, in accordance with HHFKA requirements. State reviewers can run reports from the PSTTT that they can use in preparation for Administrative Reviews that are conducted onsite at the school food authorities.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 10,006.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Annually; Weekly; Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 17,090.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2023–0028]

Swine Vesicular Disease Status of the Regions of Tuscany and Umbria, Italy

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.