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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Employment Records Collection From Implementing Partners of Contracts in Afghanistan

AGENCY: United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

ACTION: Notice of OMB approval.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), USAID is requesting emergency approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a new data collection survey on employees of the Implementing Partners of USAID contracts in Afghanistan for the purpose of facilitating the Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) Chief Of Mission (COM) approval process overseen by the Department of State.

DATES: USAID plans to collect this information starting from October, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sulieman Hedayat, Afghanistan Partner Relocation Task Force's SIV inbox: afghansiv@usaid.gov and 202-712-1914.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.13, the Agency submitted a request for emergency approval to collect new information on the employment records of full-time Afghan employees from USAID contractors in Afghanistan.

Description of Proposed Use of Information: The information will include employee details such as dates of employment and contract number, which will be used to verify employment as part of the COM approval step of the SIV application process. This information will be collected via email through encrypted Microsoft Excel spreadsheets.

Estimated Time Burden

The total amount of time estimated for this data collection is less than 1,000 hours (considered at 3 hours per partner for an estimated 300 contractors).

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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; 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 August 26, 2024 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

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program Regulations—Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden.
OMB Control Number: 0584-0043.

Summary of Collection: The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides supplemental foods, nutrition education, including breastfeeding promotion and support, and health care referrals to low income, nutritionally at-risk pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five. Currently, WIC operates through State health departments in 50 States, 33 Indian Tribal Organizations, American Samoa, District of Columbia, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The Federal regulations governing the WIC Program (7 CFR part 246) require that certain program-related information be collected and that full and complete records concerning WIC operations are maintained. The WIC Program is authorized by the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended.

In accordance with the Child Nutrition Act of 1996, as amended the final rule titled, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), revised regulations to align the WIC food packages with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans and to reflect recommendations from the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine while promoting nutrition security and equity and considering program administration. As a result, the changes made encourages fruit and vegetable consumption; addresses key nutritional needs to support healthy dietary patterns; provides greater flexibility, variety, and choice to accommodate personal and cultural food preferences and special dietary needs; and strengthens support for individual breastfeeding goals to help establish long-term breastfeeding.

Need and Use of the Information: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) collects information from state and local agencies, applicants, and retail vendors to determine eligibility in the WIC Program. This ongoing information collection is mandatory for state