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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### National Agricultural Library

#### Agricultural Research Service

#### Notice of Intent To Renew a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** National Agricultural Library, Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, this notice announces the intention of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) to request an extension of a currently approved information collection, Information Collection for Document Delivery Services at the National Agricultural Library (NAL), which expires January 31, 2025.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 7, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: USDA, ARS-NAL, Digitization and Access Branch, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Room 305-D, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Manuel Jusino, Librarian, telephone: 202-690-4051; email: [manuel.jusino@usda.gov](mailto:manuel.jusino@usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Information Collection for Document Delivery Services.

*OMB Number:* 0518-0027.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* January 31, 2025.

*Type of Request:* To extend a currently approved information collection process.

*Abstract:* In its role as both a preeminent agricultural research library and a national library of the United States, NAL (part of the USDA's ARS) provides loans and copies of materials from its collections to libraries and

other institutions and organizations. NAL follows applicable copyright laws and interlibrary loan guidelines, standards, codes, and practices when providing loans and copies and charges a fee, if applicable, for this service. To request a loan or copy, institutions must provide a formal request to NAL using either NAL's web-based online request system or an interlibrary loan request system such as the Online Computer Library Center or the National Library of Medicine's DOCLINE. Information in these requests includes the name, mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the party requesting the material. The requestor must also provide a statement acknowledging copyright compliance, bibliographic information for the material they are requesting, and the maximum dollar amount they are willing to pay for the material. The collected information is used to deliver the material to the requestor, monitor the return of loaned material to NAL, and identify and locate the requested material in NAL collections.

*Estimate of Burden:* Average 1.00 minute per response.

*Description of Respondents:* Respondents to the collection of information are those libraries, institutions, or organizations that request interlibrary loans or copies of material in the NAL collections. Each respondent must furnish the information for each loan or copying request.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 196.

*Frequency of Responses:* Average 9 per respondent.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 29 hours.

*Comments:* Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have a practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, such as through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or

other technological collection techniques. Comments may be sent to Manuel Jusino at the address listed above within 60 days of the date of publication. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

**Marlen Eve,**

*Acting Associate Administrator, Agricultural Research Service.*

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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 September 9, 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](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.

### Food and Nutrition Service

*Title:* Assessing Equity in Work Requirements and SNAP Employment and Training.

*OMB Control Number:* 0584-NEW.

*Summary of Collection:* Section 17 [7 U.S.C. 2026] (a)(1) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, provides general legislative authority for the planned data collection. It authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into contracts with private institutions to undertake research that will help improve the administration and effectiveness of SNAP. FNS is conducting this study to identify data available from SNAP State agencies, their E&T provider partners, and other sources that can be used to develop measures to assess equity in the administration of SNAP work requirements and E&T services. The developed measures can be used to determine how and whether States are providing equitable access to SNAP through the administration of work requirements, achieving equitable participation in education and training opportunities through the SNAP E&T program, and adopting program option and discretionary policies and procedures that influence disparities.

*Need and Use of the Information:* FNS has identified four objectives for this study:

1. Identify areas in the administration of work requirements in SNAP and in SNAP E&T program administration and access where equity issues could occur.
2. Identify and describe the data that could be used to assess access and outcomes in the areas identified in Objective 1.
3. Describe how State agencies address equity in administering work requirements in their SNAP and SNAP E&T programs.
4. Develop recommendations on how FNS should assess and measure equity in the administration of work requirements in SNAP and in SNAP E&T program administration and access.

*Description of Respondents:* State, Local and Tribal Governments, Businesses, Individuals.

*Number of Respondents:* 296.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Once.

*Total Burden Hours:* 366.32.

**Rachelle Ragland-Greene,**  
*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket#: RBS-24-BUSINESS-0011]

#### Notice of Solicitation of Applications for the Intermediary Relending Program for Fiscal Year 2025

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS or Agency), a Rural Development (RD) agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), invites applications under the Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) for fiscal year (FY) 2025, subject to availability of funding. This Notice is being issued prior to passage of a FY 2025 appropriations act in order to allow applicants enough time to leverage financing, prepare and submit their applications, and give the Agency time to process program applications within FY 2025. Funding for FY 2024 was \$10,000,000, and the amount of funding appropriated for this program for FY 2025 will not be known until Congress passes the appropriations act for FY 2025. Successful applications will be selected by the Agency for funding and subsequently awarded to the extent that funding may ultimately be made available through appropriations. All applicant are responsible for any expenses incurred in developing their application whether or not funding is appropriated in FY 2025.

**DATES:** The deadlines for completed applications to be received in the USDA RD State Office for quarterly funding competitions is no later than 4:30 p.m. (local time) on: First Quarter—September 30, 2024, Second Quarter—December 31, 2024, Third Quarter—March 31, 2025, and Fourth Quarter—June 30, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be submitted to the USDA RD State Office for the state where the applicant is located. Applications may be submitted in paper or electronic format to the appropriate RD State Office and must be received by 4:30 p.m. local time on the deadline date(s) to compete for available funds in the fiscal quarter. Applicants are encouraged to contact their

respective RD State Office for an email contact to submit an electronic application prior to the submission deadline date(s). A list of the USDA RD State Office contacts can be found at: [rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices](http://rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lori Pittman, Program Management Division, Business Programs, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, MS 3226, Room 5160-S, Washington, DC 20250-3226, [lori.pittman1@usda.gov](mailto:lori.pittman1@usda.gov), or call (202) 720-9815. For further information on this Notice, please contact the USDA RD State Office in the State in which the applicant's headquarters is located. A list of RD State Office contacts is provided at the following link: [rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices](http://rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Overview

*Federal Awarding Agency Name:* Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS).

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Intermediary Relending Program (IRP).

*Announcement Type:* Notice of Solicitation of Application (NOSA).

*Assistance Listing Number:* 10.767.

*Dates:* The deadlines for completed applications to be received in the USDA RD State Office for quarterly funding competitions is no later than 4:30 p.m. (local time) on: First Quarter—September 30, 2024, Second Quarter—December 31, 2024, Third Quarter—March 31, 2025, and Fourth Quarter—June 30, 2025.

*Rural Development Priorities:* The Agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities (more details available at [rd.usda.gov/priority-points](http://rd.usda.gov/priority-points)):

- *Creating More and Better Markets:* Assist rural communities to recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure.

- *Addressing Climate Change and Environmental Justice:* Reduce climate pollution and increase resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support for rural communities.

- *Advancing Racial Justice, Place-Based Equity, and Opportunity:* Ensure all rural residents have equitable access to RD programs and benefits from RD funded projects.

#### A. Program Description

1. *Purpose of the Program.* This program provides low-interest loans to local lenders (intermediaries) who then relend to businesses to help improve