

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

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Title: Web Forms for Research Data, Models, Materials, and Publications as Well as Study and Event Registration.

OMB Control Number: 0518–0032.

Summary of Collection: OMB Circular 130 Management of Federal Information Resources, establishes that "agencies will use electronic media and formats . . . in order to make government information more easily accessible and useful to the public" In order to provide information and services related to its program responsibilities defined at 7 CFR 2.65, the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) needs to obtain certain basic information from the public.

Online forms allow the public to request from ARS research data, models, materials, and publications as well as registration for scientific studies and events.

Need and Use of the Information: ARS will use the information to respond to requests for specific services. The information will be collected electronically. If this collection is not conducted, ARS will be hindered from reducing the burden on its customers by providing them the most timely and efficient way to request services.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 14,400.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 720.

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Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1901–E, Civil Rights Compliance Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 0575–0018.

Summary of Collection: Rural Development (RD) is required to provide Federal financial assistance through its housing and community and business programs on an equal opportunity basis. The information collection requirements in this request are needed to comply with civil rights laws and Executive Orders that provide protection and prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Need and Use of the Information: RD will use the information to monitor a recipient's compliance with the civil rights laws, and to determine whether or not service and benefits are being provided to beneficiaries on an equal opportunity basis. This information is made available to USDA officials, officials of other Federal agencies and to Congress for reporting purposes.

Without the required information, RD and its recipient will lack the necessary documentation to demonstrate that their programs are being administered in a nondiscriminatory manner and in full compliance with the civil rights laws.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 27,000.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 458,363.

Rural Housing Service

Title: Fire and Rescue Loans—7 CFR 1942, Subpart C.

OMB Control Number: 0575–0120.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public agencies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes for the development of essential community facilities primarily serving