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JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations; Meeting

AGENCY: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries gives notice of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations (portions of which will be open to the public) in Washington, DC at the Office of Director of Practice on June 28 and 29, 1999.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 28 and 29, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Conference Room, Fourth Floor, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick W. McDonough, Director of Practice and Executive Director of the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, 202-694-1805.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations will meet in the Conference Room on the fourth floor of the Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th St., N.W., Washington, DC on Monday and Tuesday, June 28 and 29, 1999. from 8:30 AM to 5 PM each day.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss topics and questions which may be recommended for inclusion on future Joint Board examinations in actuarial mathematics and methodology referred to in 29 U.S.C. 1242(a)(1)(B) and to review the May 1999 Joint Board examinations in order to make recommendations relative thereto, including the minimum acceptable pass score. Topics for inclusion on the

syllabus for the Joint Board's examination program for the November 1999 pension actuarial examination and the May 2000 basic actuarial examinations will be discussed.

A determination has been made as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) that the portions of the meeting dealing with the discussion of questions which may appear on the Joint Board's examinations and review of the May 1999 Joint Board examinations fall within the exceptions to the open meeting requirement set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552(c)(9)(B), and that the public interest requires that such portions be closed to public participation.

The portion of the meeting dealing with the discussion of the other topics will commence at 2 PM on June 29 and will continue for as long as necessary to complete the discussion, but not beyond 3:30 PM. This portion of the meeting will be open to the public as space is available. Time permitting, after discussion of the program, interested persons may make statements germane to this subject. Persons wishing to make oral statements are requested to notify the Committee Management Officer in writing prior to the meeting in order to aid in scheduling the time available, and should submit the written text, or, at a minimum, an outline of comments they propose to make orally. Such comments will be limited to ten minutes in length. Any interested person may also file written statement for consideration by the Joint Board and Committee by sending it to the Committee Management Officer. Notifications statements should be mailed no later than June 21, 1999 to Patrick W. McDonough, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, Office of Director of Practice, Internal Revenue Service (C:AP:P), 1099 14th St., NW., Washington, DC 20005 or by facsimile to (202) 694-1876.

Dated: June 8, 1999.

Paulette Tino,

Chairman, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request a reinstatement of a previously approved information collection, under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Assistance under the NAP is authorized by Section 196 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the 1996 Act), and implemented by regulations issued by CCC. Section 196(b) of the 1996 Act specifies that producers shall provide records and information as requested by the Secretary to carry out the program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 10, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact G. Sean O'Neill, Chief, NAPB, PECD, FSA, USDA, STOP 0517, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0517; e-mail Sean_Oneill@wdc.fsa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0175.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection.

Abstract: The information which will be collected under OMB control number 0560-0175 will allow CCC to effectively administer noninsured crop disaster assistance authorized and mandated by the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (1996 Act). The information collected allows CCC to provide assistance under the noninsured crop disaster assistance program for losses of commercial crops or other agricultural commodities (except livestock) for which catastrophic risk protection under section 508(b) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act is not available; and that is produced for food or fiber. Additionally, the 1996 Act specifically makes benefits available for

floricultural, ornamental nursery, Christmas tree crops, turfgrass sod, seed crops, aquiculture (including ornamental fish), and industrial crops. The information collected is necessary to determine whether a producer, crop and commodity meet applicable conditions for assistance and to determine compliance with existing rules. When damage to a crop or commodity occurs as a result of a natural disaster, producers requesting NAP assistance must: (1) File a current crop year report of acreage; (2) file a notice of loss with the local FSA county office within 15 days of the occurrence or 15 days of the date damage to the crop or commodity becomes apparent; (3) certify production by the applicable acreage reporting date for the crop in the subsequent crop year; and (4) file an application for payment with the local FSA county office no later than the applicable acreage reporting date for the crop in the subsequent crop year. When a producer requests FSA to calculate an approved yield for a specific crop on the basis of actual yield versus reduced yields (i.e. transitional-yield (T-yield), assigned yield, zero yield, etc.), the producers must certify annually the planted acreage and production for the crop year prior to the applicable reporting dates.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 0.5554 hours per response.

Respondents: NAP crop producers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 497,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 9.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,511,901 hours.

Proposed topics for comments include, but are not limited to: (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of informational technology. Comments regarding this information collection requirement should be directed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Agriculture,

Washington, D.C. 20503, or to G. Sean O'Neill, Chief, Noninsured Assistance Program Branch; Production, Emergencies, and Compliance Division; Farm Service Agency; United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0517, Room 3646-South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-0517; e-mail Sean_Oneill@wdc.fsa.usda.gov. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, on June 7, 1999.

Keith Kelly,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to and deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List commodities previously furnished by such agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On January 22, March 22, and April 9, 16, 23, and 30, 1999, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (64 F.R. 3483, 13767, 17312, 18877, 19976 and 23267) of proposed additions to and deletions from the Procurement List:

Additions

The following comments pertain to Towbar Assembly, 3920-01-000-0559:

Comments were received from the current contractor. The commenter said the corporate unit which produces the towbar assemblies is a small business

whose main customer is the U.S. Postal Service, and losing this contract for the Postal Service would have a major effect on corporate income and employment levels. The commenter did not provide details on these effects. According to data available to the Committee, this contract represents a percentage of the contractor's total sales which is below the level the Committee normally considers to constitute severe adverse impact on a company. Consequently, the Committee has concluded that addition of these towbar assemblies to the Procurement List is not likely to have a severe adverse impact on the contractor.

The addition of the towbar assemblies to the Procurement List will create employment for people who are blind. The unemployment rate of such people far exceeds that of people without disabilities. The Committee believes creating this employment outweighs the possible loss of jobs for some of the commenter's employees, who could more easily find other employment.

The following comments pertain to Vegetable Oil, 8945-00-NSH-0001:

Comments were received from one of the current contractors in response to a Committee request for sales data. The contractor indicated that it is a small business facing intense competition from larger businesses, and that the percentage decrease in its sales which it believed this Procurement List addition would cause would be devastating to the company.

This contractor is one of two currently supplying the Government's requirements of this vegetable oil. Its contract represents a somewhat smaller portion of its total sales than its comments indicated would cause a devastating impact. In addition, the nonprofit agency which will supply the vegetable oil after it is added to the Procurement List will phase in its production over a two year period, during which Government purchases of the vegetable oil from the commenting contractor are expected to increase. Consequently, the impact of the addition on the contractor will be less and more gradual than the contractor anticipated. Accordingly, the Committee does not believe the addition of the vegetable oil to the Procurement List will have a severe adverse impact on the contractor.

The following material pertains to all of the items being added to the Procurement List:

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities and services and impact of the additions on the current