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JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

Meeting of the Advisory Committee; 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 25 and 26, 2001.

DATE: Monday, June 25, 2001, from 9 AM to 5 PM, and Tuesday, June 26, 2001, from 8:30 AM to 5 PM.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held in Suite 4600E, 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 Suite 4600E, Conference Room, Fourth Floor, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC on Monday, June 25, 2001, from 9 AM to 5 PM, and Tuesday, June 26, 2001, from 8:30 AM to 5 PM.

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 2001 EA1 basic and EA-2B pension 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 2001 EA-2A pension examination will be discussed.

A determination has been made as required by section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., 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 2001 Joint Board examinations fall within the exceptions to the open meeting requirement set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(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 1 PM on June 26 and will continue for as long as necessary to complete the discussion, but not beyond 3 PM. Time permitting, after the close of this discussion by Committee members, interested persons may make statements germane to this subject. Persons wishing to make oral statements should notify the Executive Director in writing prior to the meeting in order to aid in scheduling the time available and must submit the written text, or at a minimum, an outline of comments they propose to make orally. Such comments will be limited to 10 minutes in length. All other persons planning to attend the public session must also notify the Executive Director in writing to obtain building entry. Notifications of intent to make an oral statement or to attend must be faxed, no later than June 18, 2001, to 202-694-1876, Attn: Executive Director. Any interested person also may file a written statement for consideration by the Joint Board and the Committee by sending it to the Executive Director: Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, c/o Internal Revenue Service, Attn: Executive Director N:C:SC:DOP, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

Dated: May 25, 2001.

Patrick W. McDonough,
Executive Director, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Interim National Drought Council

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Interim National Drought Council meeting.

SUMMARY: The Interim National Drought Council (Interim Council) was established through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Federal Agencies; State, local, and tribal governments; and groups impacted by drought. The Interim Council's purpose is to coordinate activities between and among its members. All meetings are open to the public; however, seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

DATES: The Interim Council will meet on June 21, 2001, from 8:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) to 5:00 p.m. PDT at the Marriott Residence Inn, Portland Downtown—RiverPlace, 2115 SW. River Parkway, Portland, Oregon, 97201, in the Broadway Room and on June 22, 2001, from 8:00 a.m. PDT to 12:00 noon PDT, at the National Water and Climate Center (NWCC) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), 101 SW. Main Street, Suite 1600, in Portland, Oregon 97204-3224. The June 21 meeting will be a listening session to provide an opportunity for Federal, State, and local officials; practitioners; and the general public to give their input on how they are being affected by the current drought in the Pacific Northwest. On June 22, the Interim Council will assess its current overall effectiveness and discuss ways to improve its service delivery and assistance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leona Dittus, Executive Director, Interim National Drought Council, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6701-S, STOP 0501, Washington, D.C., 20250-0501 or telephone (202) 720-3168; FAX (202) 720-9688; internet leona.dittus@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the MOU is to establish a more comprehensive, integrated, coordinated approach toward reducing the impacts of drought through better

preparedness, monitoring and prediction, risk management, and response to drought emergencies in the United States. The Interim Council will encourage cooperation and coordination between and among Federal, State, local, and tribal governments and others, relative to preparation for and response to serious drought emergencies. Activities of the Interim Council include providing coordination to: (a) resolve drought related issues, (b) exchange information about lessons learned, and (c) improve public awareness of the need for drought planning and mitigation measures. The Interim Council is co-chaired by the Secretary of Agriculture or her designee, and a non-Federal co-chair, Ms. Ane D. Deister, Executive Assistant to the General Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, representing urban water interests. Administrative staff support essential to the execution of the Interim Council's responsibilities shall be provided by USDA.

The Interim Council will continue in effect for 5 years or until Congress establishes a permanent National Drought Council.

If special accommodations are required, please contact Leona Dittus, at the address specified above, by COB June 18, 2001.

Signed at Washington, D.C., on May 24, 2001.

James R. Little,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Evaluation of the Prime Vendor Pilot Project

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Nutrition Service's intention to request Office of Management and Budget approval of data collection instruments for the Evaluation of the Prime Vendor Pilot Project.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by July 31, 2001.

ADDRESSES: 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 practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of 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, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Comments may be sent to: Alberta C. Frost, Director, Office of Analysis, Nutrition and Evaluation, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection forms should be directed to Alberta C. Frost (703) 305-2117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Evaluation of the Prime Vendor Pilot Project—Data Collection Instruments.

OMB Number: Not yet assigned.

Expiration Date: N/A

Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: The Prime Vendor Project is a pilot of the Food Distribution Program in Indian Reservations (FDPIR) that is planned to last from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002. The FDPIR was authorized by Section 4(b) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 [7 U.S.C. 1313(b)] and Section 4(a) of the Food and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 [7 U.S.C. 612(c) Note]. The Prime Vendor Pilot will establish a partnership between USDA and the Department of Defense (DoD) to pilot test food distribution operations through a Prime Vendor system. The participating recipients will be the 23 Indian Tribal Organizations (ITO's) in the Midwest Region, covering Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Through the Prime Vendor Pilot agreement, USDA becomes a party to the existing DoD contract with commercial wholesalers/distributors through which the Prime Vendor will accept food orders directly from the ITO's, and deliver food items in three days, rather than 60-90 days as currently practiced. ITO's can also order

as frequently as needed, instead of once a month, as long as the USDA ordering/entitlement cap set for the ITO is not exceeded. Under this pilot, USDA buys food items directly from the wholesalers/distributors without any middleman. In short, the Prime Vendor will procure foods pre-approved by FNS, store and deliver them to the ITO, and bill USDA. The evaluation component will collect information from ITO's, USDA agencies, and regional offices using two questionnaires: one for the ITO respondents and the other for respondents from the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), the Farm Service Agency (FSA), the Midwest Regional Office (MWRO), and the Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO). Respondent interviews will be self-administered at two data collection points: pre- and post-intervention.

Estimate of Burden: Public burden for respondents of ITO's is estimated at 1 hour per response for two responses each by 33 respondents ($33 \times 2 \times 1$ hour = 66 hours).

Respondents: The most knowledgeable FDPIR staff member in the ITO will be interviewed. Note: also as part of this effort, the most knowledgeable FDPIR staff member in FNS, AMS, FSA, MWRO, and KCCO will be interviewed as well.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Twenty-three respondents will be interviewed from ITO's in the Midwest Region, 10 respondents from other ITO's. Note: as part of this effort, 5 respondents will be interviewed from USDA agencies and regional offices.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: Two.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 66 hours (33×2 interviews $\times 1$ hour each).

Dated: May 25, 2001.

George A. Braley,

Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Fish Creek Watershed Projects, Umpqua National Forest, Douglas County, OR

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.