

and, according to section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Michigan is better able than Fostoria to provide official services in the western portion of the Fostoria geographic area in Ohio, as follows: Fulton County; and part of Henry

County north of U.S. Route 24 and east of State Route 108.

Effective December 1, 2001, ending January 1, 2002 for Columbus, and effective December 1, 2001, ending March 31, 2004 for Michigan (concurrent with their present designations), Columbus and Michigan

are designated to provide official inspection services in the geographic area specified above in addition to the areas they are already designated to serve. Interested persons may obtain official services by calling the telephone numbers listed below.

Official agency	Headquarters location and telephone	Designation start-end
Amarillo	Amarillo, TX—806-372-8511; Additional service location: Guymon, OK ..	12/01/2001-09/30/2004
Columbus	Circleville, OH—740-474-3519; Additional service location: Bucyrus, OH	02/01/1999-01/31/2002
Michigan	Marshall, MI—616-781-2711; Additional service locations: Carrollton, MI and Lima, OH.	05/01/2001-03/31/2004
Schaal	Belmond, IA—641-444-3122	12/01/2001-09/30/2004
Wisconsin	Madison, WI—608-224-5105; Additional service locations: Milwaukee, and Superior, WI.	12/01/2001-09/30/2004

¹ Currently designated.

Authority: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*).

Dated: September 6, 2001.

David R. Shipman,

Acting Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Solicitation of Nominations for Members of the Grain Inspection Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice to solicit nominees.

SUMMARY: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is announcing that nominations are being sought for persons to serve on GIPSA's Grain Inspection Advisory Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under authority of section 20 of the United States Grain Standards Act (Act) Pub. L. 97-35, the Secretary of Agriculture established the Grain Inspection Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) on September 29, 1981, to provide advice to the Administrator on implementation of the Act. Section 21 of the United States Grain Standards Act Amendments of 2000, Pub. L. 106-580, extended the authority for the Advisory Committee through September 30, 2005.

The Advisory Committee presently consists of 15 members, appointed by the Secretary, who represent the interests of grain producers, processors, handlers, merchandisers, consumers, and exporters, including scientists with expertise in research related to the

policies in section 2 of the Act. Members of the Committee serve without compensation. They are reimbursed for travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, for travel away from their homes or regular places of business in performance of Committee service, as authorized under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code. Alternatively, travel expenses may be paid by Committee members.

Nominations are being sought for persons to serve on the Advisory Committee to replace the five members and the five alternate members whose terms will expire in March 2002.

Persons interested in serving on the Advisory Committee, or in nominating individuals to serve, should contact: GIPSA, by telephone (tel: 202-720-0219), fax (fax: 202-205-9237), or electronic mail (e-mail: mplaus@gipsad.usda.gov) and request Form AD-755. Form AD-755 may also be obtained via the Internet through GIPSA's homepage at: <http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/advccommittee/ad755.pdf>. Completed forms must be submitted to GIPSA by fax or at the following address: GIPSA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Stop 3601, Washington, DC 20250-3601. Form AD-755 must be received not later than November 30, 2001.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

The final selection of Advisory Committee members and alternates will be made by the Secretary.

David Shipman,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural-Business Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of the program for "Rural Development Loan Servicing."

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 30, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cindy L. Mason, Loan Assistant, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA, Stop 3225, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-3225, Telephone: (202) 690-1433.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Development Loan Servicing.

OMB Number: 0570-0015.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2002.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This regulation is for servicing and liquidating loans made by

the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), under the Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) to eligible IRP intermediaries and applies to ultimate recipients and other involved parties. This regulation is also for servicing the existing Rural Development Loan Fund (RDLF) loans previously approved and administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under 45 CFR part 1076. The objective of the IRP is to improve community facilities and employment opportunities and increase economic activity in rural areas by financing business facilities and community development. This purpose is achieved through loans made by RBS to intermediaries that establish programs for the purpose of providing loans to ultimate recipients for business facilities and community development. The regulations contain various requirements for information from the intermediaries and some requirements may cause the intermediary to require information from ultimate recipients. The information requested is vital to RBS for prudent loan servicing, credit decisions and reasonable program monitoring. The provisions of this subpart supersede conflicting provisions of any other subpart.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.68 hours per response.

Respondents: Non-profit corporations, public agencies, and cooperatives.

Estimated number of Respondents: 420.

Estimated number of responses per respondent: 9.96.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 11,235 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0043.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of 3 RBS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RBS 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, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-0742. 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.

Dated: September 19, 2001.

John Rosso,

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[Docket No. 010925133-1233-01]

Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements

AGENCY: Department of Commerce (DoC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DoC) announces Department-wide requirements which pertain to information provided to applicants for funding under grants and cooperative agreements awarded by the DoC.

DATES: These provisions are effective October 1, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Dorfman, Office of Executive Assistance Management, Telephone Number—202-482-4115.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DoC is authorized to award grants and cooperative agreements under a wide range of programs that support economic development; international trade; minority businesses; standards and technology; oceanic/atmospheric services; and telecommunications and information.

It is the policy of DoC to seek full and open competition for award of discretionary financial assistance funds. Moreover, DoC financial assistance must be awarded through a merit-based review and selection process whenever possible. An annual notice announcing the availability of Federal funds for each DoC competitive financial assistance program with funds available for new awards will be published in the **Federal Register** by the sponsoring operating unit. The announcement will reference or include the DoC Pre-Award Notification Requirements identified in Sections A and B of this notice and will include program-specific information as identified in Section C of this notice.

This announcement provides notice of the DoC Pre-Award Notification Requirements which apply to all DoC sponsored grant and cooperative agreement programs and may supplement those program announcements which make reference to this notice. Some of the DoC general provisions published herein contain, by reference or substance, a summary of the pertinent statutes or regulations published in the U.S. Code (U.S.C.), **Federal Register**, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Executive Orders, OMB Circulars (circulars), or Assurances (Forms SF-424B, 424D). To the extent that it is a summary, such provision is not in derogation of, or an amendment to, any such statute, regulation, Executive Order, circulars, or Forms SF-424B and SF-424D.

Each individual award notice will complete and include an analysis of the requirements in Executive Order 12866, Executive Order 13132, the Administrative Procedure Act, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and the Paperwork Reduction Act, as applicable.

Pre-Award Notification Requirements

A. The following pre-award notice provisions will apply to all applicants for and recipients of DoC grants and cooperative agreements:

1. Federal Policies and Procedures. Applicants, recipients and subrecipients are subject to all Federal laws and Federal and DoC policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance. The DoC specific regulations and forms, including the DoC Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions, as well as OMB forms and circulars can be accessed on the Internet through links on the DoC Grants Management Web site at <http://www.doc.gov/oebam/grants.htm>.

2. Debarment, Suspension, Drug-Free Workplace, and Lobbying Provisions. All applicants must comply with the requirements of 15 CFR part 26, "Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and 15 CFR part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying," including the submission of required forms and obtaining certifications from lower tier applicants/bidders.

3. Pre-Award Screening of Applicant's and Recipient's Management Capabilities, Financial Condition, and Present Responsibility. It is the policy of DoC to make awards to applicants and recipients who are competently managed, responsible, financially capable and committed to achieving the objectives of the award(s) they receive.