

as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement.

Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21.

Dated: August 5, 2008.

Nancy Rose,

Forest Supervisor, Cibola National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Conduct an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to seek approval to conduct two new information collections, the 2008 On-Farm Renewable Energy Production Survey and the 2008 Organic Production and Marketing Survey.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 14, 2008 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535-NEW, 2008 On Farm-Renewable Energy Production Survey and the 2008 Organic Production and Marketing Survey, by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* ombofficer@nass.usda.gov. Include docket number and title above in the subject line of the message.
- *Fax:* (202) 720-6396.
- *Mail:* Mail any paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions to: NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336A, Mail Stop 2024, South

Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024.

• *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Hand deliver to: NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336A, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph T. Reilly, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720-4333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 2008 On-Farm Renewable Energy Production Survey, and 2008 Organic Production and Marketing Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535-NEW.

Type of Request: Intent to Seek Approval to Conduct two Information Collections as mandated by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

Abstract: The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for both the On-Farm Renewable Energy Production Survey and the Organic Products Survey to be conducted as follow-on surveys from the 2007 Census of Agriculture.

(1) The 2008 Energy Produced on Farms Survey will use as a sampling universe every respondent on the 2007 Census of Agriculture who reported energy generation on the farm using wind or solar technology, methane digester, etc. This energy survey will provide a comprehensive inventory of farm-generated energy practices with detailed data relating to category or type of energy produced (wind, solar, hydropower, biomass, methane digester, geothermal, etc.), how much energy was generated, if any energy was sold onto a power grid, and the average payment received per kilowatt hour. Data collection will be in the Spring of 2009 with a final report published in the Fall of 2009. Data will be published at both the U.S. and State level where possible.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes per response.

Respondents: Farmers, ranchers, and farm managers self identified as producers of energy through the 2007 Census of Agriculture.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 16,500.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5,500 hours.

(2) The 2008 Organic Production and Marketing Survey will use as a sampling universe every respondent on the 2007

Census of Agriculture who reported organic production for sale in 2007. This survey will provide organic production by commodity, marketing practices (handling, distribution, retail, and consumer purchasing patterns), and prices received by organic producers. Data collection will be in the Spring of 2009 with a final report published in the Spring of 2010. Data will be published at the U.S. and State level where possible.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 60 minutes per response.

Respondents: Farmers, ranchers, and farm managers self identified as organic producers through the 2007 Census of Agriculture.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15,500.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 15,500 hours.

The primary objectives of the National Agricultural Statistics Service are to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop production, livestock production, economic statistics, and environmental statistics related to agriculture and to conduct the Census of Agriculture and its follow on surveys. This notice request is in response to a mandate in 7 U.S.C. 5925c, as amended by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, Section 10302, Public Law 110-246.

Authority: These data will be collected under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a). Individually identifiable data collected under this authority are governed by Section 1770 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2276, which requires USDA to afford strict confidentiality to non-aggregated data provided by respondents. This Notice is submitted in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995).

Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from the NASS OMB Clearance Officer at (202) 720-2248.

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 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, 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 become a matter of public record and be summarized in the request for OMB approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, August 4, 2008.

Joseph T. Reilly,

Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Gulf Crossing Pipeline Company, LLC; Gulf South Pipeline Company LP; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Docket Nos. CP07-398-000, CP07-398-001, CP07-399-000, CP07-400-000, CP07-401-000, CP07-402-000, CP07-403-000, FERC EIS 0218F; March 21, 2008

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the record of decision.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, has decided to subordinate its rights, acquired under the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP), to allow the Gulf Crossing Pipeline Company, LLC to cross NRCS held conservations easements associated with the Gulf Crossing Project in Madison Parish, LA and Fannin, Texas.

On June 19, 2007, Gulf Crossing Pipeline Company LLC (Gulf Crossing) and Gulf South Pipeline Company LP (Gulf South) jointly filed an application under section 7C of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for authorization to construct and operate facilities to be known as the Gulf Crossing Project which constitutes four compressor stations and an interstate natural gas pipeline.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has prepared a final environmental impact statement (EIS) to fulfill requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of this document was to make

public the analysis of the environmental impacts that would likely result from the construction and operation of the proposed project. The NRCS participated as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS.

The project will affect approximately three (3) NRCS held Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) easements by creating a 50 ft. permanent right of way (within a 100 ft. construction right of way) that extends for approximately 356.3 miles of which 4.6 miles is over lands encumbered under WRP easements located in Madison, Louisiana and Fannin, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin D. Norton, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302; telephone (318) 473-7751.

A limited number of copies of the Record of Decisions (ROD) are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data evaluated for the ROD are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Kevin D. Norton.

Dated: August 6, 2008.

Kevin D. Norton,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

[Docket No.: 0808071081-81082-01]

Solicitation of Proposals and Applications for the FY 2008 Supplemental Appropriations Disaster Relief Opportunity Pursuant to Act of June 30, 2008, Public Law 110-252, 122 Stat. 2323 (2008)

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 703 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3233), EDA announces general policies and application procedures for the FY 2008 Supplemental Appropriations Disaster Relief Opportunity. This investment assistance will help devise long-term economic redevelopment strategies and carry out implementation activities and public works projects to address economic development challenges in regions impacted by the Midwest storms

and floods or other recent natural disasters.

DATES: Proposals (also known as pre-applications) are accepted on a continuing basis and applications are invited and processed as received. Generally, up to two months are required for EDA to reach a final decision after receipt of a complete application that meets all requirements. Proposals or applications (as appropriate) received after the date of publication of this notice will be processed in accordance with the requirements set forth herein until superseded by the terms of a federal funding opportunity (FFO) announcement posted on <http://www.grants.gov> and publication of the related notice in the **Federal Register**.

Pre-Application and Application Submission Requirements: Proponents are advised to read carefully the instructions contained in the complete FFO announcement for this request for proposals and applications, and in the *Pre-Application for Investment Assistance* (Form ED-900P) and *Application for Investment Assistance* (Form ED-900A). Please note that the requirements for the pre-application are different from the requirements for the application. It is the sole responsibility of the proponent to ensure that the pre-application or application (as appropriate) is complete and received by EDA. The content of the pre-application or the application (as appropriate) is the same for paper submissions as it is for electronic submissions. EDA will not accept facsimile transmissions of pre-applications or applications.

For projects under this notice and request for proposals and applications, a pre-application normally is required. However, given the exigent circumstances that exist as a result of the Midwest storms and floods and other recent natural disasters, the EDA regional office may in some circumstances waive the pre-application requirement for applicants in those affected regions and allow those applicants to submit an application only (no pre-application). Therefore, please contact the appropriate EDA regional office listed below for instructions as to whether you need to complete a pre-application or an application. The regional office staff will provide application instructions.

All relevant forms may be accessed and downloaded at the following Web sites: (i) Forms ED-900P and ED-900A at <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Application.xml>; (ii) Standard Forms (SF) at either