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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; Notice Of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the public meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. MDT on Thursday, April 9, 2015 and then from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. MDT on Friday, April 10, 2015 in the Ballroom A of the Strand Union Building at Montana State University, P.O. Box 174140, Bozeman, Montana.

Beginning on Thursday, April 9th, BIFAD will hear from presenters during three sessions. Starting at 1:00 p.m. MDT, the Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) will provide an update. Presenters will be Dr. Jose Joaquin Campos, Director General of CATIE, and Dr. I. Miley Gonzalez, Deputy Director General.

The second presentation for the day will start at 1:45 p.m., BIFAD will hear from a panel on *Effective Developments for Enhanced Nutrition in Smallholder Farming*. Presenters will be Montana State University Faculty: Dr. David Sands, Professor, Plant Pathology, Dr. Edward Dratz, Professor, Chemistry & Biochemistry, and Dr. Florence Dunkel, Associate Professor, Entomology.

Rob Bertram, Chief Scientist, USAID Bureau for Food Security will lead the third presentation, providing an update and highlights of the current research priorities for the Presidential *Feed the Future* Initiative. After this presentation BIFAD Chair Deaton will adjourn the public meeting for the day.

Friday, April 10th, the public meeting will resume at 8:30 a.m. MDT in the Strand Union Building. The meeting will be streamed live on the Internet. The link to the global live stream is on

BIFAD's home page: <http://www.usaid.gov/bifad>.

Dr. Brady Deaton, BIFAD Chair, will preside over the public business meeting, which will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. MDT with opening remarks. Dr. Waded Cruzado, BIFAD Board Member and President of Montana State University, will deliver welcoming remarks. At this public meeting, the Board will address old and new business and hear updates from USAID, the university community, and other experts on progress and mechanisms for advancing programming in agricultural research and capacity development. BIFAD Board Member Gebisa Ejeta will present a status report for the human and institutional capacity development (HICD) working group.

Starting at 10:00 a.m., a Dean from MSU will moderate the panel discussion to inform BIFAD and the public of the Tribal Colleges' activities and how it benefits agriculture both domestically and abroad. Presenters for this panel are Dr. Billie Jo Kipp, President, Blackfeet Community College and Dr. David Yarlott, President, Little Big Horn College.

Following this presentation, BIFAD and members of the public are invited to spend 30 minutes walking through the Montana State University (MSU) Global Agriculture poster display.

The final presentation of the morning will focus on *Decision Making to Enhance Food Security and Resilience*. This panel will bring together experts from Montana State University to share their experiences, success stories, and provide discussion on best practices. Presenters for this panel are Dr. Sarah Janzen, Associate Professor, Agricultural Economics, Dr. Selena Ahmed, Associate Professor, Health & Human Development, and Dr. Eric Raile, Assistant Professor, Political Science.

At 12:15 p.m., Chairman Deaton will moderate a half-hour public comment period. At 12:45 p.m. MDT Dr. Brady Deaton, BIFAD Chair, will make closing remarks and adjourn the public meeting.

Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact Susan Owens, Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD in the Bureau for Food Security at USAID. Interested persons may write to her in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building,

Bureau for Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 2.09–067, Washington, DC 20523–2110 or telephone her at (202) 712–0218.

Susan Owens,

Executive Director and USAID Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD, Bureau for Food Security, U.S. Agency for International Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture Service

Notice of Intent for Renewal of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations (5 CFR part 1320) which implement the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA's) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection (OMB No. 0524–0026) for Form NIFA–666, “Organizational Information.”

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 26, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning this notice and requests for copies of the information collection may be submitted by any of the following methods to Robert Martin, Records Officer, Information Policy, Planning and Training Mail: NIFA/USDA; Mail Stop 2216; 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–2299; Hand Delivery/Courier: 800 9th Street SW., Waterfront Centre, Room 4206, Washington, DC 20024; or Email: rmartin@nifa.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Martin; Records Officer, Information Policy, Planning and Training; Office of Information Technology; USDA/NIFA, Email: rmartin@nifa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Organizational Information.

OMB Number: 0524-0026.

Expiration Date of Current Approval: June 1, 2015.

Type of Request: Intent to extend a currently approved information collection for three years.

Abstract: NIFA has primary responsibility for providing linkages between the Federal and State components of a broad-based, national agricultural research, extension, and education system. Focused on national issues, its purpose is to represent the Secretary of Agriculture and carry out the intent of Congress by administering capacity and grant funds appropriated for agricultural research, extension, and education. Before awards can be made, certain information is required from applicants to effectively assess the potential recipient's ability to manage Federal funds.

Need for the Information

Form NIFA-666 "Organizational Information": Enables NIFA to determine that applicants recommended for awards will be responsible recipients of Federal funds. The information pertains to organizational management and financial matters of the potential grantee. This form and the documents which the applicant attaches to it provide NIFA with information such as the legal name of grantee, certification that the organization has the legal authority to accept Federal funding, identification and signatures of the key officials of the organization, the organization's practices in regard to compensation rates and benefits of employees, insurance for equipment, subcontracting with other organizations, etc., as well as the financial condition of the organization and certification that the organization is not delinquent on Federal taxes. All of this information is considered by NIFA prior to award to determine the grantee is both managerially and fiscally responsible. This information is submitted to NIFA on a one-time basis and updated accordingly. If sufficient changes occur within the organization, the grantee submits revised information.

Estimate of the Burden: NIFA estimates the number of responses for the Form NIFA-666 will be 150 with an estimated response time of 6.3 hours per form, representing a total annual burden of 945 hours for this form. These estimates are based on a survey of grantees that were approved for grant awards. They were asked to give an estimate of time it took them to complete each form. This estimate was to include such things as: (1) Reviewing

the instructions; (2) searching existing data sources; (3) gathering and maintaining the data needed; and (4) actual completion of the forms. The average time it took each respondent was calculated from their responses.

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 a 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 information collection 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.

Done at Washington, DC, this 16th day of 2015.

Catherine E. Woteki,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Rural Housing Service****Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) for Section 514 Farm Labor Housing Loans and Section 516 Farm Labor Housing Grants for Off-Farm Housing for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015**

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) announces the timeframe to submit pre-applications for Section 514 Farm Labor Housing (FLH) loans and Section 516 FLH grants for the construction of new off-farm FLH units and related facilities for domestic farm laborers and for the purchase and substantial rehabilitation of an existing non-FLH property. The intended purpose of these loans and grants is to increase the number of available housing units for domestic farm laborers. This Notice describes the method used to distribute funds, the application process, and submission requirements.

RHS will publish on its Web site, <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/farm-labor-housing-direct-loans-grants>, the amount of funding

available in FY 2015 based on current appropriations.

Of particular note this year, the Agency will assign additional points to pre-applications for projects based in or serving census tracts with poverty rates greater than or equal to 20 percent over the last 30 years. This emphasis will support Rural Development's mission of improving the quality of life for rural Americans and commitment to directing resources to those who most need them.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of all applications in response to this Notice is 5:00 p.m., local time to the appropriate Rural Development State Office on June 23, 2015. Rural Development will not consider any application that is received after the deadline unless the date and time is extended by another Notice published in the **Federal Register**. Applicants intending to mail applications must provide sufficient time to permit delivery on or before the deadline. Acceptance by a post office or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX) and postage due applications will not be accepted.

ADDRESSES: Applicants wishing to submit an application in response to this Notice must contact the Rural Development State Office serving the State of the proposed off-FLH project in order to receive further information and copies of the application package. You may find the addresses and contact information for each State Office following this web link, <http://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices>. Rural Development will date and time stamp incoming applications to evidence timely receipt and, upon request, will provide the applicant with a written acknowledgment of receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mirna Reyes-Bible, Finance and Loan Analyst, Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Direct Loan Division, STOP 0781 (Room 1263-S), USDA Rural Development, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0781, telephone: (202) 720-1753 (this is not a toll free number.), or via email: mirna.reyesbible@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Overview**

Federal Agency: Rural Housing Service.

Funding Opportunity Title: NOSA for Section 514 Farm Labor Housing Loans and Section 516 Farm Labor Housing Grants for Off-Farm Housing for Fiscal Year 2015.

Announcement Type: Solicitation of pre-applications from qualified applicants for FY 2015.