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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance; Office of Food for Peace; Announcement of Food for Peace Public Law 480 Title II Program Policies and Proposal Guidelines (FY07)

Pursuant to the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (Pub. L. 480, as amended), notice is hereby given that the final Food for Peace Public Law 480 Title II Program Policies and Proposal Guidelines (FY 07) are available to interested parties for general viewing.

Individuals who wish to access the current guidelines should visit the Food for Peace Web site at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/ffp/, or contact the Office of Food for Peace, U.S. Agency for International Development, RRB 7.06-102, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20523-7600.

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Acting Chief, Policy and Technical Division, Office of Food for Peace, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 4, 2006.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Title: 7 CFR 4287-B, Servicing Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans.

OMB Control Number: 0570-0016.

Summary of Collection: The Business and Industry (B&I) program was legislated in 1972 under section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended (the Act). The purpose of the B&I program, as authorized by the Act, is to improve economic and environmental climate in rural communities, including pollution abatement and control. This purpose is achieved through bolstering the existing private credit structure through the guaranteeing of quality loans, which will provide lasting community benefits. The B&I program is administered by the Rural Business Service (RBS) through Rural

Development State and sub-State offices serving each State. RBS will collect information using various forms from the lender and the borrower. This information is vital for making prudent financial decisions.

Need and Use of the Information: RBS will collect information to monitor the guaranteed loan portfolio to ensure that the lenders are adequately servicing the loans. RBS through its respective Business Programs Divisions in Washington, DC, and its 47 State Offices throughout the United States will be the primary users of the information collected. If the information is not collected, RBS would not be able to make prudent credit decisions nor would the Agency be able to effectively monitor the lender's servicing activities and thus minimize losses under the program.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, local or tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 12,530.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 18,041.

Rural Business Service-Cooperative Service

Title: 7 CFR 4279-A, Guaranteed Loanmaking General.

OMB Control Number: 0570-0018.

Summary of Collection: The Business and Industry (B&I) program was legislated in 1972 under section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended. The purpose of the program is to improve, develop, or finance businesses, industries, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities. This purpose is achieved through bolstering the existing private credit structure through the guaranteeing of quality loans made by lending institutions, thereby providing lasting community benefits. The B&I program is administered by the RBS through Rural Development State and sub-State offices serving each State.

Need and Use of the Information: RBS will collect information to determine eligibility and credit worthiness for a lender or borrower. The information is used by Agency loan officers and approval officials to determine lender program eligibility and for program monitoring.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, local or tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 1,037.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,494.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: A Study of Modernization of the Food Stamp Program in Florida.

OMB Control Number: 0584-NEW.

Summary of Collection: Congress has allocated funds for the purpose of evaluating and collecting data on the Food Stamp Program (FSP) as part of section 17(a)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended through Public Law 106-171, February 11, 2000. The authorizing legislation states that "the Secretary may, by way of making contracts with or grants to public or private organizations or agencies, undertake research that will help improve the administration and effectiveness of the food stamp program in delivering nutrition-relating benefits." The Study of Modernization of the Food Stamp Program in Florida has been approved under the FY 2006 research funds authorized by the Congress. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is funding a case study of ACCESS Florida to assess whether these changes can be transferred to other states, and to examine how these changes might affect clients. The study will look at outcomes associated with ACCESS Florida and document the process of modernizing the FSP in Florida.

Need and Use of the Information: This case study will identify all the components of ACCESS Florida and investigate the types of impact these changes may have on program access and costs. By collecting detailed information from staff and clients, the case study can explore each change's individual impact. Primary data collection activities will include: (1) In-person interviews with district and local DCF officials, community partners, and call center staff, along with observations of program operations in three DCF districts; (2) Telephone interviews with district and local office staff and with community partners in six districts; (3) Four discussion groups with FSP applicants, participants, and eligible non-participants in each of the three districts where in-person interviews are conducted; (4) Reviews of administrative data from state and federal sources to identify potential FSP performance impacts. Not conducting this data collection would significantly impede the USDA's ability to understand how ACCESS Florida is affecting participant access, program costs and errors in benefit determination.

Description of Respondents: State, local, or tribal government; Individual or households; Not for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 247.

Frequency of Responses: Report: other (one collection).

Total Burden Hours: 332.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Rural Utilities Service

Title: Telecommunications System Construction Policies and Procedures.