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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Intent to Extend a Currently Approved Information Collection Survey

AGENCY: Policy Analysis and Coordination Center, Human Resources Management, USDA.

FORMAT: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, dated August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Policy Analysis and Coordination Center, Human Resources Management's (PACC-HRM), intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection survey, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Applicant Supplemental Sheet.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 29, 1997, to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Contact Mary Ann Jenkins, PACC-HRM, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9603, (202) 720-0515.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: U.S. Department of Agriculture Applicant Supplemental Sheet.

OMB Number: 0505-0009

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 1997.

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

Abstract: The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) requires federal agencies to measure or otherwise keep statistics regarding the extent to which recruitment efforts result in increased protected class applicant flow. PACC-HRM devised and implemented a means for collecting such data on a nationwide basis. The collection form, AD-1086, has been

used to capture applicant data. These data are used by U.S. Department of Agriculture for various reports such as Affirmative Action Plan and Report of Accomplishments for the Hiring, Placement, and Advancement of Persons with Disabilities as required by EEOC Management Directive (MD) 714.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individuals or Federal employees.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,000 hours.

Copies of this collection and related information can be obtained without charge from Larry Roberson, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-6204.

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. Comments may be sent to: Larry Roberson, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 409-W, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602.

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.

Roger L. Bensey,

Director of Human Resources Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to Callaway Chemical Company of Columbus, Georgia, a coexclusive license with FMC Corporation and Rohm and Haas Company for U.S. Patent No. 4,820,307 issued April 11, 1989, U.S. Patent No. 4,936,865 issued June 26, 1990, and U.S. Patent No. 4,975,209 issued December 4, 1990, all entitled "Catalysts and Processes for Formaldehyde-Free Durable Press Finishing of Cotton Textiles with Polycarboxylic Acids", and U.S. Patent No. 5,221,285 issued June 22, 1993, entitled "Catalysts and Processes for Formaldehyde-Free Durable Press Finishing of Cotton Textiles with Polycarboxylic Acids, and Textiles Made Therewith." Notice of Availability for U.S. Patent No. 4,820,307 was published in the **Federal Register** on September 22, 1988. U.S. Patent Nos. 4,936,865 and 4,975,209 are divisions of U.S. Patent No. 4,820,307, and U.S. Patent No. 5,221,285 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent No. 4,975,209.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC-West, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as Callaway Chemical Company has submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective coexclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. the prospective coexclusive license may be granted

unless, within sixty days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Richard M. Parry, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Criteria for Evaluating Market Development Proposals for Participation in the Foreign Market Development Cooperator Program

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) has developed approval criteria and weighting factors for allocating funds on a competitive basis under the Foreign Market Development Cooperator Program. FAS invites suggestions and comments regarding these proposed factors.

DATES: In order to be considered, written comments must be received by June 16, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Marketing Operations Staff, STOP 1042, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1042.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Marketing Operations Staff at (202) 720-4327.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Foreign Market Development Cooperator (Cooperator) Program is authorized by Title VII of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978, 7 U.S.C. 5721, *et seq.* The program is intended to create, expand and maintain foreign markets for United States agricultural commodities and products. The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) administers the Cooperator Program and provides cost share assistance to eligible trade organizations to carry out approved market development activities. Program regulations appear at 7 CFR part 1550. Under the Cooperator Program, FAS enters into Market Development Project Agreements with nonprofit U.S. trade

organizations or associations of State Departments of Agriculture. FAS enters into agreements with those nonprofit U.S. trade organizations that have the broadest possible producer representation of the commodity being promoted and gives priority to those organizations that are nationwide in membership and scope. Program participants may not, during the term of their agreement with FAS, make export sales of the agricultural commodity being promoted or charge fees for facilitating an export sale if promotional activities designed to result in that specific sale are supported by Cooperator program funds.

Market Development Project Agreements involve the promotion of agricultural commodities on a generic basis and, therefore, do not involve activities targeted directly toward individual consumers. Approved activities contribute to the maintenance or growth of demand for the agricultural commodities and generally address long-term foreign import constraints by focusing on matters such as:

- Reducing infra-structural or historical market impediments;
- Improving processing capabilities;
- Modifying codes and standards; and
- Identifying new markets or new applications or uses for the agricultural commodity or product in the foreign market.

Approval Criteria

FAS allocates funds in a manner that effectively supports the strategic decision-making initiatives of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993. In deciding whether a proposed project will contribute to the effective creation, expansion or maintenance of foreign markets, FAS seeks to identify a clear, long-term agricultural trade strategy by market or product and a program effectiveness time line against which results can be measured at specific intervals using quantifiable product or country goals. These performance indicators are part of FAS's resource allocation strategy to fund applicants which can demonstrate performance based on a long-term strategic plan, consistent with the strategic objectives of the United States Department of Agriculture's Long-term Agricultural Trade Strategy, and address the performance measurement objectives of the GPRA.

FAS considers a number of factors when reviewing proposed projects. These factors include:

- The ability of the organization to provide an experienced U.S.-based staff with technical and international trade expertise

to ensure adequate development, supervision and execution of the proposed project;

- The organization's willingness to contribute resources including cash and goods and services of the U.S. industry and foreign third parties;
- The conditions or constraints affecting the level of U.S. exports and market share for the agricultural commodities and products;
- The degree to which the proposed project is likely to contribute to the creation, expansion, or maintenance of foreign markets; and
- The degree to which the strategic plan is coordinated with other private or U.S. government-funded market development projects.

Allocation Criteria

The purpose of this notice is to obtain comments from interested parties regarding a proposed method of evaluating the relative merits of different proposals for the purpose of determining an appropriate funding level for each proposed project. Meritorious proposals will compete for funds on the basis of the following allocation criteria (the numbers in parentheses represent a percentage weight factor). Data used in the calculations for contribution levels, past export performance and past demand expansion performance will cover not more than a 6-year period, to the extent such data is available.

(a) Contribution Level (40)

- The applicant's 6-year average share of all contributions (contributions may include cash and goods and services provided by U.S. entities in support of foreign market development activities) compared to

- The applicant's 6-year average share of all Cooperator marketing plan budgets.

(b) Past Export Performance (20)

- The 6-year average share of the value of exports promoted by the applicant across Cooperator Program targeted markets compared to
- The applicant's 6-year average share of all Cooperator marketing plan budgets plus a 6-year average share of Market Access Program (MAP) program ceiling levels and a 6-year average share of foreign overhead provided for co-location within a U.S. agricultural trade office in those targeted markets.

(c) Past Demand Expansion Performance (20)

- The 6-year average share of the total value of world imports of the commodities promoted by the applicant across Cooperator Program targeted markets compared to