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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Economic Research Service

#### Notice of Intent to Seek Approval to Collect Information

**AGENCY:** Economic Research Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** 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, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Economic Research Service's intention to request approval for collection of new information from State officials on the services, work slots, participants and expenditures of their Food Stamp Employment and Training (E&T) programs. These data will be used to assess changes in State Food Stamp E&T programs after implementation of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and will be compiled in a mandated report to Congress on "State Use of Funds to Increase Work Slots for Food Stamp Recipients."

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be received by February 5, 1999 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection forms should be directed to David M. Smallwood, Deputy Director for Food Assistance Research, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M Street NW, Room 2130, Washington, DC 20036-5831, 202-694-5466.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Report on State Use of Funds to Increase Work Slots for Food Stamp Recipients.

**Type of Request:** Approval to collect new information on State Food Stamp Employment and Training programs.

**Abstract:** The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 imposed work requirements and a three month time limit on able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) in the Food Stamp Program. In 1997, Congress included a provision in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA) that had the intention of directing new funds to States to modify and expand the Food Stamp Employment and Training (E&T) program in ways that would allow more ABAWDs to meet the work requirements and maintain their food stamp benefits. The BBA provision significantly increased the funding for State Food Stamp E&T programs, allocated the Federal grant funds among States based on the number of ABAWDs in their caseload, and required States to set-aside 80 percent of the allocated grant funds to serve ABAWDs. In addition, the legislation mandated a report to Congress on State use of the new BBA funds. In order to meet the Congressional mandate, a data collection effort will need to be undertaken to obtain new information from State Food Stamp Agencies that is not available from existing State reports to the Food and Nutrition Service.

Information will be collected from all States and the District of Columbia through two methods. A telephone interview will be conducted with State food stamp directors and State E&T managers. The purpose of this interview is to collect descriptive information on the States' food stamp E&T programs. In up to five county-administered States, where counties run more autonomous programs and States do not compile Statewide information on their E&T programs, telephone interviews will also be conducted with E&T managers in three counties. The second type of data collection will involve mailing out a data collection form to be completed by a State E&T official identified by the State food stamp director. The purpose of this mail-out data collection form is to collect numerical data on E&T program slots, participants and costs. The only numerical data that will be collected in this study will be information not already collected by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service as part of State reporting requirements. In

this way the burden will be relieved on State reporters and duplication of effort will be prevented.

**Respondents:** State and local governments.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 217

**Estimates of Burden:** The estimated reporting burden on each respondent type is as follows: (1) Telephone interviews with State food stamp directors will average 20 minutes; (2) telephone interviews with State Food Stamp Employment and Training program managers will average 40 minutes; (3) telephone interviews with selected county E&T managers will average 40 minutes; (4) for each State, completion of the mailed out data collection form will require designated State food stamp agency employees to spend an average of 8 hours compiling data and filling out the form and 20 minutes on the telephone to review the completed form with the researchers.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 486 hours.

Copies of the information to be collected can be obtained from David M. Smallwood, Deputy Director for Food Assistance Research, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M Street NW, Room 2130, Washington, DC 20036-5831, 202-694-5466.

**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 technology. Comments may be sent to: David M. Smallwood, Deputy Director for Food Assistance Research, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1800 M Street NW, Room 2130, Washington, DC 20036-5831, 202-694-5466. All responses to this notice will be

summarized and included in the request of OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 23, 1998.

**Betsey Kuhn,**

*Director, Food and Rural Economics Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Foreign Agricultural Service

#### Types and Quantities of Agricultural Commodities Available for Donation Overseas Under Section 416(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as Amended, in fiscal Year 1999

**AGENCY:** Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On November 25, 1998, the President of the Commodity Credit Corporation, who is the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, determined that 9,500 metric tons of nonfortified nonfat dry milk in 25 kg domestic commercially-marked bags, 50,000 metric tons of corn, and wheat that may be acquired by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) under its surplus removal operations are available for donation overseas under section 416(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, during fiscal year 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ira Branson, Director, CCC Program Support Division, FAS, USDA, (202) 720-3573.

Dated: November 20, 1998.

**Christopher E. Goldthwait,**

*Vice President, CCC.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance of the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 USC Chapter 35)

**Agency:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

**Title:** Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program (TIAAP) Reviewer Information Form.

**Agency Form Number(s):** None assigned.

**OMB Approval Number:** 0660-0010.

**Type of Request:** Regular Submission—Reinstatement.

**Burden:** 50 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** 130.

**Avg. Hours Per Response:** 18 minutes.

**Needs and Uses:** The title making appropriations for the Department of Commerce and related agencies in the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 1999 (Pub. L. 105-277) includes provision allowing NTIA to make grants to public and nonprofit entities. In order to expedite the review of grant applications, NTIA will use this form to collect information from individuals interested in serving as external reviewers. Information collected will be used to process stipend payment and travel reimbursement.

**Affected Public:** Experts from state and local government, non-profit institutions, and the private sector.

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Tim Fain, (202) 395-3561.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Tim Fain, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 1, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief, Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**Agency:** Bureau of Export Administration (BXA).

**Title:** Multi-Purpose Application.

**Agency Form Number:** BXA-748P.

**OMB Approval Number:** 0694-0088.

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

**Burden:** 9,895 hours.

**Average Time Per Response:** 40 to 67 minutes per response.

**Number of Respondents:** 10,693 respondents.

**Needs and Uses:** This collection is required in compliance with U.S. export regulations. The information furnished by U.S. exporters provides the basis for decisions to grant licenses for export, reexport, and classifications of commodities, goods and technologies that are controlled for reasons of national security and foreign policy.

**Affected Public:** Individuals, businesses or other for-profit institutions.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

**OMB Desk Officer:** David Rostker (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: December 2, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-428-602]

#### Brass Sheet and Strip From Germany: Postponement of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Extension of time limits for preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is extending by 120 days the time limit of the preliminary results of the antidumping duty administrative review of the antidumping duty on brass sheet