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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 17, 2013.

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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by June 24, 2013 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: 7 CFR 340; Introduction of Organisms and Products Altered or Produced Through Genetic Engineering.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0085.

Summary of Collection: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is charged with preventing the introduction of plant pest into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. The statutory requirements for the information collection activity are found in the Plant Pest Act (PPA). The regulations in 7 CFR Part 340 implement the provisions of the PPA by providing the information necessary to establish conditions for proposed introductions of certain genetically engineered organisms and products which present a risk of plant pest introduction. APHIS will collect information using several APHIS forms.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect the information through a notification procedure or a permit requirement to ensure that certain genetically engineered organisms, when imported, moved interstate, or released into the environment, will not present a risk of plant pest introduction. The information collected through the petition process is used to determine whether a genetically engineered organism will pose a risk to agriculture or the environment if grown in the absence of regulations by APHIS. The information is also provided to State departments of agriculture for review, and made available to the public and private sectors on the Internet to ensure that all sectors are kept informed concerning any potential risks posed through the use of genetic engineering technology.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 121.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 3,308.

Ruth Brown,

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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 by June 24, 2013. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1940–G, Environmental Program.

OMB Control Number: 0575–0094.

Summary of Collection: The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires Federal agencies prior to the approval of proposed actions to consider the potential environmental impacts of these actions. Consequently, for the agencies to comply with NEPA, it is necessary to have information on the types of environmental resources on site or in the vicinity that might impact the proposed action. Also, information is required on the nature of the project selected by the applicant.

Need and Use of the Information: The agency will collect environmental data using form RD 1940–20, *Request for Environmental Information*. Having all activities and environmental information on the proposed project site will enable the Agency official to determine the magnitude of the potential environmental impacts and whether the project is controversial for environmental reasons. The agency's failure to collect the environmental information would result in a violation of NEPA. Thus, the agency would have no basis to support a decision regarding the need for an environmental impact statement.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 1,684.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 12,470.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. AMS–TM–13–0015; TM–13–01]

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension of and revision to the currently approved information collection, Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 22, 2013 to be assured of consideration.

Additional Information or Comments: Contact Janise Zygmunt, Staff Officer, Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program, Transportation and Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 4549–S, Washington, DC 20250, telephone: 202–720–5024; fax: 202–690–1144.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FSMIP is authorized under Section 204(b) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*). FSMIP provides matching grants on a competitive basis to enable States to explore new market opportunities for U.S. food and agricultural products and to encourage research and innovation aimed at improving the efficiency and performance of the U.S. marketing system.

Title: Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP)

OMB Number: 0581–0240.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2013.

Abstract: The primary objective of FSMIP is to enable States to explore new market opportunities for U.S. food and agricultural products and to encourage research and innovation aimed at improving the efficiency and performance of the U.S. marketing system. Eligible entities under this program include State departments of agriculture, State agricultural experiment stations, and other appropriate State Agencies.

AMS has established Application Guidelines that contain full details about FSMIP and the application process. The guidelines are available from the FSMIP Staff Officer by calling 202/720–5024, faxing 202/690–1144, or emailing to janise.zygmunt@ams.usda.gov. This information is also available at the FSMIP Web site: www.ams.usda.gov/

FSMIP. FSMIP applicants must complete Form SF–424, “Application for Federal Assistance,” (approved under OMB #4040–0004), and Form SF–424B, “Assurances Non-Construction Program,” (approved under OMB #0348–0040) for each application. The Project Narrative and Other Required Elements are also required for each application. Form SF–424A, “Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs,” (approved under OMB #4040–0006) was previously required for each application, but starting in fiscal year 2013, this form is no longer required.

AMS needs to receive the information contained in this collection of information to select the projects that will best meet and fulfill FSMIP program objectives. The selection process is competitive and AMS must ensure that limited funds are used for the intended purpose.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for FSMIP applicants to apply for a grant, and for FSMIP grantees to complete all requirements in the post-award period is estimated to average 10.50 hours per response. This public reporting burden also includes an estimate of the burden for non-federal proposal reviewers to complete a Conflict of Interest/Confidentiality Statement and to complete evaluations of assigned proposals using a Proposal Score Sheet for Reviewers.

Respondents: State departments of agriculture, State agricultural experiment stations, and other appropriate State Agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 80.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 520.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 6.5.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5,462 hours.

After applications have been reviewed and final awards announced, grantees must read the Grant Terms and Conditions and sign the AMS–33 Agreement Face Sheet to certify compliance with applicable Federal regulations. The Grant Terms and Conditions outline responsibilities of both parties with regard to the grant. The Grant Terms and Conditions replace the following forms that were approved under the previous collection: AD–1047, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters—Primary Covered Transactions; AD–1048, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions; and AD–1049,