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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 15, 1997.

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), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 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) 720-6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs 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.

Food and Consumer Service

Title: Food Stamp Forms, Periodic Reporting, Notice of Late/Incomplete Report, etc.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0064.

Summary of Collection: Information collected includes an application for food stamps and reports and action taken by State agencies.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used to administer the Food Stamp Act of 1977.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 18,305,000.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 20,027,943.

Food and Consumer Service

Title: Tracking Nutrition Security Changes: State Choices and the National Food Stamp Program.

OMB Control Number: 0584-New.

Summary of Collection: Information will be collected on State food stamp policy choices.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will be used to more fully understand the extent and nature of State food stamp choices. The information will also enable FCS and public policymakers to make informed policy decisions with regard to State flexibility in the Food Stamp Program.

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

Number of Respondents: 365.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: One time.

Total Burden Hours: 500.

Food and Consumer Service

Title: WIC Annual Participation Report.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0347.

Summary of Collection: WIC State agencies report their average participation by priority group and the average number of migrant participants for the most recent 12 months.

Need and Use of the Information: FCS uses this data to monitor targeting success and to allocate funds to States.

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

Number of Respondents: 2,088.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 2,088.

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Title: 7 CFR 4284-F, Rural Cooperative Development Grant.

OMB Control Number: 0570-0006.

Summary of Collection: Information collected includes an application for Federal assistance, applicant's experience with similar projects, description of work, and plan narrative.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will be used to evaluate the applicant's ability to carry out the purpose of the program.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 25.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,012.

Food and Consumer Service

Title: Food Stamp Program Identification Card, 7 CFR 274.10(a).

OMB Control Number: 0584-0124.

Summary of Collection: Food Stamp Program (FSP) regulations require that State agencies issue an FSP identification card to each household certified eligible to participate.

Need and Use of the Information: The identification card is used to protect the programs integrity and to decrease the number of unauthorized issuance of benefits.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 958,328

Frequency of Responses: Reporting, Recordkeeping: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 61,480.

Food and Consumer Service

Title: NSWP—National Survey of WIC Participants and Their Local Agencies.

OMB Control Number: 0584-New.

Summary of Collection: Information will be collected on income, household composition and program participation.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected will serve as a research base with a special focus of analyzing sources of income information to more fully describe household circumstances.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 3,100.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: one-time.

Total Burden Hours: 2,736

Food and Consumer Service

Title: WIC Financial Management and Participation Report.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0045.

Summary of Collection: Information collected includes monthly financial and participation data.

Need and Use of the Information: The information is used for program monitoring, funds allocation and management, budget projections, monitoring caseload and policy development.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 2,088.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 19,242.

Donald Hulcher,

Department Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council will meet in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 4-6, 1997. The purpose of the meeting is to review the status of the Council's annual report, continue discussion on emerging issues in Urban and Community Forestry, and vote on the grant categories for the 1998 Challenge Cost-Share grant program.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 4-6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn Downtown Milwaukee, 633 West Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A tour of local projects will be September 4, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Individuals who wish to speak at the meeting or to proposed agenda items must send their names and proposals to Suzanne M. del Villar, Executive Assistant, National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, 1042 Park West Court, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne M. del Villar, Cooperative Forestry Staff, (970) 928-9264.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Challenge Cost-Share grant categories, identified by the Council, are advertised annually to solicit proposals for projects to advance the knowledge of, and promote interest in, urban and community forestry. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), the meeting will be closed from approximately 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. on September 6 in order for the Council to vote on the categories for the 1998 Challenge Cost-Share grant program. Otherwise, the meeting is open to the public.

Persons who wish to bring urban and community forestry matters to the attention of the Council may file written statements with the Council staff before or after the meeting. Public input sessions will be provided and individuals who made written requests by August 22 will have the opportunity to address the Council. Council discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Council members.

Dated: August 15, 1997.

Dan Glickman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Opportunity for Designation to Provide Official Services in the Northeast Indiana (IN) Region

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: East Indiana Grain Inspection, Inc. (East Indiana), has asked GIPSA to amend its designation to remove the Northeast Indiana region from their assigned geographic area. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Northeast Indiana region to submit an application for designation.

DATE: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (FAX) on or before September 16, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20090-3604. Telecopier (FAX) users may send applications to the automatic telecopier

machine at 202-690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart. If an application is submitted by telecopier, GIPSA reserves the right to request an original application. All applications and comments will be made available for public inspection at this address located at 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, telephone 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

East Indiana has asked GIPSA to remove the Northeast Indiana region from its assigned geographic area. The Northeast Indiana region consists of the following geographic area, in the State of Indiana:

Bounded on the North by the northern Lagrange and Steuben County lines; Bounded on the East by the eastern Steuben, De Kalb, Allen, and Adams, County lines;

Bounded on the South by the southern Adams and Wells County lines; and

Bounded on the West by the western Wells County line; the southern Huntington and Wabash County lines; the western Wabash County line north to State Route 114; State Route 114 northwest to State Route 19; State Route 19 north to Kosciusko County; the western and northern Kosciusko County lines; the western Noble and Lagrange County lines.

The following grain elevator, located outside of the above contiguous geographic area, is part of this geographic area assignment: E. M. P. Grain, Payne, Paulding County, Ohio (located inside Lima Grain Inspection Service, Inc.'s, area).

Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (USGSA), authorizes GIPSA's Administrator, after determining that there is sufficient need for official services, to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is qualified and is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Northeast Indiana region to submit an application for designation. The applicant selected for designation in the Northeast Indiana region will be assigned by GIPSA's Administrator according to Section 7(f)(1) of the Act.