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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the U.S. Agency for International Development; Comments Requested

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) whether the proposed or continuing collections of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Send comments on this information collection on or before June 25, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07-106, RRB, Washington, D.C., 20523, (202) 712-1365 or via e-mail bjohnson@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB No.: OMB 0412-0017.

Form No.: AID 1440-3.

Title: Contractor's Certificate and Agreement with the U.S. Agency for International Development/Contractor's Invoice and Contract Abstract.

Type of Review: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: USAID finances host country contracts, for technical and professional services and for the construction of physical facilities, between the contractors for such services and entities in the country receiving assistance under loan or grant agreements with the recipient country. USAID is not a party to these contracts, and the contracts are not subject to the FAR. In its role as the financing agency, USAID needs some means of collecting information directly from the contractors supplying such services so that it may take appropriate action in the event that the contractor does not comply with applicable USAID regulations. The information collection, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements are necessary to assure that USAID funds are expended in accordance with statutory requirements and USAID policies.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 30.

Total annual responses: 360.

Total annual hours requested: 210 hours.

Dated: May 18, 1999.

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Chief, Information and Records Division, Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for Management.

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information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Send comments on this information collection on or before June 25, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07-106, RRB, Washington, D.C., 20523, (202) 712-1365 or via e-mail bjohnson@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB No.: OMB 0412-0035.

Form No.: AID 1550-2.

Title: Computation of Percentage of Private Funding for PVO's International Activities.

Type of Review: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: USAID is required to collect information regarding the financial support of private and voluntary organizations registered with the Agency. The information is used to determine the eligibility of PVOs to receive USAID funding.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 240.

Total annual responses: 245.

Total annual hours requested: 368 hours.

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the paperwork, Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) whether the proposed or continuing collections of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Send comments on this information collection on or before July 6, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07-106, RRB, Washington, D.C., 20523, (202) 712-1365 or via e-mail bjohnson@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB No: OMB 0412-0020.

Form No.: AID 1450-4.

Title: Supplier's Certificate and Agreement with the U.S. Agency for International Development for Project Commodities/Invoice and Contract Abstract.

Type of Review: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: When USAID is not a party to a contract which it finances, it needs some means of collecting information directly from the suppliers of such commodities and related services to enable it to take appropriate action in the event that they do not comply with applicable USAID regulations. The information collection, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements are necessary to assure that USAID funds are expended in accordance with statutory requirements and USAID policies. It also allows for positive identification of transactions where overcharges occur.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 33.

Total annual responses: 99.

Total annual hours requested: 65 hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

May 20, 1999.

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 Departmental 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.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Field Crops Objective Yield.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0088.

Summary of Collection: The National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) primary function is to prepare and issue current official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production. General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. This statute specifies that the Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain * * *

by the collection of statistics * * * and shall distribute them among agriculturists. Data collected in this information collection sets yield estimates for wheat, corn, cotton, soybeans, and potatoes. The Objective Yield Survey provides an unbiased input by utilizing plant counts and other measurements during the growing season. This information is one of the information sources used in making agricultural policy decisions. NASS will collect information using a survey.

Need and Use of the Information:

NASS will collect information on sample fields of wheat, corn, cotton, soybean, potatoes, and durum wheat. The information will be used to anticipate loan receipts and pricing of loan stocks for grains.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 8,100.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 4,013.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0004.

Summary of Collection: The primary function of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue current official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production. Thousands of farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and others voluntarily respond to nationwide surveys about crops, livestock, prices, and other agricultural activities. Estimates of egg, chicken, and turkey production are an integral part of this program. General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. This statute specifies that the Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain by the collection of statistics and shall distribute them among agriculturists. Information published from the surveys in this docket are needed by USDA economists and government policy makers to ensure the orderly marketing of broilers, turkeys and eggs.

Need and Use of the Information:

Statistics on these poultry products contribute to a comprehensive program of keeping the government and poultry industry abreast of anticipated changes. All of the poultry reports are used by producers, processors, feed dealers, and others in the marketing and supply channels as a basis for their production and marketing decisions.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 6,883.