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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Annual Survey of Farmer Cooperatives.

OMB Number: 0570-0007.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2000.

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

Abstract: The primary objective of Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) is to promote understanding, use and development of the cooperative form of business as a viable option for enhancing the income of agricultural producers and other rural residents. RBS' direct role is providing knowledge to improve the effectiveness and performance of farmer cooperative businesses through technical assistance, research, information, and education. The annual survey of farmer cooperatives collects basic statistics on cooperative business volume, net income, members, financial status, employees, and other selected information to support RBS' objective and role. Cooperative statistics are published in various reports and used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, cooperative leaders, educators and others in planning and promoting the cooperative form of business.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

Respondents: Farmer cooperatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,649.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,404 Hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, at (202) 692-0043.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RBS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RBS' 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 forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, Washington, DC 20250-0742. 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.

Dated: April 21, 2000.

Dayton J. Watkins,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Southern Intertie Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Extension for the Southern Intertie Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), as lead Federal agency, is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Southern Intertie Project, a proposal by six electric utilities that are collectively known as the Intertie Participants Group (IPG). The project consists of the construction and operation of a 230 kV transmission line and associated facilities to be located between Anchorage and a location on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and Army Corps of Engineers-Alaska District (ACE) are both cooperating agencies. A notice of intent to prepare an EIS was announced in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, October 9, 1996, at 61 FR 52908.

The route proposed by the IPG would cross portions of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. On August 5, 1999, the IPG submitted an application for a right-of-way pursuant to Title XI of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96-487, U.S.C. 668dd) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 36). The application was accepted by the RUS, FWS, and ACE.

Regulations at 43 CFR 36.6(a)(2) require the lead agency to publish notification of an extension with reasons for the extension of a nine-month period to complete the draft EIS. Due to the magnitude and complexity of the proposed project and the number of resources that will potentially be impacted, the evaluation of the data compiled by the applicant's consultants is taking longer than expected. Because of the additional time needed to evaluate the data, RUS is providing notice that an additional four months is required to complete the draft EIS.

DATES: The draft EIS is expected to be available for public review in September of 2000. Public hearings on the draft EIS will be scheduled in Soldotna and Anchorage, Alaska, and Washington, DC in September/October of 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lawrence R. Wolfe, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, RUS, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Stop 1571, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone (202) 720-5093 or e-mail: lwolfe@rus.usda.gov.

Dated: April 25, 2000.

Mark S. Plank,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Addition and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Addition to and Deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List commodities previously furnished by such agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Louis R. Bartalot (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 17, 2000, the Committee for Purchase

From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (65 FR 14532) of proposed addition to and deletions from the Procurement List:

Addition

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the service and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the service listed below is suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the service to the Government.
2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the service.
3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.
4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following service is hereby added to the Procurement List: Parking Facility Attendant, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, John D. Dingell VA Medical Center, 4646 John R Street, Detroit, Michigan.

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

Deletions

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action may not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.
 2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on future contractors for the service.
 3. The action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.
 4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities deleted from the Procurement List.
- After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the commodities listed below are no

longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Accordingly, the following commodities are hereby deleted from the Procurement List:

Transparency Film, Xerographic

7530-01-386-2371

Tea Mix, Instant,

8955-00-823-7016

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Deputy Director (Operations).

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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: Technology Administration.
Title: Licensing of Government-Owned Inventions.

Agency Form Number: None.
OMB Approval Number: None.
Type of Request: Collection in use without OMB approval.

Burden: 1,200 hours.
Number of respondents: 400 Applicants.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 2 hours for applications, 15 minutes for reports.

Needs and Uses: The Bayh-Dole Act (Public Law 96-517) authorizes agencies to license their patented inventions to the public. In order to obtain a license, an application must be submitted to the agency owning the invention. The information provided (a marketing or development plan) is used by the government to negotiate the terms of the license and, when necessary, to choose between competing applications. Once awarded, the license holder must provide utilization reports. These are used by the government to ensure that the awardee is in compliance with the terms of the license.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion, annually.
Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: April 20, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Shipper's Export Declaration Program

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Jerome Greenwell, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 3125, Federal Office Building No. 3, Washington, DC 20233-0001, 301-457-2238.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Shipper's Export Declaration (SEDs), Forms 7525-V, 7525-V-Alternate (Intermodal), and the electronic equivalent, the Automated Export System (AES) are the basis for the official export trade statistics compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau (Census Bureau). Title 13, United States Code, Chapter 9, Sections 301-307