

U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 11, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michele Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 1522, Room 5162 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-1078. Fax: (202) 720-8435. E-mail: michele.brooks@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for approval. 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 technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Michele Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-8435. E-mail: michele.brooks@wdc.usda.gov.

Title: Technical Assistance Programs. OMB Control Number: 0572-0112.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The Rural Utilities Service is authorized by section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public agencies,

American Indian tribes, and nonprofit corporations to fund the development of drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste disposal facilities in rural areas with populations of up to 10,000 residents. Under the CONACT, 7 U.S.C. 1925(a), as amended, section 306(a)(14)(A) authorizes Technical Assistance and Training grants, and 7 U.S.C. 1932(b), section 310B authorizes Solid Waste Management grants. Grants are made for 100 percent of the cost of assistance. The Technical Assistance and Training Grants and Solid Waste Management Grants programs are administered through 7 CFR part 1775.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 142.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 17.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 6,250.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Gale Richardson, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720-0992. FAX: (202) 720-8435. 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: March 5, 2010.

Jonathan Adelstein,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Contract for Proposal (NOCP); additional payment for advanced biofuel produced from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

SUMMARY: RBS is announcing additional payments to advanced biofuel producers determined eligible in Fiscal Year 2009 for the Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels under criteria established in the prior NOCP, which was published in this publication on June 12, 2009 (74 FR 27998). All payments will be made based upon the terms and conditions provided in the prior NOCP. This NOCP

announces the availability of the remaining Fiscal Year 2009 funds that were not distributed under the previous NOCP, which authorized \$30 million for Fiscal Year 2009.

DATES: Submission of requests to be considered for additional payments for this program must be received by May 30, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Written requests for an additional payment must be sent to the USDA, Rural Development State Office, Renewable Energy Coordinator in the State in which the producer's principal office is located. The previous NOCP contains the Renewable Energy Coordinator contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on this payment program, please contact USDA, Rural Development-Energy Division, Program Branch, Attention: Diane Berger, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 3225, Washington, DC 20250-3225. Telephone: 202-720-1400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 12, 2009, RBS published a Notice of Contract Proposals (NOCP) and Solicitation of Applications in the **Federal Register** announcing policy and application procedures for the Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels. In response to the previously published NOCP, approximately \$14.5 million in contracts between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and producers of advanced biofuels were executed.

This NOCP announces the availability of the remaining Fiscal Year 2009 funding to support the Production of Advanced Biofuels under the terms of eligibility of the previous NOCP. This program is authorized under Title IX, Section 9001, of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-234). Subject to the conditions identified in this NOCP, requests for additional payments will be evaluated, and executed based upon the terms and conditions outlined in the prior NOCP. The Agency will authorize the use of the remaining fiscal year 2009 funds for the additional payments. Funds will be deposited directly into the producer's account.

The payments being made under this NOCP are one-time payments to distribute remaining FY 2009 funds.

Request for Additional Payment and Submission Information

Only advanced biofuels producers determined eligible under the FY 2009 NOCP can submit a request for an additional payment. Payment rate will be determined on the actual amount of BTUs produced from eligible Advanced

Biofuels produced in FY 2009 and the number of producers who request additional payments under this NOCP.

1. If an eligible producer received a payment in FY 2009, a written request must be submitted to the appropriate USDA, Rural Development Renewable Energy Coordinator. The request must acknowledge this is an additional one-time payment for the actual amount produced in FY 2009.

2. If an eligible producer had a valid executed contract, but did not submit a request for payment for the advanced biofuel produced in FY 2009, the request must include:

- Form RD 9005-3, "Advanced Biofuel Program Payment Application," for FY 2009 production;
- Documentation verifying the actual amount of advanced biofuel produced in FY 2009; and
- SF-3881, "Electronic Funds Transfer Payment Enrollment Form."

Additional documentation and access to same may be required if the producer's submittal is not sufficient to verify eligibility for payment or quantity of the Advanced Biofuel product.

3. If a producer was determined eligible, but did not execute a contract, the request must include:

- Form RD 9005-2, "Advanced Biofuel Payment Program Contract;"
- Form RD 9005-3, "Advanced Biofuel Program Payment Application," for FY 2009 production;
- Documentation verifying the actual amount of advanced biofuel produced in FY 2009; and
- SF-3881, "Electronic Funds Transfer Payment Enrollment Form."

Additional documentation and access to same may be required if the producer's submittal is not sufficient to verify eligibility for payment or quantity of the Advanced Biofuel product.

Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the paperwork burden associated with this Notice of Contract for Proposal (NOCP) has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0570-0057.

The PRA burden associated with the original NOCP, published on June 12, 2009, was approved by OMB under emergency conditions, with an opportunity to comment on the burden associated with the program, and was intended to be a one-time approval. Since the publication of the original NOCP, the Agency did not allocate all of the FY 2009 authorized funds because actual production did not meet the estimated production used to determine payment rates. Therefore, the

Agency is seeking to make additional payments to eligible Advanced Biofuel Producers from remaining fiscal year 2009 funds.

Under this NOCP, the Agency is providing additional payments to producers of advanced biofuels determined by the Agency to be eligible for the program in order to further support the production of advanced biofuels. To obtain these additional payments, producers who signed a contract (Form RD 9005-2) and submitted a payment request (Form RD 9005-3) must acknowledge that receiving payment from the remaining fiscal year 2009 funds is a one-time payment. Producers who signed a contract, but did not submit a payment request, must submit a payment request form, including documentation verifying the actual amount of advanced biofuel produced in fiscal year 2009, and an electronic funds transfer payment enrollment form (SF-3881). Producers determined by the Agency to be eligible, but who did not sign a contract with the Agency, must submit the contract form, a payment request form, including documentation verifying the actual amount of advanced biofuel produced in fiscal year 2009, and an electronic funds transfer payment enrollment form. The collection of this information is necessary to ensure that appropriate payments are made to eligible producers of Advanced Biofuels.

All of the forms, information, certifications, and agreements required to apply for these additional payments under this NOCP have been authorized under OMB Control Number 0570-0057. Since the emergency approval of the original NOCP for this program, the Agency has resubmitted the PRA package to OMB and received regular approval. Applications and accompanying materials required under this NOCP will be covered under the regular PRA package.

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2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call (800) 795-3272 (voice), or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). "USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender."

Dated: March 8, 2010.

Judith A. Canales,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation and Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of program funds for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announce the availability of up to \$44,158,381 of technical and financial assistance funding in fiscal year (FY) 2010 through the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative for agricultural producers in the Chesapeake Bay watershed in the States of Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative funds are available to help producers implement natural resources conservation practices on agricultural lands.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The Notice of Request is effective March 12, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dana D. York, Director, Conservation Planning and Technical Assistance Division, Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 6015 South Building, Washington, DC 20013; Telephone: (202) 720-1510; Fax: (202) 720-2998; or E-mail: dana.york@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

CCC and NRCS hereby announce the availability of up to \$44,158,381 to provide technical and financial assistance to producers through the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Initiative in FY 2010.

Section 1240Q of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended by the Food,