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U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to OMB for Review

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has submitted the following information collection to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for USAID, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington DC 20503. Copies of submission may be obtained by calling (202) 712–5007.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB No: OMB 0412–0520.

Form No.: AID 1420–17.

Title: Contractor Employee Biographical Data Sheet.

Type of Review: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is authorized to make contracts with any corporation, international organization, or other body of persons in or outside of the United States in furtherance of the purposes and within limitations of the Foreign Assistance Act (FAA). The information collections requirements placed on the public are published in 48 CFR Chapter 7, and include such items as the Contractor Employee Biographical Data Sheet and Performance and Progress Reports (AIDAR 752.7026). These are all USAID unique procurement requirements. The pre-award requirements are based on a need for prudent management in the determination that an offeror either has or can obtain the ability to competently manage development assistance programs utilizing public funds. The

requirements for information collection during the post-award period are based on the need to administer public funds prudently.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 14,570.

Total Annual Responses: 31,337.

Total Annual Hours Requested: 42,700.

Dated: November 17, 2014.

Lynn P. Winston,

Chief, Bureau for Management, Office of Management Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 19, 2014.

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 December 26, 2014 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.

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.

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: Under the Plant Protection Act (PPA, 7 U.S.C. 7703 *et seq.*) the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to prohibit or restrict the importation, entry, or movement of interstate commerce of any plant, plant product, biological control organism, noxious weed, article, or means of conveyance. If the Secretary determines that the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the introduction or the dissemination of a plant pest into the United States. 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 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,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Economic Research Service

Title: A Pilot Generic Clearance To Conduct Experimental Economic Research.

OMB Control Number: 0536-0070.

Summary of Collection: The primary function of the Economic Research Service (ERS) is to provide economic and social science research, analysis for public and private decisions on agriculture, food, natural resources, and rural America, and to disseminate data under the authority of 7 U.S.C. 2204(a) and 7 U.S.C. 2026(a)(1). ERS envisions to conduct experimental economic research to further an ongoing initiative that would use insight from behavioral economic to provide economic intelligence, research, and analysis to inform agricultural resource and conservation policies. ERS plans on using a number of research techniques including laboratory and field techniques, exploratory interviews, pilot experiments, and respondent debriefing to develop and implement state-of-the-art research methodologies to better inform and advance scientific understanding for its customers in response to both specific requests and in anticipation of future need. This request is being sought as a continuing pilot of the concept of using a generic approval mechanism for the type of experiments listed above. As such, experiments will be limited to two topic areas: Conservation and nutrition. ERS does not intend to use the information collected under this approval for purposes of developing or evaluating policy. ERS does not intend to invoke CIPSEA for the collection, but instead intends to protect respondent information under the Privacy Act of 1974 and the E-Government Act of 2002.

Need and Use of the Information: Information collected from experiments will allow ERS to develop and implement state-of-the-art research methodologies to better inform and advance scientific understanding for its customers in response to both specific request and to anticipation of future need. ERS will use a number of research techniques, as appropriate to the

individual investigation. These include laboratory and field techniques, exploratory interviews, pilot experiments, and respondent debriefing.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 6,900.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 7,025.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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