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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Partner Information Form (PIF)

AGENCY: U.S. Agency for International Development.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) seeks Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, USAID requests public comment on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than August 16, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

1. *Web:* Through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by entering "Docket Number: AID-2019-0005" in the Search field and following the instructions for submitting comments.

2. *Email:* rulemaking@usaid.gov.

3. *Mail, Hand Delivery, or Courier:* USAID, Bureau for Management, Office of Management Policy, Budget, and Performance (M/MPBP), 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20523.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Colleen Allen at (202) 712-0378, via email at rulemaking@usaid.gov, or via mail at USAID, Bureau for Management, Office of Management Policy, Budget,

and Performance (M/MPBP), 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Instructions

All comments must be in writing and submitted through one of the methods specified in the **ADDRESSES** section above. All submissions (and attachments) must include the form number, information collection title, and OMB control number. Please include your name, title, organization, postal address, telephone number, and email address in the text of the message. Please note that USAID recommends sending all comments via email or via the Federal eRulemaking Portal because security screening precautions have slowed the delivery and dependability of surface mail to USAID/Washington. Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. We recommend that you do not submit detailed personal information, Confidential Business Information (CBI), or any information that is otherwise protected from disclosure by statute.

USAID will only address comments that explain why this form would be inappropriate, ineffective, or unacceptable without a change. Comments that are insubstantial or outside the scope of the notice of request for public comment may not be considered.

Overview of Information Collection

- *Title of Information Collection:* Partner Information Form.

- *OMB Control Number:* 0412-0577.

- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

- *Originating Office:* Bureau for Management, Office of Management Policy, Budget, and Performance (M/MPBP).

- *Form Number:* AID 500-13.

- *Respondents:* Potential awardees and subawardees.

- *Estimated Annual Number of Responses:* 5,800.

- *Average Time per Response:* 1 hour 30 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 8,700 hours.

- *Frequency:* On occasion.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Voluntary.

USAID solicits public comments on the following:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Agency.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

USAID collects information from individuals and organizations to conduct screening to help ensure that USAID funds, USAID-funded activities, or other resources will not be used to provide support to entities or individuals deemed to be a risk to national security.

USAID vets prospective awardees seeking funding from USAID to mitigate the risk that such funds might benefit entities or individuals who present a national security risk. To conduct vetting, USAID collects information from prospective awardees and subawardees regarding their directors, officers, and/or key employees. The information collected is compared to information gathered from commercial, public, and U.S. government databases to determine the risk that the applying organization or individual might use Agency funds or programs in a way that presents a threat to national security.

Methodology

USAID collects information via mail or electronic submission.

Colleen Allen,

Director, Bureau for Management, Office of Management Policy, Budget, and Performance, U.S. Agency for International Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 11, 2019.

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 are requested regarding: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 July 15, 2019 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.

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Title: NIFA Proposal Review Process.
OMB Control Number: 0524–0041.

Summary of Collection: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), administers competitive, peer-reviewed research, education and extension programs. The reviews are undertaken to ensure that projects supported by NIFA are of a high-quality and are consistent with the goals and requirements of the funding program. These programs are authorized pursuant to the authorities contained in the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of

1977, as amended (7 U.S.C. 3101), the Smith-Lever Act, and other legislative authorities.

Need and Use of the Information: The collected information from the evaluations is used to support NIFA grant programs. NIFA uses the results of each proposal to determine whether a proposal should be declined or recommended for award. In order to obtain this information, an electronic questionnaire is used to collect information about potential panel and ad-hoc reviewers. If this information is not collected, it would be difficult for a review panel and NIFA staff to determine which projects warrant funding or identify appropriate qualified reviewers. In addition, Federal grants staff and auditors could not assess the quality or integrity of the review, and the writer of the application would not benefit from any feedback on why the application was funded or not.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 52,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Weekly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 103,400.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2018–0087]

Concurrence With OIE Risk Designation for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our preliminary concurrence with the World Organization for Animal Health's (OIE) bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risk designation for Nicaragua. The OIE recognizes this region as being of negligible risk for BSE. We are taking this action based on our review of information supporting the OIE's risk designation for this region.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before August 16, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2018-0087>.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:*

Send your comment to Docket No. APHIS–2018–0087, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A–03.8, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737–1238.

Supporting documents and any comments we receive on this docket may be viewed at <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=APHIS-2018-0087> or in our reading room, which is located in Room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 799–7039 before coming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kari Coulson, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Strategy and Policy, VS, APHIS, 920 Main Campus Drive, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27606; (919) 480–9876; email: kari.f.coulson@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 9 CFR part 92, subpart B, “Importation of Animals and Animal Products; Procedures for Requesting BSE Risk Status Classification With Regard To Bovines” (referred to below as the regulations), set forth the process by which the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) classifies regions for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) risk. Section 92.5 of the regulations provides that all countries of the world are considered by APHIS to be in one of three BSE risk categories: Negligible risk, controlled risk, or undetermined risk. These risk categories are defined in § 92.1. Any region that is not classified by APHIS as presenting either negligible risk or controlled risk for BSE is considered to present an undetermined risk. The list of those regions classified by APHIS as having either negligible risk or controlled risk can be accessed on the APHIS website at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import-information/animal-health-status-of-regions>. The list can also be obtained by writing to APHIS at Regionalization Evaluation Services, 4700 River Road, Unit 38, Riverdale, MD 20737.

Under the regulations, APHIS may classify a region for BSE in one of two ways. One way is for regions that have not received a risk classification from