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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 20, 2010.

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), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 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) 720-8958.

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

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Economic Research Service

Title: National Food Survey Field Test.

OMB Control Number: 0536-NEW.

Summary of collection: The Economic Research Service (ERS) will be conducting a Field Test for the National Household Food Acquisition and Purchase Survey (aka National Food Study) in preparation for a later full-scale implementation of the survey in 2012. The mission of ERS is to provide timely research and analysis to public and private decision makers on topics related to agriculture, food, the environment, rural America, and the impacts of USDA's food and nutrition assistance programs on clients' well-being. To achieve this mission, ERS requires a variety of data, including the availability and price of food at the point of sale, households demand for food products, household access to healthy food, and quality of household food choices. Section 17 (U.S.C. 2026) (a)(1) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 provides legislative authority for the planned data collection. This section authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into contracts with private institutions to undertake research that will help to improve the administration and effectiveness of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in delivering nutrition-related benefits.

Need and use of the information: The primary purpose of the Field Test is to provide methodological information about two different approaches for collecting food acquisition data from households over a seven day period. The information is needed because no prior survey has collected similarly detailed information about food acquisitions in both the "food-at-home" and "food-away-from-home" categories. The full-scale National Food Study will collect information about household food acquisitions, including foods purchased and food obtained at no cost (e.g., home-grown vegetables). Information also will be collected about household characteristics, including demographics, income, assets, major categories of nonfood expenditures, food security, health status (including heights and weights), and dietary knowledge. Without the field test ERS

will not have sufficient information to ensure that best procedures are used to maximize data quality and minimize respondent burden in the full National Food Study of 5,000 households.

Description of respondents:

Individuals or household.

Number of respondents: 1,476.

Frequency of responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total burden hours: 3,400.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) Inviting Applications for the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) for Fiscal Year 2010

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of funds availability.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the availability of \$6,256,000 of competitive grant funds for the RCDI program through the Rural Housing Service (RHS), an agency within the USDA Rural Development mission area herein referred to as the Agency. Applicants must provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to the Federal grant. These grants will be made to qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. The RCDI grant program also includes an initiative called "Great Regions." This Notice lists the information needed to submit an application for these funds.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of an application is 4 p.m. local time, December 22, 2010. The application date and time are firm. The Agency will not consider any application received after the deadline. Applicants intending to mail applications must provide sufficient time to permit delivery on or before the closing deadline date and time. Acceptance by the United States Postal Service or private mailer does not constitute delivery. Facsimile (FAX) and