

enhancing the income of agricultural producers and other rural residents. The primary objective of the Rural Cooperative Development Grants program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education based on specific selection criteria.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 31 hours per grant application.

Respondents: Nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses: 75.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 8,905 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Linda Watts Thomas, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0226.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of RBS functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of 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 other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Stop 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250. 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 4, 2010.

Pandor H. Hadjy,

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's (RBS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for the Annual Survey of Farmer Cooperatives, as authorized in the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E. Eldon Eversull, Statistics Staff, RBS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 3256, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3256, Telephone (202) 690-1415 or send an e-mail message to:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Annual Survey of Farmer Cooperatives.

OMB Number: 0570-0007.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2013.

Type of Request: Extension of 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 the 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 management, 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 or less per response.

Respondents: Farmer cooperatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,504.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,504.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,461 Hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Linda Watts Thomas, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, at (202) 692-0226.

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 Linda Watts Thomas, Regulation 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: March 2, 2010.

Judith A. Canales,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

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