

insular area, nation, and/or international community.

An additional 20 points will be used to evaluate overall merit/quality of the case made for each nomination.

Prior to the panel being convened, shortage situation nominations will be evaluated and scored according to the established scoring system by a primary reviewer. When the panel convenes, the primary reviewer will present each nomination orally in summary form. After each presentation, panelists will have an opportunity, if necessary, to discuss the nomination, with the primary reviewer leading the discussion and recording comments. After the panel discussion is complete, any scoring revisions will be made by and at the discretion of the primary reviewer. The panel is then polled to recommend, or not recommend, the shortage situation for designation. Nominations scoring 70 or higher by the primary reviewer (on a scale of 0 to 100), and receiving a simple majority vote in support of designation as a shortage situation will be "recommended for designation as a shortage situation." Nominations scoring below 70 by the primary reviewer, and failure to achieve a simple majority vote in support of designation will be "not recommended for designation as a shortage situation." In the event of a discrepancy between the primary reviewer's scoring and the panel poll results, the VMLRP program manager will be authorized to make the final determination on the nomination's designation.

Done in Washington, DC, this 19th day of December, 2012.

**Meryl Broussard,**

*Deputy Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of Advocacy and Outreach

#### Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Request for Nominations

**AGENCY:** Office of Advocacy and Outreach, USDA.

**ACTION:** Extension of time for submitting nominations.

**SUMMARY:** We are giving notice that the Secretary of Agriculture will extend the time to submit nominations and applications to serve on the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers (the "Committee") for an

additional term of 2 years through December 14, 2014. This will give interested persons additional time to prepare and submit nomination packages.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to nominations received on or before January 15, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mrs. R. J. Cabrera, Designated Federal Official, USDA OAO, 1400 Independence Avenue, Room 520-A, Washington, DC 20250-0170; Telephone (202) 720-6350; Fax (202) 720-7704; Email: [rj.cabrera@osec.usda.gov](mailto:rj.cabrera@osec.usda.gov).

**ADDRESSES:** Nomination packages may be sent by postal mail or commercial delivery to: Mrs. R. J. Cabrera, Designated Federal Official, USDA OAO, 1400 Independence Avenue, Room 520-A, Washington, DC 20250-0170. Nomination packages may also be faxed to (202) 720-7704.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 20, 2012 we published in the **Federal Register** (FR DOC# 2012-30471, Pages 75105-75106) a Notice of Intent To Renew and Request for Nominations. Applications were required to be received on or before December 31, 2012. We are extending the submission period to January 16, 2013. We will also consider all applications received between December 19, 2012 and January 1, 2013 (the day after the original submission period).

We are soliciting nominations from interested organizations and individuals from among ranching and farming producers (industry), related government, State, and Tribal agricultural agencies, academic institutions, commercial banking entities, trade associations, and related nonprofit enterprises. An organization may nominate individuals from within or outside its membership; alternatively, an individual may nominate herself or himself. Nomination packages should include a nomination form along with a cover letter or resume that documents the nominee's background and experience. Nomination forms are available on the Internet at <http://www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/doc/AD-755.pdf> or may be obtained from Mrs. R. J. Cabrera at the address or telephone number noted above.

The Secretary will select up to 20 members from among those organizations and individuals solicited, in order to obtain the broadest possible representation on the Committee. Equal opportunity practices, in line with the USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To

ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 20th day of December, 2012.

**Dexter Pearson,**

*Associate Director, Office of Advocacy and Outreach.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the emergency provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**Agency:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

**Title:** State and Local Implementation Grant Program Application Requirements.

**OMB Control Number:** None.

**Form Number(s):** None.

**Type of Request:** Emergency submission (new information collection).

**Number of Respondents:** 56.

**Average Hours per Response:** Application, 10 hours; Quarterly report, 4 hours.

**Burden Hours:** 1,456.

**Needs and Uses:** The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act, Pub. L. 112-96, 126 Stat. 156 (2012).) was signed by the President on February 22, 2012. The Act meets a long-standing priority of the Administration, as well as a critical national infrastructure need, to create a single, nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network (PSBN) that will, for the first time, allow police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical service professionals, and other public safety officials to effectively communicate with each other across agencies and jurisdictions. Public safety workers have long been hindered in their ability to respond in a crisis situation because of incompatible communications networks and often outdated communications equipment.

The Act establishes the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) as an independent authority within

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and authorizes it to take all actions necessary to ensure the design, construction, and operation of a nationwide PSBN, based on a single, national network architecture.

The Act also charges NTIA with establishing a grant program to assist state, regional, tribal, and local jurisdictions with identifying, planning, and implementing the most efficient and effective means to use and integrate the infrastructure, equipment, and other architecture associated with the nationwide PSBN to satisfy the wireless broadband and data services needs of their jurisdictions. NTIA will use the collection of information to ensure that States applying for SLIGP grants meet eligibility and programmatic requirements as well as to monitor and evaluate how SLIGP recipients are achieving the core purposes of the program established by the Act.

NTIA is seeking to emergency review of the SLIGP request to begin the application process in the first quarter of calendar year 2013 and award grants no later than June 1, 2013. In order to meet this deadline, NTIA must receive clearance for the application and reporting requirements by December 31, 2012 in order to: (1) Ensure applicants have reasonable notice of the federal funding opportunity; (2) provide applicants sufficient time to complete and submit their applications; and (3) allow NTIA adequate time to properly execute the application review process and make the awards.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit organizations.

**Frequency:** Annually and quarterly.

**Respondent's Obligation:**

**OMB Desk Officer:** Nicholas Fraser, (202) 395-5887.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [jjessup@doc.gov](mailto:jjessup@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by January 7, 2013 to Nicholas Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or via the Internet at [Nicholas\\_A.\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: December 21, 2012.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-69-2012]

#### **Authorization of Production Activity: Foreign-Trade Zone 230: Sonoco Corrflex (Kitting-Gift Sets); Rural Hall and Winston-Salem, North Carolina**

On August 20, 2012, the Piedmont Triad Partnership, grantee of FTZ 230, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board on behalf of Sonoco Corrflex, within FTZ 230—Sites 24-27, in Rural Hall and Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (77 FR 56809, 9-14-2012). The FTZ Board has determined that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification is authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.14, and further subject to a restriction requiring that all foreign bags and cases of textile materials (classified within HTSUS 4202.22.40.20, 4202.22.40.30, 4202.22.40.40, 4202.22.45.00, 4202.22.60.00, 4202.22.80.30, 4202.22.80.50, 4202.22.80.80, 4202.32.40.00, 4202.32.80.00, 4202.32.95.30, 4202.32.95.50, 4202.32.95.60, 4202.92.08.05, 4202.92.08.07, 4202.92.08.09, 4202.92.15.00, 4202.92.20.00, 4202.92.30.16, 4202.92.30.20, 4202.92.30.31, 4202.92.30.91, 4202.92.60.91, 4202.92.90.26, and 4202.92.90.36) used in the production activity must be admitted to the zone in domestic (duty-paid) status (19 CFR 146.43).

Dated: December 20, 2012.

**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-93-2012]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 33 — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Notification of Proposed Export Production Activity Tsudis Chocolate Company (Chocolate Confectionery Bars) Pittsburgh, PA**

Tsudis Chocolate Company (Tsudis), an operator of FTZ 33, submitted a notification of proposed export production activity for its facility in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on December 4, 2012.

The Tsudis facility is located within Site 10 of FTZ 33. Activity at the facility would involve the production of chocolate confectionery bars for export (no shipments for U.S. consumption would occur). For shipments to Canada or Mexico, production under FTZ procedures could allow reduced duty treatment under NAFTA Duty Deferral requirements. For shipments to other export markets, FTZ procedures could exempt Tsudis from customs duty payments on the foreign status material used in its production. The sole foreign-origin material to be used in the export production is liquid chocolate (duty rate: 52.8¢/kg+4.3%). Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment or foreign liquid chocolate scrapped or destroyed under customs procedures.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is February 11, 2013.

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's Web site, which is accessible via [www.trade.gov/ftz](http://www.trade.gov/ftz).

For further information, contact Pierre Duy at [Pierre.Duy@trade.gov](mailto:Pierre.Duy@trade.gov), or (202) 482-1378.

Dated: December 19, 2012.

**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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