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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 15, 2010.

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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.

Rural Business Cooperative Service

Title: Rural Cooperative Development Grants—7 CFR 4284-F.

OMB Control Number: 0570-0006.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RCDG) program is administered through State Rural Development Offices on behalf of the Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBS). The primary objective of the program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. Grant funds are awarded on a competitive basis using a scoring system that gives preference to applications that demonstrate a proven track record. The applicants, who are non-profit corporations or institutions of higher education, will provide information using various forms and supporting documentation.

Need and Use of the Information: RBS will use the information collected to evaluate the applicant's ability to carry out the purposes of the program. If this information were not collected, RBS would have no basis on which to evaluate the relative merit of each application.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 75.

Frequency of Responses: Record keeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 9,325.

Rural Business Cooperative Service

Title: Annual Survey of Farmer Cooperatives.

OMB Control Number: 0570-0007.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBS) was mandated the responsibility to acquire and disseminate information pertaining to agricultural cooperatives under the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926: 7 U.S.C. 451-457 and Public Law 450. The primary objective of RBS is to promote understanding, use and development of the cooperative form of business as a viable option for enhancing the income of agricultural producers and other rural residents. The annual survey collects basic statistics on cooperative business volume, net income, members, financial status, employees, and other selected information to support RBS' objective

and role. RBS will use a variety of forms to collect information.

Need and Use of the Information: RBS uses the information collected to summarize for program planning, evaluation service work and cooperative analysis and education. The information collected and published in the annual report on farmer cooperatives supports and enhances most of the major functions of RBS. By not collecting this information, the RBS would have difficulties in carrying out its policy on farmer cooperatives.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,504.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,461.

Charlene Parker,

*Departmental Information Collection
Clearance Officer.*

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National Appeals Division

Title: National Appeals Division Customer Service Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0503-0007.

Summary of Collection: The Secretary of Agriculture established the National Appeals Division (NAD) on October 20, 1994, by Secretary's Memorandum 1010-1, pursuant to the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994. The Act consolidated the appellate functions and staff of several USDA agencies and provided for independent hearings and reviews of adverse decisions of Agencies within USDA. Hearing Officers conduct evidentiary hearings on adverse decisions or, when the appellant requests they review the Agency's record of the adverse decision without a hearing. Although NAD maintains a database to track appeal requests, the database contains only information necessary to process the appeal request, such as the name, address, filing results etc. NAD will collect information using a survey.

Need and Use of the Information: NAD plans to use the information collected in the survey to determine who is and who is not aware of its services. NAD also wants to know of the groups who are aware of its services, just exactly how complete this awareness is. NAD also wants to gather current data to measure the appellant's perception of the quality of how easy the determination was to read; how intently the Hearing Officer listened to the appellant; and if the appellant would be willing to have the same Hearing Officer hear a future appeal. This data will be used to either alter current or establish new training for Hearing and Appeals Officers.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 429.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Revision of Privacy Act Systems of Records.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is revising one Privacy Act (PA) system of records and deleting two systems of records maintained by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice will be adopted without further publication in the **Federal Register** on July 28, 2010 unless modified by a subsequent notice to incorporate comments received from the public. Comments must be received by the contact person listed below on or before July 19, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stasia Hutchison, FOIA/PA Officer, ARS, REE, USDA, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-5128; Telephone (301) 504-1655; Facsimile (301) 504-1647; Electronic Mail stasia.hutchison@ars.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the PA, 5 U.S.C. 552a, USDA hereby takes the following action:

I. One system of records is being revised for the following reasons:

1. USDA/ARS-2, Research Medical Records System on Patients and Human Volunteers Participating in Research at the ARS Human Nutrition Research Centers in Grand Forks, Beltsville, and San Francisco, USDA/ARS is being revised. The purpose of this revision to the system of records is to change the system designation from USDA/ARS-2 to USDA/ARS-1; identify changes in the system name, system location, and categories of individuals covered by the system; update the purpose, safeguards, retention and disposal, system manager and address, and record access procedures; modify the routine uses by adding three relating to security breaches, disclosure to National Archives and Records Administration, and disclosure to contractors; and to

add the following sections: security classification, agency official responsible for system of records, disclosure to consumer reporting agencies, and exemptions claimed for the system.

II. Two systems are being deleted as follows:

1. USDA/ARS-1, Solicitation of Bids or Proposals for Procurement Contracts, is being deleted as the records no longer meet the requirements for a Privacy Act system of records. USDA/ARS-5, ARS Health and Fitness Center, is being deleted as the records are no longer relevant and necessary to accomplish a purpose of the Agency. The records no longer exist. A Privacy Act Systems Report relating to the proposed changes was sent to the Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, United States Senate; and Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives on June 9, 2010.

Signed at Washington, DC, on June 9, 2010.

Thomas J. Vilsack,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Ch. 35, as amended), the Rural Housing Service (RHS) invites comments on this information collection for which approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested. The intention is to request a revision for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR part 1927-B, Real Estate Title Clearance and Loan Closing.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 17, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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