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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Reinstatement

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and reinstatement 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 and other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by April 11, 2024 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Title: Fast Track Generic Clearance for Qualitative Feedback on Customer Satisfaction Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0261.

Summary of Collection: Executive Order 12862 directs Federal agencies to provide service to the public that matches or exceeds the best service available in the private sector. In order to ensure that our programs are effective and meet our users’ needs, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) seeks to obtain OMB approval for the renewal of this generic clearance to collect qualitative feedback on our products and services. The qualitative information to be collected is intended to provide useful insights on user perceptions and opinions. It is not intended to yield quantitative results that are statistically generalizable to any larger populations.

Annual requests from the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) to establish numerical measurements of the general level of satisfaction felt by IDOA’s customers and clients will be included in this generic information collection request when funded by the IDOA. The results are used by some Bureaus in the IDOA as part of a Public Accountability Report that is submitted to the Illinois Comptroller. In addition, the Bureaus are using the results to help guide their operational management decisions, in particular for training staff

Need and Use of the Information:

This collection of information is necessary to enable NASS to obtain feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with our commitment to improving the quality, usability, and ease of accessing our surveys and public information. This feedback will provide insights into user perceptions, experiences, expectations, and provide an early warning of issues with service; and focus attention on areas where communication, training, or changes in operations might improve delivery of products and services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative, and actionable communications between NASS and its customers and stakeholders. The feedback will also contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Description of Respondents: Farmers, ranchers, agri-businesses and data users.

Number of Respondents: 120,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 8,375.

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Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: Food Donation Programs (Food for Progress & Section 416(b)) and McGovern-Dole International Food for Education & Child Nutrition Program.

OMB Control Number: 0551-0035.

Summary of Collection: The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) provides U.S. agricultural commodities to feed millions of hungry people in needy countries through direct donations and concessional programs. USDA food aid may be provided through four program authorities: Food for Progress, section 416(b), the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, and Public Law 480 (Pub. L. 480). Of these, only Food for Progress and McGovern-Dole are currently utilized.

Under the section 416(b) and Food for Progress programs (the "Foreign Donation Programs") and the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition ("McGovern-Dole") Program, information is gathered from applicants desiring to receive federal awards under the programs to determine the viability of requests for resources to implement activities in foreign countries. Recipients of awards under the programs must submit compliance reports and other information until activities carried out with donated commodities or funds, or local currencies generated from the sale of donated commodities, are completed.

Need and Use of the Information: Information is collected from Recipients to determine its ability to carry out a food aid program, to establish the terms under which commodities will be provided, to monitor the progress of commodity distribution (including how transportation is procured), to monitor the progress of expenditure of monetization funds, and to evaluate both the program's success and the Recipient's effectiveness in meeting intended results.

Description of Respondents: Business-for-not-for-Profit; Private voluntary organizations, cooperatives, colleges and universities, foreign governments, intergovernmental organizations, freight forwarders, ship owners and brokers, and survey companies.

Number of Respondents: 61.

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 88,548.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Revolving Loan Fund Financial Report, Form ED-209

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on 12/11/2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: Economic Development Administration (EDA), Department of Commerce.

Title: Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Financial Report.

OMB Control Number: 0610-0095.

Form Number(s): ED-209.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Average Hours per Response: 3 hours.

Burden Hours: 3,000 hours.

Needs and Uses: The EDA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program, authorized under section 209 of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. 3149), has served as an important pillar of EDA investment programs since the establishment of the RLF Program in 1975. The purpose of the RLF Program is to provide regions with a flexible and continuing source of capital, to be used with other economic development tools, for creating and retaining jobs and inducing private investment that will contribute to long-term economic stability and growth. EDA provides RLF grants to eligible recipients (RLF recipients), which include State and

local governments, Indian Tribes, and non-profit organizations, to operate a lending program that offers loans with flexible repayment terms, primarily to small businesses in distressed communities that are unable to obtain traditional bank financing. These loans enable small businesses to expand and lead to new employment opportunities that pay competitive wages and benefits.

RLF recipients must submit to EDA RLF Financial Report (Form ED-209), which collects limited performance information that EDA uses to oversee and monitor RLF awards (13 CFR 307.14(a)) and monitor the health of their lending portfolio. EDA currently requires Form ED-209 to be submitted on an annual basis for high-performing RLF awards and on a semi-annual basis for other RLF awards.

Since 2020, when PRA approval for Form ED-209 was last extended, the number of RLF recipients required to report to EDA changed substantially resulting in a net decrease in respondents and hour burden associated with Form ED-209. On March 27, 2020, Congress enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Pub. L. 116-136), appropriating \$1,500,000,000 in supplemental funds to EDA to "prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus . . . including for necessary expenses for responding to economic injury as a result of coronavirus." EDA used a significant portion of those funds to fund over 350 RLF grants. As a result, the number of respondents required to submit Form ED-209 increased substantially. However, the RLF Act enacted on October 30, 2020, allowed for EDA to release the Federal interest in awards 7 years after final disbursement. The RLF Act has allowed over 380 RLFs to be released from their Federal reporting requirements. Although Form ED-209 is being extended without change, and the estimated amount of time required to complete Form ED-209 remains unchanged at three hours, while the estimated annual burden hours for Form ED-209 is decreasing because of the number of RLF grants and respondents no longer required to complete Form ED-209 following the release of EDA oversight.

Affected Public: EDA RLF grant recipients: State and local governments, Indian Tribes, and non-profit organizations.

Frequency: Semi-annual and Annual.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.