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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Information Collection Generic Clearance Request for USAID Workforce and Organizational Surveys

AGENCY: Bureau for Management, Office of the Director, (M/MPBP/OD), Agency for International Development (USAID).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: USAID proposes a generic clearance to collect workforce feedback through surveys, interviews, and focus groups to optimize operations, strengthen organizational health and workforce culture, and improve workforce retention. USAID has a diverse workforce that consists of U.S. direct hires (foreign and civil service) and multiple contract mechanisms with the majority of the workforce belonging to multiple contract mechanisms, including Coordinating Country Nationals, Personal Services Contractors, and Institutional Support Contractors.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments within 60 days of this notice.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments by email to:

- Email: oscholbe@usaid.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Owain Scholbe, Junior Management and Program Analyst, Management Bureau, Office of the Director (M/MPBP/OD), telephone 202-921-5070, or via email at oscholbe@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), USAID is providing the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on the

proposed collection of information. USAID is requesting a general clearance to provide and conduct workforce surveys, interviews, and focus groups with a diverse workforce consisting of numerous hiring mechanisms, including, but not limited to, U.S. direct hires, fellows, interns, Personal Services Contractors, Institutional Support Contractors, Coordinating Country Nationals, and Third Country Nationals. The goal of data collection under this generic clearance is to collect workforce feedback on organizational health, operations, workforce culture, and work environment necessary to strengthen mission readiness and better achieve its development objectives. USAID will only collect data from the approximately 11,000 members of the USAID workforce with minimal collection of personally identifiable information. The total estimated number of annual burden hours for these workforce population surveys is 41,250 hours. USAID will limit analysis and reporting to summary level statistics that will only be available to the internal workforce.

OMB Control Number: TBD.

Dated: October 25, 2023.

Erin Brown,

Deputy Director, M/MPBP.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Information Collection Review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is seeking comment on the proposed Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery. The Agency will use surveys and forms to collect, analyze, and interpret information gathered through this generic clearance

to identify strengths and weakness of the current services, information, and to make improvements in customer service.

DATES: All comments should be submitted within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted to the icrteam@usaid.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Kelly Hamilton at 202-921-5016, icrteam@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed information collection activity provides a means to garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training, or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative, and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

The Agency will collect, analyze, and interpret information gathered through this generic clearance to identify strengths and weaknesses of the current services, information, and make improvements in service delivery based on feedback. The solicitation of feedback will target areas such as: timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. Responses will be assessed to plan and inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public.

The Agency will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- Information gathered will be used only internally for general service improvement and program management

purposes and is not intended for release outside of the agency (if released, procedures outlined in Question 16 will be followed);

- Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions;
- Information gathered will yield qualitative information; the collections will not be designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study;
- The collections are voluntary;
- The collections are low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and are low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;
- The collections are non-controversial and do not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;
- Any collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future; and
- With the exception of information needed to provide remunerations for participants of focus groups and cognitive laboratory studies, personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained.

As a general matter, information collections will not result in any new system of records containing privacy information and will not ask questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

Below we provide projected average burden estimates for the next three years:

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 10,000.

Average Minutes per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 30,000 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

Dated: October 26, 2023.

Taniesha Tolbert,

Supervisory Records Information Management Specialist, Bureau for Management, Office of Management Services, Information and Records Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-TM-23-0066]

Notice of Availability of the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for AMS Local Meat Capacity Grant Program

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces that the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Local Meat Capacity Grant Program (Local MCap) is available for public review and comments.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 30, 2023 to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this notice. Comments may be submitted electronically by Email: LocalMCAp@usda.gov. Comments should reference the document number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. AMS will address comments received on the draft PEA in the final PEA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Betsy Rakola, Associate Deputy Administrator, Transportation and Marketing Program; Telephone: (202)-690-1300; Email: LocalMCAp@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Draft PEA analyzes and discloses the potential environmental impacts associated with the establishment of the Local Meat Capacity Grant Program (Local MCap). AMS has proposed to fund grants to support independently owned meat and poultry processing businesses. These grants will help them provide additional and more efficient processing options for local livestock producers by modernizing, increasing, diversifying, and decentralizing meat and poultry processing capacity, including support for rendering.

This program will expand processing capacity for small and midsized meat and poultry processors, which are particularly vulnerable to disruption. It will also increase capacity and promote competition in the meat and poultry processing sector. Based on public input, USDA identified an urgent need to expand and diversify meat and poultry processing capacity.

The Local MCap Program is authorized by section 1001 (b)(4) of the

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (Pub. L. 117-2), which funds “loans and grants and other assistance to maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency.” Recipients of funding from this proposed program would be allowed 36 months to complete work funded by the grant awards.

The environmental impacts of funding projects to enhance existing meat and poultry processing facilities have been considered in a manner consistent with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, Public Law 91-190, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, as amended.

A Draft PEA has been prepared, and based on this analysis, AMS has preliminarily determined there will not be a significant impact to the human environment. As a result, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has not been initiated (40 CFR 1501.6). AMS intends for this PEA to create efficiencies by establishing a framework that can be used for “tiering,” where appropriate, to project-specific actions that require additional analysis. As decisions on specific applications are made, to the extent additional NEPA analysis is required, environmental review will be conducted to supplement the analysis set forth in this PEA.

The Draft PEA is available for review online at the program website: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/localmcap>.

Comments Invited

Interested stakeholders are invited to submit comments on the Draft PEA, as specified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice. The most helpful comments reference a specific recommendation for changing AMS’ proposed approach to assessing environmental impacts, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting information. AMS will consider all comments received on or before the closing date.

Melissa Bailey,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,