

Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is:

1. To update members on past RAC projects, and

2. Propose new RAC projects.

The meeting is open to the public.

The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by July 10, 2015, to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments must be sent to Diane L. Olson, RAC Coordinator, Ketchikan Misty Fiords Ranger District, 3031 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901; by email to dianelolson@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 907-225-8738. Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices or other reasonable accommodation for access to the facility or proceedings by contacting the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: June 25, 2015.

Jeffrey DeFreest,
District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Notice of Intent To Request an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations which implement the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) intention to request approval to extend the currently approved information

collection in support of authorizations to use the 4-H Club Name and/or Emblem.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by September 4, 2015 to be assured of consideration.

Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning this notice and requests for copies of the information collection may be submitted by any of the following methods: Email: rmartin@nifa.usda.gov; Fax: 202-720-0857; Mail: Office of Information Technology (OIT), NIFA, USDA, STOP 2216, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2216

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Martin, eGovernment Program Leader; Email: rmartin@nifa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Application for Authorization to Use the 4-H Club Name and/or Emblem.

OMB Number: 0524-0034.

Expiration Date of Current Approval: January 31, 2016.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval for the extension of a currently approved information collection for three years.

Abstract: Use of the 4-H Club Name and/or Emblem is authorized by an Act of Congress (18 U.S.C. 707). Use of the 4-H Club Name and/or Emblem by anyone other than 4-H Clubs and those duly authorized by them, representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture, the land grant colleges and universities, and persons authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture is prohibited by the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 707. The Secretary of Agriculture has delegated authority to the Administrator of NIFA to authorize others to use the 4-H Club Name and Emblem. The Administrator has promulgated regulations at 7 CFR part 8 that govern such use. The regulatory requirements for use of the 4-H Club Name and/or Emblem reflect the high standards of 4-H and its educational goals and objectives.

Pursuant to provisions of 7 CFR part 8 anyone requesting authorization from the Administrator to use the 4-H Club Name and Emblem is asked to describe the proposed use in a formal application. The collection of this information is used to determine whether the applicant's proposed use will meet the regulatory requirements in 7 CFR part 8 and whether an authorization for use should be granted.

Need and Use of the Information: NIFA will collect information on the name of the individual, partnership,

corporation, or association; the organizational address; the name of an authorized representative; the telephone number, fax number, and email address; the proposed use of the 4-H Club Name and/or Emblem; and the plan for sale or distribution of the product bearing the 4-H Club Name and/or Emblem. The information collected by NIFA will be used to determine if those applying to use the 4-H Name and/or Emblem meet the regulatory requirements. If the information is not collected, it would not be possible to ensure that the products, services, and materials meet the regulatory requirements as well as 4-H educational goals and objectives.

Estimate of Burden: No changes have been proposed to this collection and the public reporting burden remains at the estimated average of 0.5 hours per response for 75 respondents.

Respondents: Individuals, households, business or other for-profit or not-for-profit institutions.

Comments: 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; (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. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request to OMB for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Done in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of June, 2015.

Ann Bartuska,
Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Notice of Intent To Revise and Extend a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations that implement the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) intention to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the revision and extension of a currently approved information collection for the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP).

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by September 4, 2015, to be assured of consideration.

Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning this notice and requests for copies of the information collection may be submitted by any of the following methods: Email: rmartin@nifa.usda.gov; Fax: 202-720-0857; Mail: Office of Information Technology (OIT), NIFA, USDA, STOP 2216, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2216.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Martin, eGovernment Program Leader; Email: rmartin@nifa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program.

OMB Number: 0524-0044.

Expiration Date of Current Approval: January 31, 2016.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval for the revision and extension of a currently approved information collection for three years.

Abstract: NIFA's Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) is a unique program that began in 1969 and is designed to reach limited resource audiences, especially youth and families with young children. EFNEP is authorized under section 1425 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3175) and funded under section 3(d) of the Smith-Lever Act (7 U.S.C. 343(d)). Extension professionals train and supervise paraprofessionals and volunteers who teach food and nutrition information and skills to limited resource families and youth. EFNEP operates through the 1862 and 1890 Land Grant Universities (LGU) in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and in American Samoa, Guam, Micronesia, Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

The objectives of EFNEP are to assist limited resource families and youth in acquiring the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and changed behaviors necessary for nutritionally sound diets, and to contribute to their personal

development and the improvement of the total family diet and nutritional well-being.

NIFA sponsors an integrated data collection process that is used at the county, State, and Federal level. The current data collection system, the Web-based Nutrition Education Evaluation and Reporting System (WebNEERS), captures EFNEP impacts. Its purpose is to gauge if the Federal assistance provided has had an impact on the target audience. It also enables EFNEP staff to make programmatic improvements in delivering nutrition education. Further, the data collected provide information for program management decisions and diagnostic assessments of participant needs. In order to capture all of EFNEP's reporting requirements in one place, EFNEP program plans and budgetary data are now submitted, reviewed, and approved through WebNEERS. These EFNEP specific reporting requirements are tied to release of Federal EFNEP funds.

Specifications for this system were developed by a committee of representatives from across the United States and are in compliance with Federal standards for maintaining, collecting, and presenting data on race and ethnicity and protecting personally identifiable information.

WebNEERS stores information on: (1) Adult program participants, their family structure, and dietary practices; (2) youth group participants; (3) staff; (4) annual budgets; and (5) annual program plans. WebNEERS is one web-based system which operates on three levels: The Region level (County), Institution level (university), and the Federal level. Data are entered at the regional level. They are available in aggregated form at the Institution level in real time. University staff generates State-level reports for State-level stakeholders and to guide program management decisions (State also refers to the District of Columbia and the insular areas; in States that have both 1862 and 1890 LGUs, it refers to the individual universities). Data are not available to the Federal level until the university staff submits them. This process allows for State and National assessments of the program's impact. The National data are used to create National reports which are made available to the public.

There are revisions to the currently approved collection. WebNEERS is an update to the currently approved NEERS5 system. WebNEERS is a secure online system designed, hosted, and maintained by Clemson University. WebNEERS is accessed through the Internet via Internet Explorer, Firefox, Google Chrome, and Safari web

browsers. It can also be accessed through mobile devices and tablets. It incorporates local, university, and Federal components from the NEERS5 system as well as new elements such as the EFNEP 5-Year Plan/Annual Update (program plan), the EFNEP budget and budget justification, and the social ecological framework of the Community Nutrition Education (CNE) logic model. Only approved users can access WebNEERS and each user can only access data based on his/her defined permissions. The updated system also has the capability to export raw data for external analysis. Data exported from WebNEERS do not include personally identifiable information. Several stakeholder groups provided input on the updated system to ensure that EFNEP continues to collect only those data which it needs for evaluation and reporting. These groups also gave feedback to improve user interfaces and to improve functionality and capabilities of the system.

The evaluation processes of EFNEP remain consistent with the requirements of Congressional legislation and OMB. The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-62), the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-352), the Federal Agriculture Improvement Reform (FAIR) Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-127), and the Agricultural Research, Extension and Education Reform Act (AREERA) of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-185), together with OMB requirements, support the reporting requirements requested in this information collection. Section 804 of the FAIR act requires the development and implementation of a system to monitor and evaluate agricultural research and extension activities in order to measure the impact and effectiveness of research, extension, and education programs. AREERA requires a performance evaluation to be conducted to determine whether Federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education programs result in public goods that have national or multistate significance.

Estimate of Burden: The total annual estimated burden for WebNEERS is 86,826 hours for this data collection process—for participant education and data entry, aggregation, and reporting; and for preparation, review, and submission of EFNEP program plans and budgetary information. The burden for respondents was estimated through feedback from a survey sent by Clemson University to nine EFNEP Coordinators and their data managers. Seven surveys were returned. The estimate was 1,158 hours per response and annually there are 75 total responses. Burden estimates

are seven percent lower than they were for NEERS5 even with the inclusion of the new reporting elements (EFNEP program plans and budgets). This indicates that even though additional reporting requirements were included in the updated system, the overall burden to the users was reduced.

Comments: 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; (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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 23rd day of June, 2015.

Ann Bartuska,

Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Solicitation of Applications for the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the solicitation of applications for funds available under the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program (the Program), formerly the Biorefinery Assistance Program, to provide guaranteed loans to fund the development, construction, and Retrofitting of Commercial Scale biorefineries using Eligible Technology and of Biobased Product Manufacturing facilities that use Technologically New Commercial Scale processing and manufacturing equipment to convert Renewable Chemicals and other biobased outputs of biorefineries into end-user products, on a Commercial Scale.

DATES: With this Notice, the Agency is announcing two separate application

cycles, which are established in accordance with 7 CFR 4279.260(b), with application deadlines of October 1, 2015, and April 1, 2016.

The first application cycle begins with publication of this Notice and extends no later than 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, October 1, 2015. The second application cycle begins at the close of the first application cycle and extends no later than 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, April 1, 2016. Applications received after the close of the second application cycle will be considered in the subsequent application cycle. All applications received prior to October 1, 2015, will be evaluated under 7 CFR part 4279, subpart B, published in the **Federal Register** on June 24, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Applications and forms may be obtained from:

- USDA, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Energy Division, Attention: Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 3225, Washington, DC 20250-3225.

- Agency Web site: <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eForms>. Follow instructions for obtaining the application and forms. Application materials can also be obtained from the Agency's Web site. <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/biorefinery-assistance-program>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd Hubbell, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Energy Division, Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mail Stop 3225, Washington, DC 20250-3225. Telephone: 202-690-2516. Email: Todd.Hubbell@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the information collection requirements associated with the Program, as covered in this Notice, have been submitted to the Office of Management Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0570-0065, for OMB approval.

Overview

Federal Agency Name: Rural Business-Cooperative Service (an Agency of USDA in the Rural Development mission area).

Solicitation Opportunity Title: Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program.

Announcement Type: Notice of Solicitation of Applications.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: The CFDA number for this Notice is 10.865.

Dates: To receive Program funds for the first application cycle, applications must be received in the USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Energy Division no later than 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on October 1, 2015, to compete for program funds. To receive Program funds for the second application cycle, applications must be received in the USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Energy Division no later than 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on April 1, 2016. Any application received after 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on April 1, 2016, will be considered for the subsequent application cycle for the Program.

Availability of Notice and Rule: This Notice and the interim rule for the Program are available on the USDA Rural Development Web site at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/biorefinery-assistance-program> and at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/newsroom>.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Purpose of the Program. The purpose of the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Program is to assist in the development of new and emerging technologies for the development of Advanced Biofuels, Renewable Chemicals, and Biobased Product Manufacturing. This is achieved through guarantees for loans made to fund the development, construction, and Retrofitting of Commercial Scale biorefineries using Eligible Technology and of Biobased Product Manufacturing facilities that use Technologically New Commercial Scale processing and manufacturing equipment and required facilities to convert Renewable Chemicals and other biobased outputs of biorefineries into end-user products on a Commercial Scale.

B. Statutory Authority. This Program is authorized under 7 U.S.C. 8103. Regulations are contained in 7 CFR part 4279, subpart C and in 7 CFR part 4287, subpart D.

C. Definition of Terms. The definitions applicable to this Notice are published at 7 CFR 4279.202 and 7 CFR 4287.302.

D. Application Awards. The Agency will review, evaluate, score, and award applications received in response to this Notice based on the provisions found in 7 CFR part 4279, subpart C and as indicated in this Notice.

II. Award Information

A. Available Funds. This Notice is a solicitation for applications that will be