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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Notice of Meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the public meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at the National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW., 13th Floor, Washington, DC 20045, or online at <http://www.aplu.org/projects-and-initiatives/international-programs/bifad/bifad-meetings.html>.

This public meeting, *Global Food Security Research Strategy: From Upstream Research to Development Impact*, will be co-hosted with the Feed the Future Innovation Labs. The purpose of the meeting will be to launch the new Global Food Security Research Strategy and to highlight the contributions, collaborations, and synergies among the U.S. Government interagency, universities, international agricultural research centers, and private sector on food security research for development. The meeting will include panels on Cutting Edge Science for Development, Practical Applications of Research Results, Applying Research to Emerging Threats, Opportunities for More Intentional USG Intentional Interagency Alignment and Complementarity, and Opportunities for Leveraging Private Sector Innovation. A public comment period is scheduled from 4:00 to 4:30 EDT.

Those wishing to participate in the meeting in person should arrive early as seating is limited. More information, including a detailed agenda, can be found on the BIFAD landing page at <http://www.aplu.org/projects-and-initiatives/international-programs/bifad/bifad-meetings.html>.

To obtain additional information about this public meeting or BIFAD, interested parties should contact Clara Cohen, Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD in the Bureau for Food Security at USAID. Interested persons may write to her in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Bureau for Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20523-2110 or telephone her at (202) 712-0119.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 17, 2017.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by September 21, 2017 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725-17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: [OIRA\\_Submission@](mailto:OIRA_Submission@)

[OMB.EOP.GOV](mailto:OMB.EOP.GOV) or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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.

### Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

*Title:* USDA Race, Ethnicity and Gender Data Collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 0503-0019.

*Summary of Collection:* Section 14006 and 14007 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 8701 (referred to as the 2008 Farm Bill) establishes a requirement for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to annually compile application and participation rate data regarding socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers by computing for each program of the USDA that serves agriculture producers and landowners (a) raw numbers of applicants and participants by race, ethnicity, and gender, subject to appropriate privacy protection, as determined by the Secretary; and (b) the application and participation rate, by race, ethnicity and gender as a percentage of the total participation rate of all agricultural producers and landowners for each county and State in the United States.

*Need and Use of the Information:* Data will be collected on a voluntary basis through a questionnaire to determine the race, ethnicity and gender of farmers and ranchers who apply for and who participate in USDA programs and services. The data will enable the Secretary and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights and the agencies' outreach offices in reaching current and prospective socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers in a linguistically appropriate manner to focus resources in a particular county or region where low participation is indicated by the data to improve the participation of those farmers and ranchers in USDA programs. The data is