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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

December 7, 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 January 12, 2018 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. Comments are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@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.

Rural Housing Service

Title: Fire and Rescue Loans—7 CFR 1942, Subpart C, “Fire and Rescue Loans and Other Small Community Facilities Projects”

OMB Control Number: 0575–0120.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public agencies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes for the development of essential community facilities primarily servicing rural residents. The primary regulation for administering this Community Facility program is 7 CFR 1942–A. The Community Facilities program has been used to finance about 100 different types of facilities varying in size and complexity from fire trucks to hospitals. A significant portion of the loans made have been used for public safety to finance fire stations, fire trucks, ambulances, and rescue facilities and other small Community Facilities projects. The information must be collected to determine eligibility, analyze financial feasibility, take security, monitor the use of loan funds, and monitor the financial condition of borrowers, and otherwise assisting borrowers.

Need and Use of the Information: The Rural Development requires that an application form SF–424 be completed by applicant/borrowers with each application package in addition to other necessary information. This form gives basic information regarding the applicant, including the type of loan/grant assistance they are seeking. This information will be used to determine applicant/borrower eligibility, project feasibility, and ensure borrowers operate on a sound basis and use loan funds for authorized purposes.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 15,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 26,169.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1902–A, Supervised Bank Accounts

OMB Control Number: 0575–0158.

Summary of Collection: 7 CFR 1902–A, Supervised Bank Accounts (SBA), prescribes the policies and procedures for disbursing loan and grant funds, establishing and closing supervised accounts, and placing Multi-Family housing reserve accounts in supervised accounts. The Rural Business Service extends financial assistance to applicants that do not qualify for loans under commercial rates and terms. The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is the credit agency for agriculture and rural development in USDA. Supervised accounts are accounts with a financial institution in the names of a borrower and the United States Government, represented by Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Utilities Service, (Agency). Section 339 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S.C. 1989 and Section 510 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 1480) is the legislative authorities requiring the use of supervised accounts.

Need and Use of the Information: The agency’s state and field offices will collect information from borrowers and financial institutions. The Agency use SBA’s as a mechanism to (1) ensure correct disbursement and expenditure of all funds designated for a project; (2) help a borrower properly manage its financial affairs; (3) ensure that the Government’s security is protected adequately from fraud, waste and abuse. The consequence to Federal program and policy activities if the collection of information was not conducted would be detrimental to both the Government and to borrowers.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 15,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 26,169.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR part 3565, “Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program” and Its Supporting Handbook

OMB Control Number: 0575–0174.

Summary of Collection: On March 28, 1996, the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996 was signed. One
Rural Housing Service
Quarterly; Monthly; Annually.

Institutions.
or other for-profit; Not-for-profit
loans.

monitor lenders and assess program
adverse impact on the agency ability to
collect information could have an
government are protected. Failure to
determination that the interests of the
lender's request and make
use the information to evaluate a
servicing of GRRHP loans and the
provide lenders and agency staff with
GRRHP regulation and handbook will
demonstrate programs that use loan
account for Government resources and
lenders to manage, plan, evaluate, and
approve qualified lenders to participate
RHS will collect information from
lenders on the eligibility cost, benefits,
feasibility, and financial performance of the
proposed project.

Need and Use of the Information:
RHS will collect information from
lenders to manage, plan, evaluate,
and account for Government resources and
from time to time, propose
demonstration programs that use loan
guarantees or interest credit. The
GRRHP regulation and handbook will
provide lenders and agency staff with
guidance on the origination, and
servicing of GRRHP loans and the
approval of qualified lenders. RHS will
use the information to evaluate a
lender’s request and make
determination that the interests of the
government are protected. Failure to
collect information could have an
adverse impact on the agency ability to
monitor lenders and assess program
effectiveness and effectively guarantee
loans.

Description of Respondents: Business
or other for-profit; Not-for-profit
Institutions.
Number of Respondents: 150.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting:
Quarterly; Monthly; Annually.
Total Burden Hours: 2,059.

Rural Housing Service
Title: RD 1951–65, “Customer
Initiated Payments”, RD 1951–66,
“FedWire Worksheet”, and 3550–28,
“Authorization Agreement for
Preauthorized Payments”.
OMB Control Number: 0575–0184.
Summary of Collection: Rural
Development (RD) uses electronic
methods for receiving and processing
loan payments and collections. These
electronic collection methods are
approved by Treasury and include
Preauthorized Debits (PAD), Customer
Initiated Payments (CIP), and FedWire.
These electronic collection methods provide
the borrower the ability to submit their loan payments the day
prior to, or the day of their installment
due date. To administer these electronic
payment methods, RD will use
approved agency forms for collecting
financial institution routing
information. Form RD 3550–28,
Authorization Agreement for
Preauthorized Payments, is prepared by
the borrower to authorized RD to
electronically collect regular loan
payments from a borrower’s account at
a financial institution (FI) as
preauthorized debits. Form RD 1951–65,
is prepared by the borrower to enroll in
CIP. CIP is an electronic collection
method that enables borrowers to input
payment data to a contract bank via
telephone (touch tone and voice) or
computer terminal. Form RD 1951–66,
FedWire Worksheet, is completed by the
borrower to establish an electronic
FedWire format with their FI.

Need and Use of the Information: RD
will request that borrowers make
payments electronically via PAD, CIP,
or FedWire. The information is
collected only once unless the FI
routing information changes. If the
information were not collected, RD
would be unable to collect loan
payments electronically.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-
profit institutions: Business or other for-
profit; State, Local or Tribal
Government.
Number of Respondents: 8,260.
Frequency of Responses: Reporting:
On occasion.
Total Burden Hours: 4,242.

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Clearance Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Animal and Plant Health Inspection
Service
[Docket No. APHIS–2017–0083]

General Conference Committee of the
National Poultry Improvement Plan;
Solicitation for Membership

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health
Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for
membership.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice that the
Secretary of Agriculture is soliciting
nominations for the election of a
member-at-large and regional members
and their alternates for the General
Conference Committee of the National
Poultry Improvement Plan.

DATES: Consideration will be given to
nominations received on or before May
1, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Completed nomination
forms should be sent to the person listed
under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CONTACT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CONTACT:

The General Conference Committee
(the Committee) of the National Poultry
Improvement Plan (NPIP) is the
Secretary’s Advisory Committee on
poultry health. The Committee serves as
a forum for the study of problems
relating to poultry health and, as
necessary, makes specific
recommendations to the Secretary
concerning ways the U.S. Department of
Agriculture may assist the industry in
addressing these problems. The
Committee assists the Department in
planning, organizing, and conducting the
Biennial Conference of the NPIP.
The Committee recommends whether
new proposals should be considered by
the delegates to the Biennial Conference
and serves as a direct liaison between the
NPIP and the United States Animal
Health Association.

The Committee consists of an elected
member-at-large who is an NPIP
participant and an elected member (and
alternate) from each of the six U.S.
regions represented on the Committee.
Terms will expire for three current
regional members of the Committee, as
well as the member-at-large, in June
2018. We are soliciting nominations
from interested organizations and
individuals to replace the member-at-
large and members from the North
Atlantic (Connecticut, Maine,
Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New
Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode
Island, and Vermont), East North
Central (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan,
Ohio, and Wisconsin), and Western
(Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado,
Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New
Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and
Wyoming) regions.

Member selection is determined by a
majority vote of the NPIP delegates from
the respective regions. The
member-at-large will be elected by a majority
vote of all official delegates. There must be
at least two nominees for each position.
Persons interested in serving on the
Committee or nominating another
individual to serve must complete Form
AD–755, which is available on the
internet at https://www.ocio.usda.gov/
document/ad-755 or may be obtained by
contacting the person listed under FOR
FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.