

Farm Service Agency

Title: Long Term Contracting.

OMB Control Number: 0560-NEW.

Summary of Collection: The Long Term Contracting System (LTCS) is a web-based application that streamlines the bid entry and evaluation functions for Long-term, Indefinite-Delivery, Indefinite-Quality contracts. The Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) will generally issue invitations for bids to purchase commodities for domestic feeding program on an annual, semi-annual, monthly, or quarterly basis; however, invitations may be issued more frequently depending on various program requirements. Bid offers will be received, evaluated, and awarded within the LTCS.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected will be processed through the LTCS bid evaluation program to determine optimal awards. KCCO will analyze the results of the bid evaluation and award contracts to the eligible, responsible and responsive bidders whose offers are most advantageous to USDA in terms of the lowest overall cost. The information is required to procure agricultural commodities for domestic feeding programs. Without the information, KCCO could not meet program requirements.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; reporting: quarterly; semi-annually; annually; monthly; on occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 80.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Farm Service Agency****Request for an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection "County Committee Elections"**

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and entities on the

extension of a currently approved information collection used in support of the FSA County Committee Elections. The collection of information from FSA Farmers and Ranchers is used to receive nominations from eligible voters for the County Committee.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before May 16, 2005 to be assured consideration.

Additional Information: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to: Kenneth Nagel, Agricultural Program Specialist, Office of the Deputy Administrator for Field Operations, Farm Service Agency, USDA, STOP 0542, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0542, Washington, DC 20250; telephone (202) 720-7890. Copies of the information collection may be obtained by contacting Kenneth Nagel.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: County Committee Election.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0229.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2005.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The information collected under OMB Control Number is 0560-0229 is necessary to effectively allow farmer and ranchers to nominate potential candidates for the county committee election in accordance with the requirements at 7 CFR part 7. Specifically, the Agency uses the information annually or if needed through-out the year for special elections to create ballots for county committee elections.

Estimate of Respondent Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response.

Respondents: Any individual with farming interest in the Local Administrative Area (LAA). (eligible voters)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,100,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 350.

Topics for comment include but are not limited to the following: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the 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 should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503, and to Kenneth Nagel, Agricultural Program Specialist, Office of Deputy Administrator for Field Operations, Farm Service Agency, USDA, STOP 0542, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250; telephone (202) 720-7890. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Kenneth Nagel at the above address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC on March 8, 2005.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Food and Nutrition Service****Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): Income Eligibility Guidelines**

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department announces adjusted income eligibility guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of persons applying to participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC). These income eligibility guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the WIC Regulations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 1, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debra Whitford, Branch Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division, FNS, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, (703) 305-2746.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Executive Order 12866**

This notice is exempt from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of this Act.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Executive Order 12372

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under No. 10.557 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, 48 FR 29112 June 24, 1983, and 49 FR 22676, May 31, 1984).

Description

Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786 (d)(2)(A)) requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish income criteria to be used with nutritional risk criteria in determining a person's eligibility for participation in the WIC Program. The law provides that persons will be income eligible for the WIC Program only if they are members of families that satisfy the income standard prescribed

for reduced-price school meals under section 9(b) of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)). Under section 9(b), the income limit for reduced-price school meals is 185 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines, as adjusted.

Section 9(b) also requires that these guidelines be revised annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. The annual revision for 2005 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at 70 FR 8373, February 18, 2005. The guidelines published by HHS are referred to as the poverty guidelines.

Section 246.7(d)(1) of the WIC regulations (Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations) specifies that State agencies may prescribe income guidelines either equaling the income guidelines established under section 9 of the National School Lunch Act for reduced-price school meals or identical to State or local guidelines for free or reduced-price health care. However, in conforming WIC income guidelines to State or local health care guidelines, the State cannot establish WIC guidelines which exceed the guidelines for reduced-price school meals, or which are less than 100 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines. Consistent with the method used to compute income eligibility guidelines for reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program, the poverty guidelines were

multiplied by 1.85 and the results rounded upward to the next whole dollar.

At this time the Department is publishing the maximum and minimum WIC income eligibility guidelines by household size for the period July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. Consistent with section 17(f)(17) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(f)(17)), a State agency may implement the revised WIC income eligibility guidelines concurrently with the implementation of income eligibility guidelines under the Medicaid program established under Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396, *et seq.*). State agencies may coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines, but in no case may implementation take place later than July 1, 2005. State agencies that do not coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines must implement the WIC income eligibility guidelines on July 1, 2005. The first table of this notice contains the income limits by household size for the 48 contiguous States, the District of Columbia and all Territories, including Guam. Because the poverty guidelines for Alaska and Hawaii are higher than for the 48 contiguous States, separate tables for Alaska and Hawaii have been included for the convenience of the State agencies.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
 (Effective from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006)

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines- 100%				Reduced Price Meals - 185%					
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories										
1.....	\$9,570	\$798	\$399	\$369	\$185	\$17,705	\$1,476	\$738	\$681	\$341
2.....	12,830	1,070	535	494	247	23,736	1,978	989	913	457
3.....	16,090	1,341	671	619	310	29,767	2,481	1,241	1,145	573
4.....	19,350	1,613	807	745	373	35,798	2,984	1,492	1,377	689
5.....	22,610	1,885	943	870	435	41,829	3,486	1,743	1,609	805
6.....	25,870	2,156	1,078	995	498	47,860	3,989	1,995	1,841	921
7.....	29,130	2,428	1,214	1,121	561	53,891	4,491	2,246	2,073	1,037
8.....	32,390	2,700	1,350	1,246	623	59,922	4,994	2,497	2,305	1,153
Each Add'l Member Add	+ \$3,260	+ \$272	+ \$136	+ \$126	+ \$63	+ \$6,031	+ \$503	+ \$252	+ \$232	+ \$116
Alaska										
1.....	\$11,950	\$996	\$498	\$460	\$230	\$22,108	\$1,843	\$922	\$851	\$426
2.....	16,030	1,336	668	617	309	29,656	2,472	1,236	1,141	571
3.....	20,110	1,676	838	774	387	37,204	3,101	1,551	1,431	716
4.....	24,190	2,016	1,008	931	466	44,752	3,730	1,865	1,722	861
5.....	28,270	2,356	1,178	1,088	544	52,300	4,359	2,180	2,012	1,006
6.....	32,350	2,696	1,348	1,245	623	59,848	4,988	2,494	2,302	1,151
7.....	36,430	3,036	1,518	1,402	701	67,396	5,617	2,809	2,593	1,297
8.....	40,510	3,376	1,688	1,559	780	74,944	6,246	3,123	2,883	1,442
Each Add'l Member Add	+ \$4,080	+ \$340	+ \$170	+ \$157	+ \$79	+ \$7,548	+ \$629	+ \$315	+ \$291	+ \$146
Hawaii										
1.....	\$11,010	\$918	\$459	\$424	\$212	\$20,369	\$1,698	\$849	\$784	\$392
2.....	14,760	1,230	615	568	284	27,306	2,276	1,138	1,051	526
3.....	18,510	1,543	772	712	356	34,244	2,854	1,427	1,318	659
4.....	22,260	1,855	928	857	429	41,181	3,432	1,716	1,584	792
5.....	26,010	2,168	1,084	1,001	501	48,119	4,010	2,005	1,851	926
6.....	29,760	2,480	1,240	1,145	573	55,056	4,588	2,294	2,118	1,059
7.....	33,510	2,793	1,397	1,289	645	61,994	5,167	2,584	2,385	1,193
8.....	37,260	3,105	1,553	1,434	717	68,931	5,745	2,873	2,652	1,326
Each Add'l Member Add	+ \$3,750	+ \$313	+ \$157	+ \$145	+ \$73	+ \$6,938	+ \$579	+ \$290	+ \$267	+ \$134

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 1786.

Dated: March 8, 2005.

Roberto Salazar,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comments; Forest Products Removal Permits and Contracts

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension of an information collection associated with forest product removal permits and contracts. The collected information will help the Forest Service administer the use of forest products. Information will be collected from permittees for free use of forest products and from permittees and purchasers for purchase of forest products.

The collected information is necessary to ensure that: applicants meet the requirements of the forest products program; permittees obtaining free use of forest products qualify for the free-use program; applicants purchasing permits non-competitively to harvest forest products do not exceed the authorized limit in a fiscal year; and, permittees can be identified in the field by Forest Service compliance personnel.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before May 16, 2005 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Director, Forest Management, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Mail Stop 1103, Washington, DC 20250-0003.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (202) 205-1045 or by e-mail to: forest_products_forms@fs.fed.us. In addition, comments may be submitted via the World Wide Web/Internet Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The Forest Products Permits and Contract are available for public review on the Forest Service World Wide Web/Internet site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/>

[forestmanagement/infocenter/index.shtml](#). Alternatively, these can be viewed in the Office of the Director, Forest Management, Third Floor, Southwest Wing, Yates Building, 201 14th Street, SW., Washington, DC. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead on (202) 205-1496 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Benner, Forest Management Staff, at (202) 205-0855, or Richard Fitzgerald, Forest Management Staff, at (202) 205-1753. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Forest Product Removal Permits and Contracts.

OMB Number: 0596-0085.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2005.

Type of Request: Extension with minor revision.

Abstract: Under 16 U.S.C. 551, individuals and other Federal agencies planning to remove forest products from the National Forests must obtain a permit. To obtain a permit, applicants must meet the criteria at 36 CFR 223.1, 223.2, and 223.5 through 223.13 under which free use or sale of timber or forest products is authorized. Upon receiving a permit, the permittee must comply with the terms of the permit at 36 CFR 261.6 that designate the forest products that can be harvested and under what conditions, such as limiting harvest to a designated area or permitting harvest of only specifically designated material.

When applying for forest products removal permits, applicants, depending on what timber or forest products they intend to remove, must answer questions on one of the following permits:

- Contract FS-2400-4, Forest Products Contract and Cash Receipt, is used to sell timber products, such as sawtimber, or forest products, such as fuelwood.
- Permit FS-2400-8, Forest Products Free Use Permit, is used to allow free use of timber or forest products (36 CFR 223.5 through 223.13).
- Permit FS-2400-1, Forest Products Removal Permit and Cash Receipt, is used to sell timber or forest products such as fuelwood, Christmas trees or pine cones (36 CFR 223.1 and 223.2).

Each permit and contract implements different regulations and has different provisions for compliance, but each permit and contract collect similar information from the applicant for related purposes.

The Forest Service will use the information collected: To ensure that permittees obtaining free use of timber or forest products qualify for the free-use program and do not receive product value in excess of the \$20 amount that District Rangers or \$100 amount that Forest Supervisors are authorized to approve in a fiscal year (36 CFR 223.8); to ensure that applicants purchasing permits non-competitively to harvest timber or forest products do not exceed the authorized \$10,000 limit in a fiscal year (16 U.S.C. 472(a)); and, to ensure that permittees can be identified in the field by Forest Service compliance personnel.

An applicant is not restricted to one permit or contract. An applicant may apply for as many forest products permits or contracts as necessary to meet their needs. For example, an applicant may obtain free use of a timber product, such as pine cones, using Permit 2400-8, Forest Products Free Use Permit, and still purchase fuelwood using Contract 2400-4, Forest Products Contract and Cash Receipt.

Individuals and persons representing small businesses usually request each permit and contract in person at the Forest Service office issuing the permit. Forest Service personnel ask applicants to respond to questions that include their name, address, and identification number. The identification number can be a tax identification number, social security number, drivers license number, or other unique number identifying the applicant. Forest Service personnel enter the information into a computerized database for easier retrieval upon subsequent requests for a forest products permit or contract by the same individual. The information is also printed onto a paper copy of a permit or contract. The applicant signs and dates the paper permit or contract. Forest Service personnel discuss the terms and conditions of the permit or contract with the applicant. Permittees may be required to maintain a forest product removal record on the permit.

Data gathered in this information collection are not available from other sources. The agency uses the collected data to ensure that applicants for free use meet the criteria for free use of timber or forest products authorized by regulations at 36 CFR 223.5 through 223.13, that applicants seeking to purchase and remove timber or forest products from National Forest System lands meet the criteria under which sale of timber or forest products is authorized by the regulations at 36 CFR 223.80, and to ensure that permittees comply with regulations and terms of the permit at 36 CFR 261.6.