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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 18, 2005.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Feasibility of Computer Matching in the National School Lunch Program.

OMB Control Number: 0584-NEW.

Summary of Collection: Section 105(a) of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, requires USDA to conduct a study on the feasibility of using computer technology to reduce errors, waste, fraud, and abuse in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). The data collected will provide information on how States are currently using or planning to use computer matching for certification and verification of children in food stamp and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) households to receive free meals under the NSLP and the School Breakfast Program (SBP). The data collected will also help the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) assess the feasibility of expanding the use of computer matching in the NSLP to certify and verify the income-eligibility of other children for free or reduced-price meals, including children enrolled in Medicaid and other means-tested medical assistance programs. Computer matching can reduce burden on households and School Food Authorities (SFAs'), reduce error and fraud, and increase certification among eligible children.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect information using surveys and in-depth telephone interviews with State Child Nutrition agencies, Medicaid agencies, and State and local administrators in six States. FNS will collect the following in order to assess the feasibility of computer matching for NSLP certification and verification: (1) Information about current computer matching activities by State CN agencies and about barriers to computer matching by those agencies; (2) information about the prevalence of statewide student information systems and the feasibility of using those systems for NSLP computer matching; and (3) information about the prevalence of statewide information systems containing eligibility information for Medicaid programs and SCHIP, and the appropriateness of those systems for NSLP computer matching.

Description of Respondents: State, local, or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 225.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (one-time).

Total Burden Hours: 144.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Importation of Poultry Meat and Other Poultry Products from Sinaloa and Sonora, Mexico.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0144.

Summary of Collection: Veterinary Services, a division within USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), is responsible for administering regulations intended to prevent the introduction of animal diseases, such as exotic Newcastle disease into the United States. APHIS currently has regulations in place that restrict the importation of poultry meat and other poultry products from Mexico due to the presence of exotic Newcastle disease in the country. However, APHIS does allow the importation of poultry meat and poultry products from the Mexican States of Sinaloa and Sonora because APHIS has determined that poultry meat and products from these two Mexican States pose a negligible risk of introducing exotic Newcastle disease into the United States. To ensure that these items are safe for importation, APHIS requires that certain data appear on the foreign meat inspection certificate that accompanies the poultry meat and other poultry products from Sinaloa and Sonora to the United States. APHIS also requires that serial numbered seals be applied to containers carrying the poultry meat and other poultry products.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information to certify that the poultry meat or other poultry products were (1) derived from poultry born and raised in commercial breeding establishments in Sinaloa and Sonora; (2) derived from poultry that were slaughtered in Sinaloa or Sonora in a Federally-inspected slaughter plant approved to export these commodities to the United States in accordance with Food Safety & Inspection regulations; (3) processed at a Federally inspected processing plant in Sinaloa or Sonora; and (4) kept out of contact with poultry from any other State within Mexico. APHIS will also collect information to ensure that the poultry meat or poultry products from Sinaloa and Sonora pose the most negligible risk possible for introducing exotic Newcastle disease into the United States.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions;

Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government

Number of Respondents: 10.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 40.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Solicitation for Membership to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Solicitation for membership.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the United States Department of Agriculture announces solicitation for nominations of individuals to fill 10 vacancies on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board (the Board). A nomination letter should be submitted to USDA and indicate the specific membership category or categories that the nominee is qualified to represent. Each nominee must fill out an AD-755 Form, called "Advisory Committee Membership Background Information." This form may be obtained from the contact person below or may be printed out from the following Web site: <http://www.nareeeab.com> by selecting "Nominations" and then clicking on "Form AD-755." All nominees will be vetted before consideration for appointment by the Secretary of Agriculture.

DATES: The deadline for submitting Advisory Board member nominations and the completed nominee Form AD-755 is July 29, 2005. Mail must be received or postmarked by this date to be considered.

ADDRESSES: A nomination letter and the completed AD-755 Form should be faxed and/or express mailed to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 344-A, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Washington, DC 20250-2255. Standard mail will also be accepted but may be delayed significantly, because of security procedures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 344-A, Whitten Building, Washington, DC 20250-2255, telephone: 202-720-3684; fax: 202-720-6199; e-mail: dhanfman@csrees.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board (the Board) was established by the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-127, commonly called the 1996 Farm Bill) to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture and land-grant colleges and universities on national priorities and policies related to agricultural research, education, extension, and economics. An amendment in the 2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act (Pub. L. 107-171) states that the Board shall also provide consultation to: "the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate, the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate." Also, this amendment added one new member category to the Board—" (R) 1 member representing a non-land grant college or university with a historic commitment to research in the food and agricultural sciences." This addition brings the total representation on the Advisory Board to 31 members. Each Board member is selected based on his/her leadership, affiliation, knowledge and expertise that represents a "specific stakeholder category" on the Advisory Board, as delineated in the 1996 Farm Bill. Since the Advisory Board's inception in 1996, members were appointed to serve staggered terms, so that every year, the terms for approximately one-third of the members expire. This notice is to solicit individuals who are qualified to represent at least one of the ten stakeholder categories listed below:

Category B. Farm Cooperatives
 Category D. Plant Commodity Producer
 Category G. National Aquaculture Association
 Category J. National Food Science Organization