

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Agricultural Research Service****National Agricultural Library; Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Collect Information**

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, National Agricultural Library, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the National Agricultural Library's (NAL) intent to request renewal for an information collection from the Technical Services Division to obtain suggestions for additions/changes to the NAL Agricultural Thesaurus.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 28, 2006 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Lori Finch, Thesaurus Coordinator, 10301 Baltimore Ave., Room 011; Beltsville, MD 20705; Phone: 301–504–6853; Fax: 301–504–5213. Submit electronic comments to lfinch@nal.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Suggestions for Changes to NAL Agricultural Thesaurus Form.

OMB Number: 0518–0035.

Expiration Date: 10/31/2006.

Type of Request: Approval for renewal of data collection.

Abstract: The collection of suggestions for changes to the NAL Agricultural Thesaurus will provide Web site users with the opportunity to suggest the addition of new terminology of interest to them. The Thesaurus Staff will review the suggestion via a Proposal Review Board and provide feedback to the user. This form will provide the NAL Thesaurus Staff with valuable suggestions to improve the content and organization of the NAL Agricultural Thesaurus. It is hoped that an online form that is readily available to users who search the thesaurus would encourage users to submit their ideas and needs for terminology.

The Suggestions for Changes to NAL Agricultural Thesaurus Form is a document comprised of 8 inquiry components where users submit suggestions for changes to the thesaurus. Information to be submitted includes, user contact information (name, affiliation, e-mail, phone), their proposed change to the thesaurus, the field of study or subject area of the term

being proposed, justification for the change, and any reference material which the user would like to provide as background information. Name, e-mail and phone components are mandatory.

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

Respondents: The agricultural community, USDA personnel and their cooperators, including, public and private users, or providers of agricultural information.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100 per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1000 minutes.

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, including the validity of the methodology and the assumptions used; (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 respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technology. Comments should be sent to the address in the preamble. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 6, 2006.

Antoinette Betschart,

Associate Administrator, ARS.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Federal Crop Insurance Corporation****Request for Applications (RFA): Research and Development Risk Management Research Partnerships**

Announcement Type: Notice of availability of funds and request for application for risk management research partnerships.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (CFDA): 10.456.

Dates: The closing date and time for receipt of an application is 5 p.m. CDT, June 8, 2006. Applications received after

the deadline will not be evaluated by the technical review panel and will not be considered for funding. All awards will be made and agreements completed no later than September 30, 2006.

Overview: The purpose of the Risk Management Research Partnerships is to fund the development of non-insurance risk management tools that will be utilized by agricultural producers to assist them in mitigating the risks inherent in agricultural production. The proposal must address the objectives listed in part I.D. In conducting activities to achieve the purpose of this proposed research, the recipient will be responsible for the activities listed under section II.A.1 of this part. RMA will be responsible for the activities listed under section II.A.2 of this part. In addition, all proposals must clearly demonstrate the usefulness and benefits of the tool to producers of priority commodities and provide a plan for on-going maintenance and support as described in part III.C.2. Approximately \$4 million is available to fund an undetermined number of partnerships. Projects may be funded for a period of up to three years. Applications are accepted from public and private entities; individuals are not eligible to apply. No cost sharing by the applicant is required. There are no limitations on the number of applications each applicant may submit.

I. Funding Opportunity Description**A. Background**

The Risk Management Agency (RMA), on behalf of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), is committed to meeting the risk management needs and improving or developing risk management tools for the nation's farmers and ranchers. It does this by offering Federal crop insurance and other risk management products and tools through a network of private-sector entities and by overseeing the creation of new products, seeking enhancements in existing products, and by expanding the use of a variety of risk management tools. Risk management tools include a variety of risk management options and strategies developed to assist producers in mitigating the risks inherent in agricultural production. For the purposes of this announcement, risk management tools do not include insurance products, plans of insurance, policies, modifications thereof or any related material.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this program is to fund partnership agreements that assist producers, minimize their production