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#### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

*Title:* 7 CFR Part 1980–E, Business and Industry Loan Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0570–0014.

*Summary of Collection:* Section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (Con Act), legislated in 1972 the Business and Industry (B&I) program. The purpose of the program is to improve, develop, or finance businesses, industries, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities, including pollution abatement and control. This purpose is achieved through bolstering the existing private credit structure by making direct loans, thereby providing lasting community benefits. The B&I program is administered by the Agency through Rural Development State and sub-State Offices serving the State.

7 CFR part 1980–E, in conjunction with 7 CFR part 1942–A, and other regulations, is currently used only for making B&I Direct Loans. 7 CFR part 1951–E is used for servicing B&I Direct and Community Facility loans. All reporting and recordkeeping burden estimates for making and servicing B&I Guaranteed Loans have been moved to the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program regulations, 7 CFR parts 4279–A and B and 4287–B. Consequently, only a fraction of the total reporting and recordkeeping burden for making and servicing B&I Direct Loans is reflected in this document.

*Need and Use of the Information:* RD will collect the minimum information needed from loan applicants and commercial lenders to make determinations regarding program eligibility, the current financial condition of a business and loan security as required by the Con Act. The majority of the information is collected only once and the agency monitors the progress of the business through the analysis of annual borrower financial statements and visits to the borrower.

*Description of Respondents:* Individuals or households; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 152.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 835.

#### Rural Business Service

*Title:* 7 CFR 1951–R, Rural Development Loan Servicing.

*OMB Control Number:* 0570–0015.

*Summary of Collection:* The Rural Development (RD) Loan Servicing was

legislated in 1985 under Section 1323 of the Food and Security Act of 1985. This action is needed to implement the provision of Section 407 of the Health and Human Services Act of 1986, which amended Section 1323 of the Food and Security Act of 1985. 7 CFR part 1951, Subpart R contains regulations for servicing and liquidating existing loans previously approved and administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under 45 CFR part 1076 and transferred from HHS to the Department of Agriculture. This subpart contains regulations for servicing and liquidating loans made by RD, successor to the Farmers Home Administration under the Intermediary Relending Program to eligible intermediaries and applies to ultimate recipients and other involved parties.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The Intermediary will provide RD information from, i.e. assets and liabilities, income statement and a summary of its lending and guarantee program. The required financial information provided by the Intermediary is vital to RD for the Agency to make sound credit and financial analysis decisions and monitor the program.

*Description of Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 420.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion; quarterly; semi-annually; annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 11,235.

**Charlene Parker,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

June 12, 2008.

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 regarding (a) 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; (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 to be

collected; (d) 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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *OIRA\_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. 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.

#### Food and Nutrition Service

*Title:* National Universal Product Code (NUPC) Database.

*OMB Control Number:* 0584–NEW.

*Summary of Collection:* The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is authorized by the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004–S.2507 to establish a “National Universal Product Code (NUPC) database for use by all State agencies carrying out the program.” The purpose of this new data collection process is to reduce the current burden on both manufacturers and WIC State agencies. In response to this mandate, FNS has developed a NUPC database to serve as an electronic national repository of Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) eligible foods that have been authorized or approved by FNS and/or WIC State agencies.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The NUPC database will help streamline the handling of product information for State agencies, retailer and manufacturers; allow more consistent oversight of WIC approved items; reduce the electronic processing needed by State agencies; standardize the way retailers obtain WIC UPC information; and make it easier for State agencies to begin using EBT processing by reducing the need to visit food retailer locations to gather UPC and other product information. The NUPC database will

allow manufacturers to submit product details to the central database for consideration by participating WIC State agencies when they approve products for use.

*Description of Respondents:* State, Local, or Tribal Government; Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,040.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,938.

**Ruth Brown,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Agricultural Marketing Service**

[Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0043; FV08-996-1 N]

**Peanut Standards Board**

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a Peanut Standards Board (Board) for the purpose of advising the Secretary on quality and handling standards for domestically produced and imported peanuts. The initial Board was appointed by the Secretary and announced on December 5, 2002. USDA seeks nominations for individuals to be considered for selection as Board members for terms of office ending June 30, 2011. Selected nominees sought by this action would replace those six producer and industry representatives who are currently serving for the term of office that ends June 30, 2008. The Board consists of 18 members representing producers and industry representatives.

**DATES:** Written nominations must be received on or before July 17, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Dawana J. Clark, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, Unit 155, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737; Telephone: (301) 734-5243; Fax: (301) 734-5275; E-mail: [Dawana.Clark@usda.gov](mailto:Dawana.Clark@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 1308 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a Peanut Standards Board (Board) for the purpose of advising the

Secretary regarding the establishment of quality and handling standards for all domestic and imported peanuts marketed in the United States. The Farm Bill requires the Secretary to consult with the Board before the Secretary establishes or changes quality and handling standards for peanuts.

The Farm Bill provides that the Board consist of 18 members, with three producers and three industry representatives from the States specified in each of the following producing regions: (a) Southeast (Alabama, Georgia, and Florida); (b) Southwest (Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico); and (c) Virginia/Carolina (Virginia and North Carolina).

For the initial appointments, the Farm Bill required the Secretary to stagger the terms of the members so that: (a) One producer member and peanut industry member from each peanut producing region serves a one-year term; (b) one producer member and peanut industry member from each peanut producing region serves a two-year term; and (c) one producer member and peanut industry member from each peanut producing region serves a three-year term. The term "peanut industry representatives" includes, but is not limited to, representatives of shellers, manufacturers, buying points, marketing associations and marketing cooperatives. The Farm Bill exempted the appointment of the Board from the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The initial Board was appointed by the Secretary and announced on December 5, 2002.

USDA invites those individuals, organizations, and groups affiliated with the categories listed above to nominate individuals for membership on the Board. Nominees sought by this action would replace one producer and one industry member from each peanut producing region who served for the term of office that ends June 30, 2008. New members would serve for a 3-year term of office ending June 30, 2011.

Nominees should complete a Peanut Standards Board Background Information form and submit it to Mrs. Clark. Copies of this form may be obtained at the internet site: [www.ams.usda.gov/fv](http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv) (below the "See Also" section, select "More" then select "Peanut Quality Standards" and below "News" select Background Information Form), or from Mrs. Clark. USDA seeks a diverse group of members representing the peanut industry.

Equal opportunity practices will be followed in all appointments to the Board in accordance with USDA policies. To ensure that the recommendations of the Board have

taken into account the needs of the diverse groups within the peanut industry, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated abilities to represent minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and limited resource agriculture producers.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 7958.

Dated: June 11, 2008.

**Lloyd C. Day,**

*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Deep Seabed Mining Regulations for Exploration Licenses.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0648-0145.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 60.

*Number of Respondents:* 1.

*Average Hours per Response:* Annual reports, 20 hours; license extensions, 30 hours (annualized to 10 hours).

*Needs and Uses:* The Deep Seabed Hard Mineral Resources Act requires applicants for an exploration license to submit information for NOAA to make a determination as to the applicants' eligibility to meet the provisions of the legislation. Information will be used to determine the financial, environmental and technological eligibility of the applicant to meet the requirements of the Act to conduct exploration activities. The licensees are required to submit annual reports, as well as license extensions when applicable.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Annually and on occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington,