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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 23, 2009.

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.

Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: CCC's Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-102).

OMB Control Number: 0551-0004.

Summary of Collection: The Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-102) is administered by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This program provides guarantees to exporters in order to maintain and increase overseas importers ability to purchase U.S. agricultural goods. The Export Credit Guarantee Program underwrites credit extended by U.S. private banks to approved foreign banks using dollar-denominated, irrevocable letters of credit. The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) will collect information from the guarantee application submitted by the participants in writing (via fax or e-mail) or mail.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS will collect information from participating U.S. exporters in order to determine the exporters eligibility for program benefits. The information is also used in fulfilling CCC obligation under the issued payment guarantee. If the information were not collected CCC would be unable to determine if export sales under the program would be eligible for coverage or, if coverage conformed to program requirements.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 73.

Frequency of Responses: Record keeping.

Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 2,555.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Office of the Secretary, White House Liaison

Title: Advisory Committee and Research and Promotion Board Membership Background Information.

OMB Control Number: 0505-0001.

Summary of Collection: Section 1804 of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2281, *et seq.*) requires the Department to provide information concerning advisory committee members' principal place of residence, persons or companies by whom employed, and other major sources of income. Similar information will be required of research and promotion boards/committees in addition to the

supplemental commodity specific questions. The Secretary appoints board members under each program. Some of the information contained on form AD-755 is used by the Department to conduct background clearances of prospective board members required by departmental regulations. All committee members who are appointed by the Secretary require this clearance. The Office of the Secretary, White House Liaison will collect information using form AD-755, Advisory Committee and Research and Promotion Board Membership Background Information.

Need and Use of the Information: The Office of the Secretary, White House Liaison will collect information on the background of the nominees to make sure there are no delinquent loans to the United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA), as well as making sure they have no negative record that could be a negative reflection to USDA. The information obtained from the form is also used in the compilation of an annual report to Congress. Failure of the Department to provide this information would require the Secretary to terminate the pertinent committee or board.

Description of Respondents:
Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 1,740.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 870.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Agricultural Water Enhancement Program

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of request for proposals; reopening of proposal submission period.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) published in the **Federal Register** of January 14, 2009, a Notice of Request for Proposals to announce the availability of funds and to solicit proposals from potential partners who seek to enter into partnership agreements with the Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The deadline for submitting proposals was March 2, 2009. The

purpose of this notice is to reopen the deadline for submitting proposals and to provide NRCS State Conservationists up to 2 weeks following the proposal submission deadline to submit their letter of review. The CCC is hereby reopening the deadline for submitting proposals until April 1, 2009.

DATES: The proposal submission deadline is reopened and extended to April 1, 2009. The deadline for NRCS State Conservationists to submit their letters of proposal review is extended to April 15, 2009

ADDRESSES: Proposals should be submitted to the Chief (Attn: Financial Assistance Programs Division), Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA, AWEP Proposals, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013 by April 1, 2009. Applicants also must send their proposal to the appropriate State Conservationist(s) postmarked, or dated if electronic, no later than April 1, 2009. To submit your application electronically, visit <http://www.grants.gov/apply> and follow the on-line instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gregory Johnson, Director, Financial Assistance Programs Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Room 5237, P.O. Box 2890, Washington, DC 20013-2890. Phone: (202) 720-1845. Fax: (202) 720-4265.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contract the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CCC, published a Notice of Requests for Proposals in the **Federal Register** of January 14, 2009 (74 FR 2040), announcing funding availability and to potential partners, the opportunity to enter into Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) partnership agreements with the Chief, NRCS, to promote the conservation of ground and surface water and the improvement of water quality. This notice announced a deadline of March 2, 2009, to submit proposals to enter into AWEP partnership agreements and required NRCS State Conservationists to submit letters of proposal review to the NRCS National Headquarters by March 2, 2009.

The CCC hereby amends the January 14 Notice of Requests for Proposals by:

1. Reopening and extending the proposal submission deadline to April 1, 2009; and
2. Extending the deadline for NRCS State Conservationists to submit their

letters of proposal review to April 15, 2009.

Signed this 23rd day of March, 2009, in Washington, DC.

Dave White,

Acting Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation and Acting Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on March 31, 2009 at the U.S. Forest Service Office, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876), is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

DATES: The meetings will be held March 31, 2009, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Forest Service Office, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

For Further Information or to Request an Accommodation (one week prior to meeting date) Contact: Aria Hams, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 543-2773.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Items to be covered on the agenda: (1) Consensus on the Lake Tahoe Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 10 preliminary recommendation for capital projects and science themes and (2) public hearing.

All Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend at the above address. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements with the secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer any written comments to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.