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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 10, 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

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: USDA APHIS Peer Reviewer's Certification Regarding Conflict of Interest.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0304.

Summary Of Collection: The Information or Data Quality Act (Pub. L. 106-554, 515 Appendix C, 114 Stats. 2763A-153-154) and OMB's Peer Review Bulletin (70 FR 2664-2677) requires federal agencies to select peer reviewer's of influential and highly influential information and to examine their financial ties to regulate entities, other stakeholders, and the agency. Some of the information that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) disseminates is "influential" that is, it has a clear and substantial impact on important public policies or important private sector decisions.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS will collect information using APHIS form 6004, Peer Reviewer Information, to ensure that all nonfederal peer reviewers who are recruited by the Agency have no conflicts of interest with respect to peer review of a specific scientific document that will be used for purposes of making policy or dissemination to the public.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (once).

Total Burden Hours: 13.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Negative Quality Control Review Schedule.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0034.

Summary of Collection: The legislative basis for the operation of the quality control system is provided by section 16 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008. State agencies are required to perform Quality Control (QC) reviews for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Section 275.21(a) requires State agencies to submit reports to enable the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to monitor their compliance with Program requirements relative to the Quality Control Review System. FNS will collect information using forms FNS-245 *Negative Case Action Review Schedule and FNS-248 Status of Sample Selection and Completion.*

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect information to record data in negative case reviews. Negative case actions include the denial, termination or suspension of benefits. FNS will also measure program operations and determination of a State's eligibility for enhanced administrative funding and to monitor the progress of sample selection and completion. If the information were not collected, it would delay the awarding of monetary incentives in which the negative error rate played a role.

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

Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 118,633.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Data Collection Related to Participation of Faith-Based and Community Organizations.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0540.

Summary of Collection: The Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) issued a 60-day notice entitled "Data Collection related to Institutions and Organizations," as part of the Department's efforts to fulfill its responsibilities under Executive Orders 13279 "Equal Protection of the Laws for Faith-Based and Community Organizations," and Executive Order 13280, "Responsibilities of the Department of Agriculture and the Agency for International Development with Respect to Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Additionally Executive Order 13280 charges the Department to give equal treatment to faith-based and community organizations that apply to participate in the Department's programs.

Need and Use of the Information: The data collected will enable FNS to identify the faith-based and community organizations participating in Federal nutrition assistance programs, determine the level of their participation, ensure that FNS' programs are open to all eligible organizations and evaluate the effectiveness of its technical assistance and outreach efforts. Without the data FNS will be hampered in its efforts to fully meet the requirements established by the aforementioned executive order and regulations.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Individual or households; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 57.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 131,966.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of an Opportunity To Apply for Membership on the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is currently seeking applications for membership on the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (Council). The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters related to innovation and entrepreneurship.

ADDRESSES: Please submit application information to the Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Room 4077, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 or electronically to entrepreneurship@doc.gov.

DATES: All applications must be received by the Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship by close of business on November 30, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Room 4077, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202-482-5336, e-mail: entrepreneurship@doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship is accepting applications for the Council for the upcoming 2-year charter term beginning November 2009. Members shall serve until the Council charter expires in November 2011. Members will be selected, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines, based on their ability to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to innovation and entrepreneurship. Members of the Council shall be selected in a manner that ensures that the Council is balanced in terms of perspectives and expertise with regard to innovation and entrepreneurship. To that end, the Secretary seeks to appoint members who represent diversity in industry,

experience, and geographic area. Additional factors which may be considered in the selection of Council members include candidates' proven experience in innovation and entrepreneurship, or in promoting entrepreneurship. Priority may be given to successful entrepreneurs, innovators, angel investors, venture capitalists, and other experts drawn from non-governmental organizations, foundations and non-profits that have significant experience in innovation and entrepreneurship. Nominees will be evaluated consistent with the factors specified in this notice and their ability to carry out the goals of the Council. Self-nominations will be accepted. Appointments will be made without regard to political affiliation. The Council will identify and recommend solutions to issues critical to enabling entrepreneurs and firms to successfully commercialize new ideas and technologies into high-growth, innovation-based businesses and to create new jobs. The Council will also serve as a vehicle for ongoing dialogue with the entrepreneurship community. The duties of the Council are solely advisory; it shall report to the Secretary of Commerce, through the Office of Policy and Strategic Planning in the Office of the Secretary.

Membership: Members will serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce. Because members will be appointed as experts, members will be considered special government employees. Members participating in Council meetings and events will be responsible for their travel, living, and other personal expenses. Meetings will be held regularly and not less than twice annually, usually in Washington, DC. Members are required to attend a majority of the Council's meetings. The first Council meeting for the new charter term has not yet been established.

Eligibility: In addition to the factors stated above, eligibility for membership is limited to U.S. citizens who are not full-time employees of a government entity, are not registered with the Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, and are not a federally-registered lobbyist.

Application Procedure: For consideration, a nominee should send (1) resume, (2) personal statement of interest, (3) an affirmative statement that the applicant is not required to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, and (4) an affirmative statement that the applicant is not a federally-registered lobbyist. Applications should be sent to the Office of Innovation and