

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

February 11, 2013.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Special Nutrition Program Operations Study—Year 2.
OMB Control Number: 0584–0562.

Summary of Collections: The objective of the Special Nutrition Program Operations Study (SNPOS) is to collect timely data on policies, administrative, and operational issues on the Child Nutrition Programs. The ultimate goal of the study is to analyze these data and provide input for new legislation on Child Nutrition (CN)

Programs as well as to provide pertinent technical assistance and training to program implementation staff. This study is necessary to implement Sec. 28(a)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. This legislation directs the U.S. Department of Agriculture to carry out annual national performance assessments of the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program.

Need and Use of the Information: The purpose of the study is to implement a modular data collection system and collect routine data on specific aspects of the child nutrition program, specifically on the program characteristics, administration, and operation of CN programs. The finding from this study survey will be used to identify program operational and policy issues, and topic for technical assistance and training. The information will be collected from a nationally representative sample of School Food Authorities Directors, State Child Nutrition Directors and School Food Service Managers.

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

Number of Respondents: 2,316.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; Other (One time).

Total Burden Hours: 5,094.

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Agricultural Research Service

Title: Patent License Application.

OMB Control Number: 0518–0003.

Summary of Collection: Public Law 96–517, HR 209 (Technology Transfer Commercialization Act of 2000), and 37 CFR Part 404 requires Federal agencies to use the patent system to promote the utilization of inventions arising from federally supported research and provide the authority to grant patent licenses. 37 CFR 404.8 specifies the information which must be submitted by a patent license applicant to the Federal agency having custody of a patent.

Need and Use of the Information: The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) will collect identifying information on the applicant, identifying information for the business, and a detailed description for development and/or marketing of the invention using form AD–761. The information collected is used to determine whether the applicant has both a complete and sufficient plan for developing and marketing the invention and the necessary manufacturing, marketing, technical, and financial resources to carry out the submitted plan.

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

Number of Respondents: 75.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 225.