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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 23, 2014.

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.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Title: Long Term Contracting.
OMB Control Number: 0578-0013.

Summary of Collection: The Long Term Contracting regulations at 7 CFR Part 630, and the Conservation program regulations at 7 CFR 12, 622, 624, 625, 701 set forth the basic policies, program provisions, and eligibility requirements for owners and operators to enter into and carry out long-term conservation program contracts with technical assistance under the various program. These programs are administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). These programs authorize federal technical and financial long term cost sharing assistance for conservation treatment with eligible land users and entities. Under the terms of the agreement, the participant agrees to apply, or arrange to apply, the conservation treatment specified in the conservation plan. In return for this agreement, federal financial assistance payments are made to the land user, or third party, upon successful application of the conservation treatment.

Need and Use of the Information: NRCS will collect information using several NRCS forms. The forms are needed to administer NRCS long-term contracting programs as authorized. NRCS uses the information to ensure the proper utilization of program funds.

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

Number of Respondents: 5,315.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; Annually, Other (As required).

Total Burden Hours: 3,657.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Information Collection; United States Warehouse Act (USWA)

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension with a revision of a currently approved information collection process associated with the regulations, licensing, and electronic provider agreements issued as specified in the United States Warehouse Act (USWA).

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by November 28, 2014

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this Notice. In your comment, include volume, date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- Mail: Judy Fry, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, Commodity Operations Division, Farm Service Agency (FSA), United States Department of Agriculture, STOP 0553, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0553.

You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Washington, DC 20503. Copies of the information collection may be requested by contacting Judy Fry as provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Fry, telephone (202) 720-3822. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of regulatory information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: United States Warehouse Act (USWA).

OMB Control Number: 0560-0120.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2015

Type of Request: Extension with a revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Secretary of Agriculture authorizes FSA as specified in the USWA to license public warehouse operators that are in the business of storing agricultural products; to examine such federally-licensed warehouses and to license qualified

persons to sample, inspect, weigh, and classify agricultural products. The FSA licenses under the USWA cover approximately half of all commercial grain and cotton warehouse capacities in the United States. The regulations that implement the USWA govern the establishment and maintenance of systems under which documents, including title documents on shipment, payment and financing, may be issued or transferred for agricultural products. Some of these systems and documents issued may be electronic.

This information collection allows the FSA to effectively administer the regulations, licensing, and electronic provider agreements and related reporting and recordkeeping requirements as specified in the USWA.

The forms in this information collection are used to provide those charged with issuing licenses under the USWA a basis to determine whether the warehouse and the warehouse operator meet application requirements to receive a license, and to determine compliance once the license is issued.

This information collection package is being revised to reflect a decrease in the reporting burden hours. This reduction is the result of warehouse operators continuing to consolidate warehouse licenses, which reduces the number of documents needed for continued operation of the warehouse facilities.

The formula used to calculate the total burden hour is estimated average time per responses hours times total annual responses.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 0.46 hours per response.

Respondents: Warehouse operators and electronic providers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: 5.96.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 17,872.

Estimated Average Time per Response: 0.46.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 8,238 Hours.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection to help us to:

(1) Evaluate 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;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information including the

validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Evaluate the quality, utility, and clarity of the information technology; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be made a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection.

Signed on September 18, 2014.

Val Dolcini,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Solicitation of Applications for the Advanced Biofuels Payment Program

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Initial Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the timeframes to submit applications for participation in the Advanced Biofuels Payment Program. The Advanced Biofuels Payment Program funds were provided through the Agricultural Act of 2014, Public Law 113-79, on February 7, 2014, (2014 Farm Bill). Under the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program, payments are made to advanced biofuel producers for the production of eligible advanced biofuels.

DATES: Applications for participation in fiscal year 2015 are accepted between October 1 through October 31, 2014, in accordance with 7 CFR 4288.120(b). Applicants must also comply with the quarterly submission dates referenced in this Notice under IV(C)(2) and also contained in 7 CFR 4288.130(d).

ADDRESSES: See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for addresses concerning information for the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program for fiscal year 2015 funds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program assistance, please

contact a USDA Rural Development Energy Coordinator, as provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice, or Lisa Noty, Energy Division, USDA Rural Development, 511 W. 7th Street, Atlantic, IA 50022. Telephone: (712) 243-2107 extension 116. Email: lisa.noty@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Fiscal Year 2015 Applications for the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program

Complete applications must be submitted to the Rural Development State Office in the State in which the applicant's principal place of business is located.

Universal Identifier and System for Awards Management (SAM)

An applicant (unless the applicant is an individual) must have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, which can be obtained at no cost via a toll-free request line at 1-866-705-5711 or online at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>.

Unless exempt under 2 CFR 25.110, the applicant must:

(a) Be registered in the SAM prior to submitting an application or plan;

(b) Maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by the Agency; and

(c) Provide its DUNS number in each application or plan it submits to the Agency.

Rural Development Energy Coordinators

For further information on this program, please contact the applicable USDA Rural Development Energy Coordinator for your respective State, as identified via the following link: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_Energy_CoordinatorList.html.

Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the information collection requirements associated with the Advanced Biofuel Payments Program, as covered in this Notice, have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0570-0057.

Overview

Federal Agency Name: Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) (an agency of USDA).

Contract Proposal Title: Advanced Biofuel Payment Program.

Announcement Type: Annual announcement.