

to recruit, train, and accept with regard to Civil Service classification laws, rules, or regulations, the services of individuals to serve without compensation. Subject to certain conditions, most volunteers may assist in agency programs/projects, and may perform activities that agency employees are allowed to perform. Volunteers must be at least 14 years of age. Persons interested in volunteering must write, call, email, visit an NRCS office, or the NRCS Web site at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>. The forms are available electronically and can be completed electronically.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 minutes per response.

*Type of Respondents:* Retirees, students, teachers, or senior citizens.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 200.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 13 hours.

#### Timesheet Form

*Title:* NRCS-PER-004, Timesheet Form.

*OMB Number:* 0578-0024.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* 3 years from approval date.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The timesheet is an optional form and provides the volunteer or volunteer's supervisor a simplified method for tracking the volunteer's time. The form is placed in a volunteer "case file" and will be destroyed 3 years after the volunteer has completed service. In the event the volunteer is injured while engaged in volunteer activities and claims Workman's Compensation, the "case file" will be transferred to an Official Personnel Folder.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 minutes per response.

*Type of Respondents:* Retirees, students, teachers, or senior citizens.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 7,120.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 3,760.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 2.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 474 hours.

Comments are invited on (1) 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) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed this 16 day of October 2015, in Washington, DC.

**Jason A. Weller,**

*Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utility Service

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 22, 2015.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to Office of Management and Budget (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, New Executive Office Building, 725-17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto: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) 720-8681.

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.

### Rural Utilities Service

*Title:* Certification of Authority.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0074.

*Summary of Collection:* The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). It makes mortgage loans and loan guarantees to finance electric, telecommunications, and water and waste facilities in rural areas. Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, as amended, (RE ACT) and as prescribed by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-129, Policies for Federal Credit Programs and Non-Tax Receivables, which states that agencies must, based on a review of a loan application, determine that an applicant complies with statutory, regulatory, and administrative eligibility requirements for loan assistance. A major factor in managing loan programs is controlling the advancement of funds. RUS Form 675 allows this control to be achieved by providing a list of authorized signatures against which signatures requesting funds are compared.

*Need and Use of the Information:* RUS will collect information to ensure that only authorized representatives of the borrower signs the lending requisition form. Without the information RUS would not know if the request for a loan advance was legitimate or not and the potential for waste, loss, unauthorized use, and misappropriation would be increased.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 250.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 25.

**Rural Utilities Service**

*Title:* Lien Accommodations and Subordinations 7 CFR part 1717, subparts R and S.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0100.

*Summary of Collection:* The Rural Electrification Act (RE Act) of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, as amended, authorizes and empowers the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to make loans in the several States and Territories of the United States for rural electrification and the furnishing electric energy to persons in rural areas who are not receiving central station service. The RE Act also authorizes and empowers the Administrator of RUS to provide financial assistance to borrowers for purposes provided in the RE Act by accommodating or subordinating loans made by the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, the Federal Financing Bank, and other lending agencies.

*Need and Use of the Information:* RUS will use the information to determine an applicant's eligibility for a lien accommodation or lien subordination under the RE Act; facilitates an applicant's solicitation and acquisition of non-RUS loans as to converse available Government funds; monitor the compliance of borrowers with debt covenants and regulatory requirements in order to protect loan security; and subsequently to granting the lien accommodation or lien subordination, administer each so as to minimize its cost to the Government. If the information were not collected, RUS would not be able to accomplish its statutory goals.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 15.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 290.

**Rural Utilities Service**

*Title:* 7 CFR 1717 Subpart D, Mergers and Consolidations of Electric Borrowers.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0114.

*Summary of Collection:* The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It makes mortgage loans and loan guarantees to finance electric, telecommunications, water and waste and water facilities in rural areas. Loan programs are managed in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act (RE Act) of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, as amended and as prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) Circular A-129, Policies for Federal Credit Programs and Non-tax Receivable, states that agencies must base on a review of a loan application determine that an applicant complies with statutory, regulatory, and administrative eligibility requirements for loan assistance.

*Need and Use of the Information:* RUS will collect information to streamline procedures and allow borrowers the flexibility to meet new business challenges and opportunities. The information is necessary for RUS to conduct business with successor entity while protecting the security of Government loans and avoiding defaults and to grant merger approval when required.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 10.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 140.

**Rural Utilities Service**

*Title:* Use of Consultants Funded by Borrowers, 7 CFR 1789.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572-0115.

*Summary of Collection:* The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a credit agency of the Department of Agriculture that makes mortgage loans and loan guarantees to finance electric, telecommunications, and water and waste facilities in rural areas. The loan programs are managed in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act (RE Act) of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, as amended, and as prescribed by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-129, Policies for Federal Credit Programs and Non-Tax Receivable, which states that agencies must, based on a review of a loan application, determine that an applicant complies with statutory, regulatory, and administrative eligibility requirements for loan assistance. RUS has the authority to use consultants voluntarily funded by borrowers for financial, legal, engineering, and other technical services. However, all RUS borrowers are eligible to fund consultant services but are not required to fund consultants.

*Need and Use of the Information:* RUS will collect information to determine whether it is appropriate to use a consultant voluntarily funded by the borrower to expedite a particular borrower application. If the information were not submitted, RUS would be unable to determine if using a consultant would accelerate the specific application process.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 1.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 2.

**Charlene Parker,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of the Census**

[Docket Number 151008932-5932-01]

**Streamlining Summary Level 070 Tables in the 5-Year American Community Survey**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Final Program.

**SUMMARY:** The Census Bureau hereby announces that it will streamline the production and release of American Community Survey (ACS) Summary Level 070 tables (state/county/county subdivision/place remainder (or part)) to the 15 tables necessary for the delineation of metropolitan, micropolitan, and related statistical areas as defined by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The ACS collects detailed demographic, social, economic, and housing data from about 3.5 million addresses in the United States and 36,000 in Puerto Rico each year. Annual data products are released in the form of 1-Year and 5-Year estimates with 5-Year estimates being produced for over 578,000 geographies by 87 different summary levels. Most summary levels and their corresponding geographies are then produced for approximately 1,000 detailed tables. As a cost-saving measure and to improve the usability of the estimates, the Census Bureau has decided to streamline the production and release of Summary Level 070 tables to the 15 tables necessary for delineation. Based on data user analytics, customer feedback, and responses from an earlier **Federal Register** Notice (June 5, 2015; 80 FR 32084) soliciting comments on the streamlining of the summary level, we believe that the streamlining of this summary level will not have a significant impact to our data users. Therefore, beginning in December 2015, the Census Bureau will be tabulating and releasing only those 15 tables for Summary Level 070 that are necessary for the delineation of metropolitan, micropolitan, and related statistical