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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 21, 2016.

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 are requested regarding (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by April 25, 2016 will be considered. Written comments 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. 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.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Requirement for National Directory of New Hires Employment Verification and Annual Program Activity Reporting

OMB Control Number: 0584-NEW.

Summary Of Collection: In an interim final rule, FNS will amend the SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 272 to require State agencies to access employment data through the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) at the time of certification, including recertification, to determine eligibility status and appropriate benefit amount for SNAP applicants. This requirement codifies Section 4013 of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113-79).

Need And Use Of The Information: National Directory of New Hires, State agencies are required to compare identifiable information about each household member against data from the NDNH at the time of certification and recertification. This comparison will be used to determine the eligibility status of the household and determine the correct benefit amount the household should receive.

The data reported on the Program Activity Statement (FNS 366B) enables FNS to identify areas that may need improvement and to provide more effective technical assistance to State agencies. An increase in reporting frequency will allow for greater access to timely program data. It will help States, FNS, and other stakeholders identify trends, inconsistencies and inefficiencies earlier in each fiscal year. FNS uses the data to monitor State agency activity levels and performance and to target technical assistance to State agencies in need of performance improvements.

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

Number of Respondents: 891,125.

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

Total Burden Hours: 252,432.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Inviting Applications for Rural Cooperative Development Grants

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces that the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (Agency) is accepting fiscal year (FY) 2016 applications for the Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) program as authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Pub. L. 114-113). Approximately \$5.8 million is available to be competitively awarded. The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. Eligible applicants include a non-profit corporation or an institution of higher education. The Agency is encouraging applications that direct grants to projects based in or serving census tracts with poverty rates greater than or equal to 20 percent. This emphasis will support Rural Development's (RD) mission of improving the quality of life for Rural Americans and its commitment to directing resources to those who most need them.

DATES: Completed applications must be submitted on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

Paper applications must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than June 23, 2016. You may also hand carry your application to one of our field offices, but it must be received by close of business on the deadline date. Late applications are not eligible for funding under this Notice and will not be evaluated.

Electronic applications must be received by June 20, 2016 to be eligible for grant funding. Please review the Grants.gov Web site at <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/organization-registration.html>. For