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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the public meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. CDT on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at the Downtown Des Moines Marriott Hotel, Davenport and Dubuque Rooms, 700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines Iowa 50309. Participants may attend in person or join via livestream. The link to the global livestream as well as registration information can be found on BIFAD's home page and online at <http://www.aplu.org/projects-and-initiatives/international-programs/bifad/bifad-meetings.html>.

The central theme of this public meeting will be "Improving Nutrition through Private Sector Engagement Across Food Systems" and will explore how private sector engagement and market system linkages across the food system can help to advance nutrition outcomes. The meeting will help to identify opportunities and challenges for the public and private sectors to work together at different points in the food system to improve the demand, availability, accessibility, and affordability of high-quality diets for vulnerable populations. Discussions will address how to build a business case for private sector involvement in improving diet quality for vulnerable populations and how the public sector can support and incentivize that business case. Recommendations coming out of the meeting will help to inform USAID's future focus in this area.

The meeting will also include the announcement of the winners of the BIFAD Prize for Scientific Excellence

and an update on a BIFAD-commissioned study on the U.S. benefits and capabilities leveraged of USAID investments in developing country agriculture and food security. Following an introduction by Dr. Rob Bertram, Chief Scientist, USAID Bureau for Food Security, a keynote address by Dr. Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), and framing remarks by Dr. William Masters, Professor, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University, two panels will address: (1) Aspects of the enabling environment that can help accelerate private sector engagement in nutrition and (2) key drivers of private sector engagement to improve diet quality, including aspects of labeling, marketing, standards, and accountability systems. A public comment period is scheduled from 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. CDT.

For questions about registration, please contact Devin Furguson at dferguson@aplu.org or (202) 478-6030. For questions about BIFAD, please contact Clara Cohen, Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD in the Bureau for Food Security at USAID. Interested persons may write to her in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Bureau for Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20523-2110 or telephone her at (202) 712-0119.

Clara Cohen,

Designated Federal Officer, Bureau for Food Security, U.S. Agency for International Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection: Advisory Committee and Research and Promotion Background Information

AGENCY: White House Liaison Office, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the U.S. Department of Agriculture's

(USDA) intention to request an extension and a revision to the currently approved Advisory Committee and Research and Promotion Background Information AD-755 Supplemental List—Agricultural Marketing Service Commodity Specific Questionnaire. The revised form will now require applicants to indicate their U.S. citizenship status. The primary objective is to determine the qualifications, suitability, and availability of a candidate to serve on advisory committees and/or research and promotion boards.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by *November 26, 2018* to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: USDA invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted through one of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions at that site for submitting comments.

Mail, including CD-ROMs, etc.: White House Liaison Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, the Whitten Building, Room 540-A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Hand- or courier-delivered submittals: Deliver to White House Liaison Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, the Whitten Building, Room 540-A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

Instructions: All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the agency name and docket number.

Comments received in response to this notice will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cikena Reid, Committee Management Officer, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, White House Liaison Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, the Whitten Building, Room 540-A, Washington, DC 20250; office phone: (202) 720-2406; email: Cikena.Reid@osec.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C.

Chapter 35), this notice announces the U.S. Department of Agriculture's intention to request an extension for and a revision to the Advisory Committee and Research and Promotion Background Information collection form. The primary objective is to determine the qualifications, suitability, and availability of a candidate to serve on advisory committees and/or research and promotion boards.

Title: Advisory Committee and Research and Promotion Background Information.

OMB Number: 0505-0001.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2018.

Type of Request: Extension and Revision of a currently approved information collection document.

Abstract: The primary objective is to determine the qualifications, suitability, and availability of a candidate to serve on advisory committees and/or research and promotion boards. The information will be used to both conduct background clearances on the candidates and to compile annual reports regarding membership.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,500.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One (1).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5,958.

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.

Comments may be sent to Cikena Reid, Committee Management Officer, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, White House Liaison Office, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, the Whitten Building, Room 540-A, Washington, DC 20250; fax: (202) 720-9286; or email: Cikena.Reid@osec.usda.gov. Comments must be

postmarked 10 business days prior to the deadline to ensure timely receipt.

All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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.

Dated: September 18, 2018.

Stephen L. Censky,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 21, 2018.

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 the 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 October 26, 2018 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), 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 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.

Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service

Title: Emergency Management Response System (EMRS).

OMB Control Number: 0579-0071.

Summary of Collection: The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, or eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. The Secretary may also prohibit or restrict import or export of any animal or related material if necessary to prevent the spread of any livestock or poultry pest or disease. Through the Foreign Animal Disease Surveillance Program, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Veterinary Services compiles essential epidemiological and diagnostic data that are used to define foreign animal diseases (FAD) and their risk factors. The data is compiled through the Veterinary Services Emergency Management Response System, a web-based database for reporting investigations of suspected FAD occurrences.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS collects information such as the purpose of the diagnostician's visit to the site, the name and address of the owner/manager and the site, the type of operation being investigated, the number of and type of animals on the premises, vaccination information on the animals in the herd or flock, biosecurity practices at the site, whether any animals have been moved to or from the premises and when this movement occurred, number of sick or dead animals, the results of physical examinations of the affected animals, the results of postmortem examinations, and the number and kinds of samples taken, and the name of the suspected disease.

APHIS uses the collected information to effectively prevent FAD occurrences and protect the health of the United States. Without the information, APHIS has no way to detect and monitor FAD outbreaks in the United States.

Description of Respondents: Businesses; and State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Number of Respondents: 136.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting, on occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,632.