

underserved groups requires creative approaches to meeting time and capacity restraints. Incubating co-ops, implementing build and recruit methods, and developing a cooperative franchise are all examples of innovative approaches. How can these approaches be structured to clarify members' responsibilities versus the co-op development center's responsibility?

5. The authorizing statute prioritizes applications that network with and share the results of their center with other cooperative centers and organizations involved in rural economic development. What suggestions do you have for documenting the results of networking with other cooperative development centers and organizations involved in rural economic development efforts?

6. The authorizing statute prioritizes applications that include multistate and multiorganization approaches to rural economic development. What suggestions do you have for documenting these approaches?

7. The authorizing statute requires applicants to take all practicable steps to develop continuing sources of financial support, particularly from private sector sources to support the sustainability of a center. How should an applicant demonstrate this requirement? What criteria or factors should the Agency use to determine sustainability of a center? How would the Agency verify this information beyond written application narration?

8. The authorizing statute permits the Agency to make multiyear awards, up to a 3-year period of performance for centers that have been previously awarded under this program and have a successful record of performance. What criteria or factors should the Agency focus on in determining eligibility for applicants proposing multiyear awards?

9. RBCS is seeking feedback on how the program's performance should be assessed. As stated above, the purpose of the program is to improve the economic conditions of rural areas through cooperative development. The required goals of recipients must include facilitating the creation of jobs in rural areas through the development of new rural cooperatives, value-added processing, and other rural businesses. Given this purpose and these goals, what performance measures should be established for the program? How should they be measured?

10. RBCS is seeking feedback on how an applicant can demonstrate the successful establishment of a cooperative or mutually owned business given the varying state incorporation laws. What documentation should the

Agency request to demonstrate establishment?

11. RBCS is seeking feedback on how applicants can document previous expertise when the outcome was no incorporation of a cooperative or mutually owned business. Applicants are required to discuss their cooperative development expertise when making an application to the Agency. This information is used as part of the merit-based scoring process. Experience has shown that not all cooperative development efforts result in the incorporation of a new cooperative; in fact, with some projects the most prudent advice is not to proceed. How should "no-go" cooperative development technical assistance efforts be recognized by the Agency and documented by the applicant to show previous cooperative development expertise?

12. RBCS seeks feedback on when the application deadline for the program should be. It is our intention to have a consistent deadline from year to year, rather than released at variable times through a **Federal Register** Notice. We also must allow sufficient time for processing applications in order to make awards and obligate funds prior to September 30 each year.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Meetings

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of commission public business meeting.

DATES: Friday, August 20, 2021, 12 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: Meeting to take place by telephone and is open to the public by telephone: 1-800-635-7637, Conference ID #: 8000136.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angelia Rorison: 202-376-7700; publicaffairs@usccr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Government in Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), the Commission on Civil Rights is holding a meeting to discuss the Commission's business for the month of August. This meeting is open to the public. Computer assisted real-time transcription (CART) will be provided. The web link to access CART (in English) on Friday, August 20, 2021, is <https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=USCCR>. Please note that CART is text-only translation that occurs in real time during the meeting and is not an exact transcript.

Meeting Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Business Meeting
 - A. Presentations from Advisory Committees to the Commission on Recent Reports/Memo Releases
 - B. Discussion and Vote on Iowa Advisory Committee Chair Appointment
 - C. Discussion and Vote on Advisory Committee Appointments
 - D. Discussion and Vote on the Release of The Civil Rights Implications of Cash Bail: Briefing Report Before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
 - E. Management and Operations
 - Staff Director's Report
- III. Adjourn Meeting

Dated: August 19, 2021.

Angelia Rorison,

USCCR Media and Communications Director.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**Notice of Public Meeting of the North Dakota Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a meeting of the North Dakota Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene by conference call on Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. (CT). The purpose is to hold a press conference to release the committee's fair housing report.

DATES: Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. (CT)

ADDRESSES:

Public WebEx Conference Registration Link (video and audio): <https://bit.ly/2UrLF5P>; password (if necessary): USCCR-ND.

To Join by Phone Only: Dial 1-800-360-9505; Access code: 199 656 8229

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Evelyn Bohor at ero@usccr.gov or by phone at 202-921-2212.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is available to the public through the WebEx link above. If joining only via phone, callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Individuals who are deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal

Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the Service with the call-in number found through registering at the web link provided above for the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to make comments during the open period at the end of the meeting. Members of the public may also submit written comments; the comments must be received in the Regional Programs Unit within 30 days following the respective meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Barbara Delaviez at ero@usccr.gov. All written comments received will be available to the public.

Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (202) 809-9618. Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at the www.facadatabase.gov. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's website, www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above phone number or email address.

Agenda: Thursday, September 2, 2021; 10:00 a.m. (CT)

1. Press Conference to Release Fair Housing Report
2. Chair Remarks/Question and Answer
3. Adjourn

Dated: August 18, 2021.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Office of the Secretary****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; The Standardized Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR)**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this

notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment on the proposed extension of the standardized Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR), prior to the submission of the information collection request (ICR) to OMB for approval.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before October 25, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by email to PRAcomments@doc.gov. Please reference the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) or the OMB Control Number 0690-0032 in the subject line of your comments. All comments received are part of the public record. No comments will be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Sheleen Dumas, Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Commerce, 202-482-3306, PRAcomments@doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Department of Commerce plans to request a three-year extension of the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR). This Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) directly benefits award recipients by making it easier for them to administer Federal grant and cooperative agreement programs through standardization of the types of information required in performance reports—thereby reducing their administrative effort and costs. The RPPR also makes it easier to compare the outputs, outcomes, etc. of research programs across the government.

The RPPR resulted from an initiative of the Research Business Models (RBM) Subcommittee of the Committee on Science (CoS), a committee of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC). One of the RBM Subcommittee's priority areas is to create greater consistency in the administration of Federal research