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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

[Docket ID FSA–2023–0019]

Information Collection Request; Certified State Mediation Program

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.
ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is requesting comments from all interested individuals and organizations on a revision of a currently approved information collection that supports the Certified State Mediation Program. The information collection is necessary to ensure that the grant program is administered properly. The collection of information is used to determine whether participants meet the eligibility requirements to be a recipient of grant funds. Lack of adequate information to make the determination could result in the improper administration of Federal grant funds.

DATES: We will consider comments we receive by November 24, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by the following method: Federal eRulemaking Portal; Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID FSA–2023–0019. You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of the Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Comments will be available for public inspection online at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tracy Jones, by telephone: 202–720–6771; or by email: tracy.jones@usda.gov. Individuals who require alternative means of communication should contact the USDA TARGET Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice and text telephone (TTY)) or dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay

Service (both voice and text telephone users can initiate this call from any telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certified State Mediation Program (7 CFR 785).

OMB Control Number: 0560–0165.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 2024.

Type of Request: Revision.

Abstract: FSA administers the

Certified State Mediation Program (Program) according to Subtitles A of the Title V of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 (7 U.S.C. 5101–5106). To effectively administer the Program, FSA requires an application for recertification, which includes submission of a letter from the State, a letter from the grantee, SF–424, SF–424A, SF–424B, and SF–425. Approved grantees provide a mid-year report as well as an annual report that includes information on mediation services provided during the preceding Federal fiscal year, assessment of the performance and effectiveness of the State's Program, and any other matters related to the Program as the State elects to include. In addition, approved grantees complete SF–270 to request either advance funding or reimbursement of expenses already paid. The information requested is necessary for FSA to determine the grantee's eligibility and administer the Program effectively.

The total annual burden of 2,898 hours and the respondents of 42 did not change since the last OMB submission. However, the increased responses of 126 was omitted by error in the calculation previously for the estimated number of unduplicated responses to average, four responses per respondent. Those respondents would provide one mid-year report, one annual report, one request for Recertification, and submitting a Request for Advance or Reimbursement (SF–270), at least one time per fiscal year.

For the following estimated total annual burden on respondents, the formula used to calculate the total burden hours is the estimated average time per response multiplied by the estimated total annual responses.

Estimate of Average Time to Respond: Public reporting burden for collecting information under this notice is estimated to average 5.75 hour per response, including the time for

reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collections of information.

Type of Respondents: State.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 42.

Estimated Average Number of Responses per Respondent: 12.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 504.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,898 hours.

The purpose of this notice is to request comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning the information collection request. The comments will help us:

(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 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 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 where provided, will be made a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.

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Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of the CCC Export Credit Guarantee (GSM-102) Program based on current program levels and participants.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 24, 2023 to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*

<https://www.regulations.gov>. This portal enables respondents to enter short comments or attach a file containing lengthier comments.

- *Email:* Juan.McCoy@usda.gov.

Include OMB Control Number 0551-0004 in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail, Courier, or Hand Delivery:*

Juan McCoy, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 5768, Washington, DC 20250.

Instructions: All submissions must be identified by the OMB Control Number 0551-0004 and include the name of the agency, the Foreign Agricultural Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Slusher, 202 720-0775,

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: CCC Export Credit Guarantee (GSM-102) Program.

OMB Number: 0551-0004.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2024.

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

Abstract: The primary objective of the GSM-102 program is to expand U.S. agricultural exports by making available export credit guarantees to encourage U.S. private sector financing of foreign purchases of U.S. agricultural commodities on credit terms. The CCC currently has programs operating in at least 144 countries and regions with 95 exporters eligible to participate. Under 7 CFR part 1493, exporters, foreign financial institutions, and U.S. financial institutions are required to submit information including the following, as applicable: (1) information about the exporter, foreign financial institutions, and U.S. financial institutions for program participation; (2) applications for payment guarantees; (3) notices of assignment; (4) repurchase agreements; (5) information regarding the actual export of the commodity (evidence of export report); (6) notice of default and claims for loss; and (7) appeals. In addition, each exporter and exporter's assignee (U.S. financial institution) must maintain records on all information submitted to CCC and in connection with sales made under the GSM-102 program. The information collected is used by CCC to manage, plan, evaluate, and account for government resources. The reports and

records are required to ensure the proper and judicious use of public funds.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for these collections is estimated to average 0.278 hours per response.

Type of Respondents: U.S. exporters, U.S. financial institutions, and foreign financial institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 47 per annum.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 86.5 per annum.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 1,130 hours.

Copies of this information collection may be obtained from Dacia Rogers, the Agency Information Collection Coordinator, at Dacia.Rogers@usda.gov.

Requests for Comments: Send comments regarding (a) whether the 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 the burden of the collection of information including validity of the methodology and assumption used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of 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 a matter of public record. Comments will be available without change, including any personal information provided, for inspection online at <https://www.regulations.gov> and at the mail address listed above between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for OMB approval.

Persons with disabilities who require an alternative means for communication of information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact RARequest@usda.gov.

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Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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