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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting Case Competition Submission Forms

AGENCY: Agency for International Development (USAID).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Office of Learning, Evaluation, and Research holds an annual Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting (CLA) Case Competition, wherein USAID partners and staff can submit examples of the way in which they have employed CLA approaches in their work. The submissions are posted online (available to the public), contributing to agency learning through these real-world experiences. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended, USAID is soliciting comments for this collection.

DATES: Comments are due April 1, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Koler, amkoler@usaid.gov, 202-257-0487

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USAID, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on the proposed information collection. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** (88 FR 89654) on December 28, 2023. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Title of Collection: Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting Case Competition.

OMB Control Number: XXXXXX.

Type of Review: A new information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: USAID’s partners and USAID staff.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 85.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 864.

Abstract: When a partner or USAID staff member decides to participate in the annual Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting (CLA) Case Competition, they must download the CLA Case Competition Submission Form from USAID’s Learning Lab website. Through answering the six question form, they detail the context in which they were working, the specific manner in which they applied a CLA approach (or approaches) and describe the result of using that approach. The answers to these questions, plus a summary and a photo, constitute their submission to the competition. When they submit their case competition submission, they must also submit the CLA Case Competition Web Submission Form. This form captures additional information about the case, the organization submitting the form, and their experience with the case competition, as well as point of contact information. The CLA Case Competition Submission Form is shared with the public through USAID’s Learning Lab website. The information from the CLA Case Competition Web Submission form is kept in a restricted online file.

USAID and the Office of Management and Budget are particularly interested in comments that:

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 the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. 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, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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: 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; the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 1, 2024 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

Title: Fast Track Generic Clearance for Qualitative Feedback on Customer Satisfaction Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0261.

Summary of Collection: Executive Order 12862 directs Federal agencies to provide service to the public that matches or exceeds the best service available in the private sector. In order to ensure that our programs are effective and meet our users' needs, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) seeks to obtain OMB approval for the renewal of this generic clearance to collect qualitative feedback on our products and services. The qualitative information to be collected is intended to provide useful insights on user perceptions and opinions. It is not intended to yield quantitative results that are statistically generalizable to any larger populations.

Annual requests from the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) to establish numerical measurements of the general level of satisfaction felt by IDOA's customers and clients will be included in this generic information collection request when funded by the IDOA. The results are used by some Bureaus in the IDOA as part of a Public Accountability Report that is submitted to the Illinois Comptroller. In addition, the Bureaus are using the results to help guide their operational management decisions, in particular for training staff.

Need and Use of the Information:

This collection of information is necessary to enable NASS to obtain feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with our commitment to improving the quality, usability, and ease of accessing our surveys and public information. This feedback will provide insights into user perceptions, experiences, expectations, and provide an early warning of issues with service; and focus attention on areas where communication, training, or changes in operations might improve delivery of products and services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative, and actionable communications between NASS and its customers and stakeholders. The feedback will also contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Description of Respondents: Farmers, ranchers, agri-businesses and data users.

Number of Respondents: 120,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 8,375.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

[Docket ID FSA-2023-0025]

Continuation of Farm Service Agency's Conservation Reserve Program

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; extension of authorization.

SUMMARY: The Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024, extended the authorization of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill), through September 30, 2024, for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), a Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) program administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). This notice provides information about CRP, which has been extended until September 30, 2024. CRP will be administered by and through its current terms and procedures.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

CRP

The Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (Pub. L. 118-22) maintains the CRP enrollment cap at the 27-million-acre level for FY 2024, unchanged from the 2018 Farm Bill. Current CRP enrollment is 24.8 million acres. CRP's purpose continues to be to cost-effectively assist producers in conserving and improving natural resources, restoring environmentally sensitive land by converting it to long-term vegetative cover, and improving the health of grasslands. Producers may enroll in CRP's annual general and grassland signups. They may also enroll environmentally sensitive land through CRP's continuous signups. A continuous signup includes lands

enrolled through the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), which allows States, Tribal governments, and nongovernmental organizations (NGO) to partner with FSA to implement CRP practices that address high priority conservation and environmental objectives at specific locations. The dates producers may begin offering new CRP contracts will be announced through the normal news release process.

Transition Incentives Program

The Transition Incentives Program (TIP) was extended through September 30, 2024, with no changes. The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Pub. L. 117-169) made additional funds available until September 30, 2031, unless any future amendatory legislation specifies another date. TIP incentivizes the voluntary transition of land enrolled in an expiring CRP contract from its current landowner or operator to a veteran, beginning, or socially disadvantaged (SDA) farmer or rancher to return the land to production for sustainable grazing or crop production in a way that preserves established conservation practices.

Eligible landowners and operators, veteran, beginning, or SDA farmers and ranchers may enroll in TIP on a continuous basis beginning 2 years before the CRP contract expires. Landowners or operators who qualify for TIP may be eligible to receive additional annual rental payments for up to 2 additional years after the CRP contract expires.

Forest Management Incentive

The Forest Management Incentive (FMI) was extended through September 30, 2024, with no change. The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Pub. L. 117-169) made additional funds available until September 30, 2031, unless any future amendatory legislation specifies another date. FMI is available to farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners currently participating in CRP to encourage management activities such as thinning and pruning of trees, which are used to provide conservation covers.

USDA Non-Discrimination Policy

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation,