

- Advancing fundamental AI through international collaborations and research infrastructure
- Applications of AI to address global challenges: climate, food security, health, etc.
- Global perspectives on AI misuse: surveillance, information integrity, gender-based violence
- Advancing safe, secure, inclusive, and trustworthy AI
- Labor Market Implications and risk mitigation

In considering information for submission, respondents are encouraged to review resources that USAID, State Department, DOE, and NSF have developed or coordinated with partners to develop in the past:

- USAID Digital Ecosystem Framework
- USAID AI Action Plan
- Reflecting the Past, Shaping the Future: Making AI Work for International Development
- OECD Working Party on AI Governance
- Global Partnership on AI
- OECD Recommendation on AI
- Hiroshima Process Code of Conduct for Organizations Developing Advanced AI Systems
- National Artificial Intelligence Research and Development Strategic Plan

1. Questions for the Global AI Research Agenda

USAID and State Department are interested in receiving information pertinent to any or all of the topics described below. Respondents may provide information on one or more of the topics in this RFI and may elect not to address every topic.

Please answer based on your experience, the positions of your organization, or research you have encountered or conducted. Where possible, please cite the source of your information or note when personal views are expressed.

Information that is specific and actionable is of special interest. Copyright protections of materials, if any, should be clearly noted. USAID and the State Department are especially interested in the perspectives of those living and/or working in emerging economies, though responses are welcome from anyone.

- *Research best practices:* What sorts of guidelines, practices, or institutional arrangements can help various research stakeholders (universities, corporate R&D centers, conferences, journals, etc.) ensure that AI research is safe, ethical, and sensitive to global contexts?

- In particular, what criteria and frameworks are currently being used by

AI conferences, publications, and funders?

- *International engagement:* What types of international research partnerships have been most effective in ensuring alignment on safe, secure, and trustworthy AI? What types have been challenging?

- *Foundation models:* How might research and engagement best practices differ between the developers of foundation models and “downstream” users of these models? What do users want and need from foundation model developers?

- *Human impacts:* What considerations are most important for safe and ethical research into the human impacts of AI systems (e.g., mental health, labor displacement, bias and discrimination)? How do these considerations vary in different global contexts?

- *Enabling infrastructure:* What are the best strategies to ensure access to computing resources, data, and other prerequisites for AI research?

- *Global equity considerations:* How might these best practices or strategies look different for partnerships in developed economies and those involving emerging economies? How might best practices differ for different types of partnerships (academic, private sector, government, public-private etc.)?

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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 15, 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.

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Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Title: Bio-refinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program.

OMB Control Number: 0570–0065.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS or the Agency) is a Rural Development agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administers The Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program (Program). The Program was established under Section 9003 of the 2008 Farm Bill and assists in the development, construction, and retrofitting of new and emerging technologies for the development of advanced biofuels by providing loan guarantees of up to \$250 million. The Program’s authority was continued in the Agricultural Acts of 2014 and 2018. This collection of information is necessary for Rural Development to identify projects eligible for loan guarantees under the Program. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35), Rural Development is submitting this information collection package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance.

Need and Use of the Information: The Agency will use various forms and written evidence to collect needed information to determine lender and borrower eligibility for loan guarantees,

and to ensure the lender protects the government's financial interests. Lenders provide the Agency with quarterly construction progress reports demonstrating that engineering and financial criteria used in the review and approval of the application continue to be met during the construction phase of the project. Post-construction information will be collected demonstrating that the bio-refineries are operating and meeting all financial criteria projected during the application phase. If the information were not collected, the Agency would not be able to make prudent credit decisions nor monitor the lenders servicing activities.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 26.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 7,803.

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Rural Utilities Service

Title: Electric System Emergency Restoration Plan.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0140.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is uniquely coupled with the electric infrastructure of rural America and its electric borrowers serving rural America because a substantial portion of the electric infrastructure of the United States resides in, and is maintained by, rural America. To ensure that the electric infrastructure in rural America is adequately protected, RUS requires that all electric borrowers conduct a Vulnerability and Risk Assessment (VRA) of their respective systems and utilize the results of this assessment to enhance an existing Emergency Restoration Plan (ERP) or create an ERP.

The items covered in this information collection package are received from RUS electric program distribution, generation, and transmission borrowers, who are required by 7 CFR 1730.27 and 1730.28 to identify critical assets and develop an Emergency Restoration Plan (ERP). The ERP details how borrowers will restore systems in the event of a system-wide outage resulting from a major natural or man-made disaster or other causes. The ERP also includes preventative measures for emergency recovery from physical and cyber-attacks to the borrower's electric systems and addresses Homeland Security concerns.

Need and Use of the Information: Electric borrowers maintain an ERP as part of prudent utilities practices. These ERPs are essential to continuous operation of the electric systems. 7 CFR 1730.26(b) requires that each electric applicant develop an ERP that is approved and signed by the applicant's Manager or Chief Executive Officer and approved by the applicant's Board of Directors. Applicants for new RUS electric loans, loan guarantees, or grants must include the written certification of an ERP in the application package submitted to RUS. If the self-

certification of an ERP is not received, approval of the loan, loan guarantees, or grants will not be considered until the certification is received by RUS.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 41.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 21.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR part 1752, Special Servicing of Telecommunication Programs Loans for Financially Distressed Borrowers.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0153.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS or the Agency) Telecommunications Program (Program) provides loan funding to build and expand broadband and telecommunications services into unserved and underserved rural communities, along with very limited funding to support the costs to acquire equipment to provide distance learning and telemedicine service. RUS published a Final rule codifying a new servicing regulation on February 25, 2020 in the **Federal Register** which outlines policies for servicing actions associated with distressed borrowers from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Loan Program, Rural Broadband Program, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program, Broadband Initiatives Program, and Rural e-Connectivity Pilot Program. The purpose of the regulation is to streamline servicing actions, improve the government's recovery on such loans, and improve customer service.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collection addresses RD's expanded authority, with the codification of the rulemaking, to address servicing actions. RD considers it imperative to use the expanded authority for servicing actions associated with the RUS Telecommunications Programs in order to: (1) maximize risk management of loan portfolio; (2) reduce duplication of effort between Federal agencies, which may expedite servicing of distressed borrowers; (3) ensure efficient recovery of debt which may mitigate negative impact on program subsidy rates; and (4) simplify the servicing process for the Agency and therefore minimize the financial burden and costs on borrowers.

The Agency provides forms and/or guidelines to assist in collection and submission of the information required to service loans. In some cases, use of Agency forms is optional and the borrower may submit the information