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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comments Requested: USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse Database Form (FNS 543)

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection. This is a revision of a currently approved information collection form that organizations fighting hunger and poverty fill out to keep their information up to date for use by the general public.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before January 6, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were 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 use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to: Jimmy Nguyen, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1320

Braddock Place, 7th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314. Comments may also be submitted via email to [Jimmy.Nguyen@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Jimmy.Nguyen@fns.usda.gov). Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Jimmy Nguyen at 703-305-2530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse Database Form.

*Form Number:* FNS-543.

*OMB Number:* 0584-0474.

*Expiration Date:* 4/30/2025.

*Type of Request:* Revised Collection.

*Abstract:* Section 26(d) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769g (d)) (the Act), which was added to the Act by section 123 of Public Law 103-448 on November 2, 1994, mandated that FNS enter into a contract with a non-governmental organization to establish and maintain an information clearinghouse (named "USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse" or "Clearinghouse") for groups that assist low-income individuals or communities regarding nutrition assistance programs or other assistance. Section 26(d) of this Act was most recently amended by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 (Pub. L. 118-42) on March 9, 2024, to extend funding for the Clearinghouse through fiscal year 2024. FNS recently awarded another five-year contract (one year with four options) to the hunger advocacy organization Hunger Free America on May 17, 2024. Hunger Free America has had this contract since 2015.

The Clearinghouse includes a database of non-governmental, grassroots organizations in the areas of hunger and nutrition, along with a mailing list to communicate with these

organizations. These organizations provide their information and Clearinghouse staff use that information to provide the public with information about where they can get food assistance. Previously, the Clearinghouse used a form (FNS-543) that was downloaded from the Clearinghouse website, filled out, and submitted back to the Clearinghouse to enter into the database. For the past several years, however, the Clearinghouse has been using an electronic form (available at <https://www.tfaforms.com/4821149>) which automatically links to the Clearinghouse's database. This new process reduces burden on organizations, by avoiding the need for them to download the FNS-543 form, fill it out, and then submit it to the Clearinghouse; and for Clearinghouse staff, as they no longer need to manually enter the information. FNS acknowledges that the online form the Clearinghouse currently uses does not have the required burden information and OMB approval although many elements from the approved form are present on the online form. FNS will ensure that appropriate burden and OMB approval information is added to the online form. Information was obtained from the Clearinghouse to provide estimates for future collections and the following information was determined:

*Affected Public:* Respondent groups identified include (1) Food banks—Not for Profit, and (2) Other Not For Profit. Most of these groups are organizations providing nutrition assistance services to the public.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 600.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* Each respondent is expected to only participate in one survey.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 600.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 4 minutes (0.0667 hours).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 2,401.20 minutes (40.02 hours).

See the table below for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.

Respondent	Estimated number respondent	Responses annually per respondent	Total annual responses (Col. bxc)	Estimated avg. number of hours per response	Estimated total hours (col. dxe)
<b>Reporting Burden</b>					
Food Banks (Not for Profit) .....	400	1	400	0.0667	26.86
Other Not For Profit .....	200	1	200	0.0667	13.34
Total Reporting Burden .....	600	.....	600	.....	40.02

**Tameka Owens,**  
*Acting Administrator and Assistant Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.*  
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**ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION**

**Request for Nominations**

**ACTION:** Notice of vacancy.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to public law, which states that any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Commission shall be filled, after notice of the vacancy is published in the **Federal Register**, in the manner in which the original appointment was made, for the remainder of the unexpired term. This notice is published to comply with the aforesaid requirement.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Debra Dickson, Administrative Officer, Arctic Research Commission, 703-235-1040.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (Title I, Pub. L. 98-373) and the Presidential Executive Order on Arctic Research (Executive Order 12501) dated January 28, 1985, established the United States Arctic Research Commission and provides the authority for this notice.

**Debra L. Dickson,**  
*Administrative Officer.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Economic Development Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Requirements for Approved Construction Investments**

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 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 preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before January 6, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Jeff Roberson, Chief Counsel, U.S. Department of Commerce, via email at [jroberson@eda.gov](mailto:jroberson@eda.gov) or via phone at (202) 482-1315. You may also submit comments to [PRAcomments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAcomments@doc.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0610-0096 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Jeff Roberson, Chief Counsel, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, via email at [jroberson@eda.gov](mailto:jroberson@eda.gov) or via phone at (202) 482-1315.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) leads the Federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. Guided by the basic principle that sustainable economic development should be locally driven, EDA works directly with communities and regions to help them build the capacity for economic

development based on local business conditions and needs. The Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (PWEDA) (42 U.S.C. 3121 *et seq.*) is EDA's organic authority and is the primary legal authority under which EDA awards financial assistance. Under PWEDA, EDA provides financial assistance to both rural and urban distressed communities by fostering entrepreneurship, innovation, and productivity through investments in infrastructure development, capacity building, and business development to attract private capital investments and new and better jobs to regions experiencing economic distress. Further information on EDA programs and financial assistance opportunities can be found at [www.eda.gov](http://www.eda.gov).

To effectively administer and monitor its economic development assistance programs, EDA collects certain information from applications for, and recipients of, EDA investment assistance. EDA may award assistance for construction projects through its Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) programs. Public Works program investments help support the construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and facilities necessary to generate or retain private sector jobs and investments, attract private sector capital, and promote vibrant economic ecosystems, regional competitiveness, and innovation. The EAA program provides a wide range of technical, planning, and infrastructure assistance in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time.

EDA seeks comments from the public and other Federal agencies on a proposed revision and extension of the series of checklists and templates that constitute EDA's post-approval tool for construction projects. These checklists and templates, as well as any special conditions incorporated into the terms and conditions at the time of award, supplement the requirements that apply to EDA-funded construction projects.