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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Invitation to Serve on Grain Inspection Advisory Committee

Under authority of section 20 of the United States Grain Standards Act (Act), the Secretary of Agriculture established the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) on September 29, 1981, to provide advice to the Administrator on implementation of the Act. Section 14 of the United States Grain Standards Act Amendments of 1993, Public Law 103-156, extended the authority for the Advisory Committee through the year 2000.

The Advisory Committee presently consists of 15 members, appointed by the Secretary, who represent the interests of grain producers, processors, handlers, merchandisers, consumers, and exporters, including scientists with expertise in research related to the policies in section 2 of the Act. Members of the Committee serve without compensation. They are reimbursed for travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, for travel away from their homes or regular places of business in performance of Committee service, as authorized under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code. Alternatively, travel expenses may be paid by Committee members.

Nominations are being sought for persons to serve on the Advisory Committee to replace the five members and five alternate members whose terms expire in December 1996.

Persons interested in serving on the Advisory Committee, or in nominating individuals to serve, should contact: James R. Baker, Administrator, GIPSA, Room 1094-S, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, DC 20090-6454, in writing and request Form AD-755, which must

be completed and submitted to the Administrator at the above address not later than October 11, 1996.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, or marital status.

The final selection of Advisory Committee members and alternates will be made by the Secretary.

Dated: August 6, 1996.

James R. Baker,

Administrator.

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Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments request.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) is the successor to the Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service (RBCDS), which was a successor to the Rural Development Administration (RDA), which was a successor to the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA).

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces RBS' intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of the Intermediary Relending Program (IRP).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by October 11, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: M. Wayne Stansbery, Loan Specialist, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA, Ag. Box 1521, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 720-6819.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: RBS/Intermediary Relending Program.

OMB Number: 0575-0130.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 1997.

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

Abstract: A proposed rule for a complete revision of the IRP regulations

(7 CFR 1948, subpart C) was published in the Federal Register on January 18, 1995, at 60 FR 3566. The public reporting burden for information collection associated with that proposed rule was approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB No. 0575-0130. After considering the public comments on the proposed rule, the Agency now proposes to include some additional changes in the final rule that will impact on the public reporting burden. Accordingly, the Agency will seek OMB approval for a revision in the public reporting burden for information collection associated with the IRP regulations.

The objective of the IRP is to improve community facilities and employment opportunities and increase economic activity in rural areas by financing business facilities and community development. This purpose is achieved through loans made by RBS to intermediaries that establish programs for the purpose of providing loans to ultimate recipients for business facilities and community development. The regulations contain various requirements for information from the intermediaries and some requirements may cause the intermediary to require information from ultimate recipients. The information requested is vital for RBS to be able to process applications in a responsible manner, make prudent credit and program decisions, and effectively monitor the intermediaries' activities to protect the Government's financial interest and ensure that funds obtained from the Government are used appropriately. It includes information to identify the intermediary, describe the intermediary's experience and expertise, describe how the intermediary will operate its revolving loan fund, provide for debt instruments, loan agreements, and security, and other material necessary for prudent credit decisions and reasonable program monitoring. The changes being proposed include providing operating plans for revolving lines of credit. Revolving lines of credit are currently not allowed, but consideration is being given to authorizing such loans if certain conditions, including having sound operating plans and procedures, are met. Another proposed change requires additional details in the work plan regarding goals, strategies, anticipated outcomes, and technical assistance. The