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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Telephone Bank

Sunshine Act Meeting

ACTION: Staff Briefing for the Board of Directors.

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m., Wednesday, August 21, 1996.

PLACE: Room 5066, South Building, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED: General discussion involving privatization planning; update on legislative issues affecting the Bank and RUS telecommunications loan programs; class C stock dividend rate for FY 1996; director liability presentation; status of State Telecommunications Modernization Plans; and update on board of directors' election activities.

ACTION: Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m., Thursday, August 22, 1996.

PLACE: Williamsburg Room, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to Order.
2. Action on Minutes of May 9, 1996, Board meeting.
3. Report on loans approved third quarter FY 1996.
4. Summary of financial activity for third quarter FY 1996.
5. Report of ad hoc committee on privatization of the Bank.
6. Consideration of resolution to retire class A stock in FY 1996.
7. Consideration of resolution to set annual class C stock dividend rate.

8. Adjournment.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Barbara L. Eddy, Deputy Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720-9554.

Dated: August 8, 1996.

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Acting Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted the following collection requirement to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Title: National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Program Evaluation Survey.

Agency Number: None.

OMB Number: 0607-0016 currently approved for Census.

Burden: 1410 hours.

Number of Respondents: 8,460.

Avg Hours Per Response: 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: This is a new submission by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Previously, the information collection was approved under a submission by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Census Bureau. This collection activity is being conducted in partnership with the Census Bureau.

The Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) is a growing nationwide system of services and support for smaller manufacturers giving them unprecedented access to new technologies, resources, and expertise. Sponsored by NIST, the MEP is comprised of a network of locally based Manufacturing Extension Centers.

Obtaining specific information from clients about the impact of MEP services is essential for NIST MEP officials to evaluate program strengths and weaknesses and plan improvements in program effectiveness and efficiency.

This information is not available from existing programs or other sources.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: Once Per Respondent.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Virginia Huth, (202) 395-6929.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC's Acting Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to Virginia Huth, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 7, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,
*Acting Department Forms Clearance Officer,
 Office of Management and Organization.*

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Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: Annual Survey of State & Local Government Finance.

Form Number(s): F-5, 5a, 11, 12, 13, 21, 22, 25, 28, 29, 32, 42.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0585.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 22,798 hours.

Number of Respondents: 7,459.

Avg Hours Per Response: 3.1 hours.

Needs and Uses: This annual survey provides state government finance data and estimates of local government revenue, expenditure, debt and assets by type of local government, nationally and within state areas. The data are used to calculate the gross domestic product (GDP), to monitor the government sector of the economy, and to formulate, develop, and review public policy.