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### ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

#### Meeting

**AGENCY:** Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will meet on Friday, February 28, 1997. The meeting will be held on the third floor of the Arsenal (enter through the Cabildo on Jackson Square), 701 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The Council was established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470) to advise the President and the Congress on matters relating to historic preservation and to comment upon Federal, federally assisted, and federally licensed undertakings having an effect upon properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The Council's members are the Architect of the Capitol; the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture; the heads of four designated Federal agencies; the Chairman of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the President of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers; a Governor; a Mayor; a Native Hawaiian; and eight non-Federal members appointed by the President.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following:

- I. Chairman's Welcome
- II. Swearing in of New Member
- III. Chairman's Report
- IV. Report of the Task Force on Regulations
- V. Member Involvement in Council Activities
- VI. Preservation Policy Issues
- VII. Executive Director's Report
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Adjourn.

Note: The meetings of the Council are open to the public. If you need special

accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Room 809, Washington, DC, 202-606-8503, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the meeting is available from the Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., #809, Washington, DC 20004.

Dated: February 12, 1997.

John M. Fowler,

*Acting Executive Director.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

#### Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

#### Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service's (CSREES) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of the CSREES National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program (NRICGP).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by April 21, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Sally J. Rockey, Deputy Administrator, Competitive Research Grants and Awards Management, CSREES, USDA, STOP 2240, Washington, DC 20250-2240, (202) 401-1766. E-mail: OEP@reeusda.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* CSREES/National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program.

*OMB Number:* 0524-0033.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* June 30, 1997.

*Type of Request:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* USDA/CSREES administers the NRICGP, under which competitive, peer-reviewed research grants of a high-priority nature are awarded. This program is authorized pursuant to the authorities contain in section 2(b) of the Act of August 4, 1965, as amended by section 1615 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (FACT Act) (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)) (1965 Act, as amended).

Before awards can be made, certain information is required from applicants as part of an overall proposal package. In addition to project summaries, descriptions of the research, literature reviews, curricula vitae of principal investigators, and other, relevant technical aspects of the proposed project, supporting documentation of an administrative and budgetary nature also must be provided. Because of the nature of the competitive, peer-reviewed process, it is important that information from applicants be available in a standardized format to ensure equitable treatment.

Each year, an NRICGP solicitation is issued requesting proposals for various research areas. Applicant submit proposals for these various research areas following the format outlined in the yearly Program Description. These proposals are evaluated by peer review panels and awarded on a competitive basis.

The NRICGP has been using the "Application Kit" (OMB Approval 0525-0022) developed for general CSREES use since the inception of the NRICGP in Fiscal Year 1991. This kit includes the necessary forms and instructions to applicants requesting support under various competitive and noncompetitive funding programs sponsored by CSREES. In 1994, the NRICGP sought and received approval of three forms specific to the needs of the NRICGP, including one form used by CSREES for meeting the compliance requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Forms CSREES-1232, "Project Summary," CSREES-1233, "Conflict of Interest," and CSREES-1234, "National Environmental Policy Act Exclusions Form" are mainly used for proposal evaluation and administration. While some of the information will be used to respond to inquiries from Congress and other government agencies, the forms are not designed to be statistical surveys