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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 28, 1997.

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 regarding (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity 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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503 and to Department Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-6204 or (202) 720-6746.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

### Economic Research Service

*Title:* Farm Real Estate Tax Survey.  
*OMB Control Number:* 0536-0002.

*Summary:* Information is collected on farm and ranch real estate taxes plus assessed value of land and building.

*Need and Use of the Information:* Estimates of the farm real estate taxes are used for the computation of the index of Prices Paid by farmers. They are essential in computing net farm income, return on equity to farming and cost of farms production.

*Description of Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,500.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 2,083.

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

*Title:* Cooperative Services Questionnaire: Market Potential for New Cooperatives, Buyer Survey for New Cooperative Activity.

*OMB Control Number:* 0570-0009.

*Summary:* RBS will survey potential buyers of proposed cooperatives' products at the request of producer groups to assist them in determining the feasibility of new cooperative marketing ventures.

*Need and Use of the Information:* Data are used to develop a total business plan for new cooperative activities and to evaluate the potential for their success.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 105.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 3.5

### Rural Housing Service

*Title:* 7 CFR 1924-F, Complaints and Compensation for Construction Defects.

*OMB Control Number:* 0575-0082.

*Summary:* Information is collected from borrowers concerning defects of newly constructed dwelling and new manufactured housing units.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information is used by the Rural Housing staff to evaluate the request and assist the borrower in identifying possible causes for the construction defects and corrective actions.

*Description of Respondents:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 5,000.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: on occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,500.

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### Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization; Subcontracting Forum

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) at the Department of Agriculture (USDA) will hold its first Federal Subcontracting Forum on May 7, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. The meeting will be held in Room 107-A of the Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, located at 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250. Attendance at the meeting is open to all large business concerns.

Presentation topics include the Impact of the Adarand Decision and the Department of Justice's Proposal on the Federal Subcontracting Program; the Federal Subcontracting Program at USDA; and the Future of the Federal Subcontracting Program. Among the guest speakers will be Bob Taylor, Manager, Federal Subcontracting Program, Small Business Administration (SBA), and Linda Mesaros, Deputy Associate Administrator for Procurement Policy, Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP).

Large business representatives should be prepared to address their subcontracting concerns/issues at the meeting. Legal counsel and a team of procurement officials from USDA, SBA and OFPP will be available to answer questions. Confidential and proprietary information will not be discussed. Seating at the forum is limited, and reservations are required. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

**DATES:** Reservations must be made by April 23, 1997 (fax or e-mail only).

**ADDRESSES:** Confirm by facsimile at (202) 720-3001. Confirm by e-mail at giavanna.pullen@usda.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact Loretta D'Amico, USDA/