

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Weekly, Monthly, Annually.
Total Burden Hours: 5,421.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: FSP-State Agency Options.
OMB Control Number: 0584-New.
Summary of Collection: The Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) establishes a program whereby needy households apply for and receive food stamp benefits. It specifies national eligibility standards but allows State agencies certain options in administering the program. These options relate to establishing a homeless shelter deduction; establishing, periodically reviewing, and updating standard utility allowances to be used in excess shelter cost computation; and establishing a methodology for offsetting costs of producing self-employment income. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will collect information from State agencies on the methods used to calculate these deductions and allowances.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect information from State agencies on how the various Food Stamp Program implementation options will be determined. The information collected will be used by FNS to establish quality control reviews, standards, and self-employment costs.

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

Number of Respondents: 49.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.
Total Burden Hours: 296.

Nancy B. Sternberg,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

Federal Subcontracting Forum, Workshop and Opportunities Fair

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 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will hold a Federal Subcontracting Forum, Workshop and Opportunities Fair on Wednesday, June 23, 1999, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in

the Jamie L. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9501. The morning session, which will consist of presentation topics from featured guest speakers and the conduct of the workshop, will be held in Room 107-A from 9 AM to 12 Noon. The subcontracting opportunities fair will take place in the afternoon in the Patio of the building from 1:30 to 4:00 PM. Attendance at the morning session is open to large business concerns and non-profit organizations. Small business concerns are invited to participate in the afternoon session. Presentation topics include the Office of Federal Procurement Policy's (OFPP) Initiatives Relating to the Small Business Program including the new OFPP Policy Letters on Goaling and Subcontracting; the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Role in 2 Subcontracting and the Future of Subcontracting; the Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) Reform—Interim Rules Published by the Federal Acquisition Regulation Council; the SDB Procurement Mechanisms including the Subcontracting Evaluation Factor for SDB Participation & Monetary Subcontracting Incentives; Reporting Requirements—including the new (supplemental) SDB Reports; the new Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) Subcontracting Goal; the Role of the Commercial Market Representative; An Update on SBA's Procurement Marketing and Access Network (PRO-Net) System; and An Update on the USDA Subcontracting Program. Among the guest speakers will be Linda Williams, Associate Deputy Administrator for the OFPP, and Robert C. Taylor, Manager of the Federal Subcontracting Program at the SBA. Confidential and proprietary information will not be discussed. A number of large business concerns and non-profit organizations will be represented at the opportunities fair to discuss upcoming subcontracting opportunities. Seating at the forum/workshop is limited, and reservations are required. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

DATES: Reservations must be made by June 15, 1999 (fax or e-mail only).

ADDRESSES: Confirm by facsimile at (202) 720-3001. Confirm by e-mail at janet.baylor@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Loretta D'Amico, USDA/OSDBU, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, AG STOP 9501, Washington, DC 20250-9501, telephone: (202) 720-7117, or visit the OSDBU Home Page on the Internet at www.usda.gov/da/smallbus.html under the What's New Section. If you need

special accommodations to participate in the event, please notify Loretta D'Amico by June 15 at (202) 720-7117 (v) or through the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 (voice/tdd).

Sharron L. Harris,

Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 99-002-2]

University of Saskatchewan; Availability of Determination of Nonregulated Status for Flax Genetically Engineered for Tolerance to Soil Residues of Sulfonylurea Herbicides

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public of our determination that the University of Saskatchewan's flax line designated as CDC Triffid, which has been genetically engineered for tolerance to soil residues of sulfonylurea herbicides, is no longer considered a regulated article under our regulations governing the introduction of certain genetically engineered organisms. Our determination is based on our evaluation of data submitted by the University of Saskatchewan in its petition for a determination of nonregulated status and our analysis of other scientific data. This notice also announces the availability of our written determination document and its associated environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The determination, an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact and the petition may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect those documents are asked to call in advance of visiting at (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room.

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