

the paperwork, Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) whether the proposed or continuing collections of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Send comments on this information collection on or before July 6, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07-106, RRB, Washington, D.C., 20523, (202) 712-1365 or via e-mail bjohnson@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB No.: OMB 0412-0020.

Form No.: AID 1450-4.

Title: Supplier's Certificate and Agreement with the U.S. Agency for International Development for Project Commodities/Invoice and Contract Abstract.

Type of Review: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: When USAID is not a party to a contract which it finances, it needs some means of collecting information directly from the suppliers of such commodities and related services to enable it to take appropriate action in the event that they do not comply with applicable USAID regulations. The information collection, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements are necessary to assure that USAID funds are expended in accordance with statutory requirements and USAID policies. It also allows for positive identification of transactions where overcharges occur.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 33.

Total annual responses: 99.

Total annual hours requested: 65 hours.

Dated: May 18, 1999.

Willette L. Smith,

Chief, Information and Records Division,
Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

May 20, 1999.

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 information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden 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 Departmental 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) 720-6746.

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.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Field Crops Objective Yield.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0088.

Summary of Collection: The National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) primary function is to prepare and issue current official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production. General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. This statute specifies that the Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain * * *

by the collection of statistics * * * and shall distribute them among agriculturists. Data collected in this information collection sets yield estimates for wheat, corn, cotton, soybeans, and potatoes. The Objective Yield Survey provides an unbiased input by utilizing plant counts and other measurements during the growing season. This information is one of the information sources used in making agricultural policy decisions. NASS will collect information using a survey.

Need and Use of the Information:

NASS will collect information on sample fields of wheat, corn, cotton, soybean, potatoes, and durum wheat. The information will be used to anticipate loan receipts and pricing of loan stocks for grains.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 8,100.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 4,013.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Egg, Chicken, and Turkey Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0004.

Summary of Collection: The primary function of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue current official State and national estimates of crop and livestock production. Thousands of farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and others voluntarily respond to nationwide surveys about crops, livestock, prices, and other agricultural activities. Estimates of egg, chicken, and turkey production are an integral part of this program. General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. This statute specifies that the Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain by the collection of statistics and shall distribute them among agriculturists. Information published from the surveys in this docket are needed by USDA economists and government policy makers to ensure the orderly marketing of broilers, turkeys and eggs.

Need and Use of the Information:

Statistics on these poultry products contribute to a comprehensive program of keeping the government and poultry industry abreast of anticipated changes. All of the poultry reports are used by producers, processors, feed dealers, and others in the marketing and supply channels as a basis for their production and marketing decisions.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 6,883.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. James White, Biotechnology and Biological Analysis, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Suite 5B05, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-