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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agriculture Development, One Hundred and Thirty First Meeting; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the one hundred and thirty first meeting of the Board for International Food and Agriculture Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 16, 2000, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 17, 2000, in the NASULGC conference room on the first floor at 1307 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 2005.

As part of its agenda, BIFAD will look at the role of agriculture in global poverty reduction. A strong agriculture sector is the cornerstone to a strong economy and poverty reduction. In developing countries the majority of the population is engaged in agriculture. BIFAD will learn how development policies as well as activities in different geographic regions are supporting poverty reduction through improved agriculture. BIFAD will hear about university/private sector partnerships collaborating on international agriculture development in select commodities. Such collaboration is important in promoting agricultural development.

Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact Mr. Charles Uphaus, the Acting Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Write him in care of the Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Office of Agriculture and Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 2.11-044, Washington, DC 20523-2110

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Procurement and Property Management; Proposed Collection; Comment Request Concerning Collection of Acquisition Information

AGENCY: Office of Procurement and Property Management, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of approved information collection requirements.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of Procurement and Property Management (OPPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of five currently approved information collections related to the award of, or performance under, USDA contracts. OPPM invites comment on these information collections. These information requirements are currently approved by OMB for use through May 31, 2000. OPPM proposes that OMB extend its approval for use through June 2, 2003.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Joseph J. Daragan, Procurement Analyst, Office of Procurement and Property Management, STOP 9303, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9303. Comments may also be submitted via fax at (202) 720-8972, or through the Internet at joe.daragan@USDA.GOV.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph J. Daragan, Office of Procurement and Property Management, STOP 9303, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9303, (202) 720-5729.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USDA is seeking OMB approval of the following information collections:

1. *Title:* Procurement: Maximum Workweek—Construction Schedule.

OMB Number: 0505-0011.

Expiration Date: 5/31/2000.

Type of request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Proposed use of information:

Information about the contractor's proposed hours of work is requested prior to the start of construction so that the agency can determine when on-site representatives are needed. A contracting office will insert this clause in a construction contract when, because of the agency's staffing or budgetary constraints, it is necessary to limit the contractor's performance to a maximum number of hours per week.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit; small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One (1).

Estimate of Burden: The information collected is the hours and days of the week the contractor proposes to carry out construction, with starting and stopping times. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average fifteen minutes per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 150 hours.

2. *Title:* Procurement: Instruction for the Preparation of Business and Technical Proposals.

OMB Number: 0505-0013.

Expiration Date: 5/31/2000.

Type of request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Proposed use of information:

Technical and business proposals received from offerors, including information about offerors' organization and financial systems, are used when conducting negotiated procurement to evaluate and determine the feasibility of the prospective contractor's technical approach, management, and cost/price to accomplish the task and/or provide the supplies or services required under a resultant contract.

Respondents: State or local governments; businesses or other for-profit; small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,700.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One (1).