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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Collect Information

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Office of the White House Liaison's intention to request an extension of the currently approved manner of information collection (form AD-755) for all Advisory Committee Membership Background Information—expiration July 31, 2002; with the inclusion of one item (#19) at the end of the form, to be detailed later in this announcement.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 9, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Denise Bell, Program Support Specialist, Office of the White House Liaison, Telephone: (202) 720-2406, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., the Whitten Building, Room 219-A, Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Advisory Committee Membership Background Information. OMB Number 0505-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise Bell at the above address or telephone: (202) 720-2406.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2002.

Type of Request: To extend the use of the currently approved information collection form (AD-755) with one addition to the form.

Abstract: The primary objective for the use of the AD-755 form is to determine the qualifications, suitability and availability of a candidate to serve

on advisory committees and/or research and promotion boards. The information will be used to both conduct background clearances and to compile annual reports on advisory committees.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per respondent.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated number of respondents: 1,631.

Estimated number of responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 815.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed 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 the burden of the proposed collection of information; 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) Finally, ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; such as through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or forms of information technology.

Additional Information: The USDA intends to provide electronic access and a submission alternative for applicants submitting this information on or before December 31, 2002.

Proposed Change to form AD-755: The Office of the White House Liaison proposes the addition of a section 19, requesting that a copy of the applicant's personal biography and/or résumé be submitted along with form AD-755.

Send comments to: Denise Bell, Program Support Specialist, Office of the White House Liaison. 1400 Independence Avenue, SW. The Whitten Building, Room 219-A Washington, DC 20250.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval.

All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 28, 2002.

Ann M. Veneman,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Solicitation of Applicants for Membership on a National Board on Rural America

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.) was amended by section 6030 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171) to create the National Board on Rural America. The Act provides that the Board shall consist of 14 members appointed by the Secretary. This notice solicits candidates interested in serving on this Board. Qualifications for candidates are specified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice.

Other than recommendations by elected members of Federal, State or county governments, nominations will be accepted from organizations only and should be on the organization's letterhead. Nominations from individuals, either for themselves or others, will not be considered.

DATES: Submit a completed application by 5:00 p.m. on July 19, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed written applications to the Office of the Under Secretary, Rural Development. ATTN: Duane Ischer. 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 206-W, STOP 0107, Washington, DC 20250-0107 or by FAX to 202-720-2080. To ensure timely delivery, nominations may be faxed to (202) 720-2080.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Duane Ischer, Office of the Under Secretary, Rural Development, 202-720-2721. E-Mail: Duane.Ischer@USDA.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Act provides that, in addition to the Secretary or the designee of the Secretary, the National Board shall consist of 14 members appointed by the Secretary from among representatives of: