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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov and fax number (202) 395-7285. Copies of submission may be obtained by calling (202) 712-1365.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: OMB 0412-0562.

Form Number: AID 1570-13.

Title: Narrative/Time-Line Report.

Type of Submission: Renewal.

Purpose: This collection is a management and monitoring report used by the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian assistance, Office of American Schools and Hospitals Abroad. The collection will ascertain that grant financed programs meet authorized objectives within the terms of agreements between its office and the recipients, which are United States Organizations that sponsor Overseas Institutions.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 80.

Total annual responses: 380.

Total annual hours requested: 200 hours.

Dated: December 31, 2003.

Joanne Paskar,

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: OMB 0412-0563.

Form Number: AID 1570-14.

Title: Report on Commodities.

Type of Submission: Renewal.

Purpose: The purpose of this information collection is to properly respond to the annual competition among applicants who apply on behalf of their sponsored overseas institutions and independent reviewers. ASHA needs to assess the strength and capability of the U.S. organizations, the overseas institutions and the merits of their proposed projects. Easily accessible historical records on past accomplishments and performance by repeat USOs, would speed the grant making process and provide documented reasons for both successful and unsuccessful applications.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 45.

Total annual responses: 1,120.

Total annual hours requested: 613 hours.

Dated: December 31, 2003.

Joanne Paskar,

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Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the Research, Education, and Economics Task Force Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the Research, Education, and Economics Task Force.

DATES: The Research, Education, and Economics Task Force will meet on January 28, 2004. The public may file written comments before or up to two weeks after the meeting with the contact person.

ADDRESSES: On January 28, the meeting will take place at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, 975 N. Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132.

Written comments from the public may be sent to the Contact Person identified in this notice at: the Research, Education, and Economics Task Force; Office of the Under Secretary, Room 214-W, Jamie L. Whitten Building, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathryn Boots, Executive Director, Research, Education, and Economics Task Force; telephone: (202) 690-0826; fax: (202) 690-2842; or e-mail: *katie.boots@usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Wednesday, January 28, the Research, Education, and Economics Task Force will hold a general meeting at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center. The Task Force will continue its evaluation of the merits of establishing one or more National Institutes focused on disciplines important to the progress of food and Agricultural science. In the morning there will be welcoming remarks made by the Chairman of the Task Force, Dr. William Danforth, Chancellor Emeritus, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, Washington University in St. Louis, and host, Roger Beachy. Remarks will also be made by the USDA Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics (REE), Dr. Joseph J. Jen. Welcoming remarks will

be followed by a discussion about the first draft of the Task Force report. Following the discussion, Peter Raven, President of the Missouri Botanical Garden will speak about why plant research is important for the world. Martin Apple, President, Council of Scientific Society Presidents will follow Peter Raven to speak about the challenges facing agriculture. Following Martin Apple will be a continuation of the discussion of the draft report.

The Task Force Meeting will adjourn on Wednesday, January 28, around 4 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. Written comments for the public record will be welcomed before and up to two weeks following the Task Force meeting (by close of business Wednesday, February 11, 2004). All statements will become part of the official record of the Research, Education, and Economics Task Force and will be kept on file for public review in the Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics.

Done in Washington, DC this 1st day of January, 2004.

Joseph J. Jen,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. 02-026N]

FSIS Policy on Delinquent Payments for Reimbursable Overtime and Holiday Meat, Poultry, and Egg Products Inspection Services

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is providing notice that it will not provide reimbursable overtime and holiday meat, poultry, and egg product inspection services to persons who have delinquent accounts. FSIS charges fees for the overtime and holiday meat, poultry, and egg product inspection services it provides to official establishments, official plants, importers, and exporters. In addition, FSIS will pursue the collection of debts owed to it for such services.

DATES: This notice is effective February 9, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Michael B. Zimmerer, Director, Financial

Management Division, Office of Management, FSIS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Mail Drop 5262 Beltsville, MD 20705, (301) 504-5885.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

FSIS is providing notice of the actions it will take in regard to the provision of reimbursable overtime and holiday meat, poultry, and egg products inspection services to persons who are delinquent in paying for such services. The Agency is authorized to charge fees for the overtime and holiday meat, poultry, and egg product inspection services it provides by 7 U.S.C. 2219a and 21 U.S.C. 468, 695, and 1053.

FSIS regulations provide that reimbursable overtime and holiday meat, poultry, and egg products inspection services will not be performed for persons who have a delinquent account. These regulations are set forth in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) in sections 307.6(c), 381.39(c), and 590.130. The regulations provide that bills are payable upon receipt and become delinquent 30 days from the date of the bill.

As of the effective date of this notice, if payment for reimbursable overtime and holiday meat, poultry, and egg products inspection services, including payment of interest, penalty, and administrative charges, is delinquent, the Agency will take the following actions:

- FSIS will send the recipient of the service a "dunning notice."
- FSIS will send a certified letter, along with a second dunning notice, to the recipient of the services if the requested payment in full is not received within 30 days of the initial dunning. If payment in full of the delinquent account is not received by FSIS within 14 days from the date the certified letter and second dunning notice are received, no further reimbursable overtime or holiday meat, poultry, and egg products inspection services will be provided until payment in full of the delinquent debt, including any interest, penalty, and administrative charges assessed, is received.
- If a debtor either has failed to make payment in full, of a delinquent debt or has not entered into a written repayment agreement with FSIS, the Agency will transfer the delinquent debt to the U.S. Department of Treasury for cross-servicing in accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996. At the discretion of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Treasury, referral of a delinquent nontax debt may

be made to (A) any executive department or agency operating a debt collection center for collection action; (B) a private collection contractor operating under a contract for servicing or collection action; or (C) the U.S. Department of Justice for litigation.

This notice applies to the provision of reimbursable overtime and holiday meat, poultry, and egg products inspection services provided pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2219a and 21 U.S.C. 468, 695, and 1053, and regulations enacted thereunder. FSIS will continue to provide non-overtime and non-reimbursable holiday meat, poultry, and egg products inspection services under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*), and the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031 *et seq.*) to persons, regardless of whether they are delinquent in paying for the reimbursable overtime or holiday meat, poultry, or egg products inspection services provided to them.

Additional Public Notification

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