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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

February 27, 2006.

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), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 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) 720-8958.

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

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National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Agricultural Labor Survey
OMB Control Number: 0535-0109.

Summary of Collection: The 1938 Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended in 1948, requires wage rate data for computation of an index component. This component is used in calculation of parity prices. General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, section 2204. Agricultural labor statistics are an integral part of National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) primary function of collecting, processing, and disseminating current state, regional, and national agricultural statistics. Comprehensive and reliable agricultural labor data are also needed by the Department of Labor in the administration of the "H-2A" program (non-immigrants who enter the United States for temporary or seasonal agricultural labor) and for setting "Adverse Effect Wage Rates." The Agricultural Labor Survey is the only timely and reliable source of information on the size of the farm worker population. NASS will collect information using a survey.

Need and Use of the Information: NASS will collect information on wage rate estimates and the year-to-year changes in these rates and how changes in wage rates help measure the changes in costs of production of major farm commodities. NASS will also collect information on data to measure the availability of national farm workers. The information is used by farm worker organizations to help set wage rates and negotiate labor contracts as well as determine the need for additional workers and help ensure federal assistance for farm worker assistance programs supported with government funding.

Description of Respondents: Farms.
Number of Respondents: 12,173.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 12,782.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

Announcement Type: Request for Applications (RFA) Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (CFDA): 10.455.

Dates: The closing date and time for receipt of an application is 5 p.m. eastern time on May 1, 2006. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered for funding. All awards will be made and partnership agreements completed no later than September 30, 2006.

Overview: In accordance with section 522(d) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (Act), the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), operating through the Risk Management Agency (RMA), announces the availability of approximately \$5 million in fiscal year (FY) 2006 for collaborative outreach and assistance programs for women, limited resource, socially disadvantaged and other traditionally under-served farmers and ranchers, who produce Priority Commodities as defined in Part I.C. Awards under this program will be made on a competitive basis for projects of up to one year. Recipients of awards must demonstrate non-financial benefits from a partnership agreement and must agree to the substantial involvement of RMA in the project. This announcement lists the information needed to submit an application under this program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Application materials can also be downloaded from the RMA Web site at <http://www.rma.usda.gov>; or from the Government Grants Web site at <http://www.grants.gov>. Click on "Find Grant Opportunities," then select "Search Grant Opportunities," then select "Basic Search," type in "RMA" in the Keyword Search field and select "Search," select "Community Outreach and Assistance Partnership Program" under the Opportunity Title column to access the application package for this announcement.