

# Notices

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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

**Date:** Wednesday, October 25, 2006 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

**Location:** J.W. Marriott Hotel  
Ballroom, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue,  
NW., Washington, DC 20004.

Please note that this is the anticipated agenda and is subject to change.

*Transformational Diplomacy and U.S. Foreign Assistance:* USAID's Acting Deputy Administrator James Kunder and Dirk Dijkerman, Chief Operating Officer for the Office of the Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance in the U.S. Department of State have been invited to present updates on the foreign assistance reforms.

*Humanitarian Relief and Reconstruction After Natural Disasters:* Mark Ward, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for USAID's Bureau for Asia and the Near East, and William Garvelink, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for USAID's Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, have been invited to give a presentation on lessons learned from humanitarian relief and reconstruction projects. Particular attention will be paid to the current efforts underway in Northern Pakistan as a result of the October 8, 2005 earthquake and in Indonesia and Sri Lanka as a result of the December 26, 2004 tsunami. Following the presentation, a panel of USAID, PVO and private sector experts will discuss the role of private-public partnerships and how these collaborations may be applied to other regions, particularly after natural disasters.

*President's Malaria Initiative:* Rear Admiral Tim Ziemer, the President's Malaria Initiative coordinator, has been

invited to provide an overview of the initiative including the progress made to date in the target countries and the multi-faceted approach to the prevention and treatment of malaria.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting can register online at [http://www.usaid.gov/about\\_usaid/acvfa](http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/acvfa) or contact Kristin Holland at [kristin@websterconsulting.com](mailto:kristin@websterconsulting.com) or 202-237-0090 extension 10 or Jocelyn Rowe at [jrowe@usaid.gov](mailto:jrowe@usaid.gov) or 202-712-4002.

Dated: October 2, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

October 3, 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](mailto: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

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of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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.

## Rural Business-Cooperative Service

**Title:** Small Minority Producer Grant Program.

**OMB Control Number:** 0570-0052.

**Summary of Collection:** The Small Minority Grant Program was authorized by section 2744 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 2006, Public Law 109-97. The Act provides for the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to cooperatives or associations of cooperative whose primary focus is to provide assistance to small minority producers and whose governing board and/or membership are comprised of at least 75 percent minority.

**Need and Use of the Information:** Rural Business Service needs to receive the information contained in this collection of information to make prudent decisions regarding eligibility of applicants and selection priority among competing applicants, to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations and to evaluate the projects it believes will provide the most long-term economic benefit to rural areas.

**Description of Respondents:** Not-for-profit institutions.

**Number of Respondents:** 43.

**Frequency of Responses:** Reporting: Semi-Annually.

**Total Burden Hours:** 231.

**Charlene Parker,**

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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