

In all three programs, State and local agencies collect racial/ethnic information on the benefits application form that applicants may complete and file manually or electronically. The application form must clearly indicate that the information is voluntary and that the race and ethnic information will not affect an applicant's eligibility or level of benefits. It must also state that the reason for the collection of the information is to assure that program benefits are distributed without regard to race, color or national origin. All three programs allow the individual to self-identify his or her racial/ethnic status on the application. Visual observation by a program representative is used to collect the data when the individual does not self-identify. In either case the information is recorded on the application form and entered into the agency's information system. The Federal reporting forms do not identify individual participants.

Local agencies use the two forms referenced above (i.e., the FNS-191 and FNS-101) to report data on the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to FNS as explained below. FNS' data collection requirement for operators is found in the regulations for the CSFP at 7 CFR 247.29(b), and for the SNAP at 7 CFR 272.6(g); the requirement for the FDPIR is found in FNS Handbook 501.

On October 1, 2008, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) became the new name for the Federal Food Stamp Program. This change is mandated under the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008. The new name reflects the program's focus on nutrition and putting healthy food within reach for low-income households. This program name change does not affect the need to continue the information collection for the program.

All State or local agencies must submit the appropriate form in order to receive Federal assistance and comply with applicable legislation. If a State or local agency does not comply voluntarily, the State or local agency is subject to fund termination, suspension, or denial, or to judicial action.

CSFP local agencies complete the FNS-191. FNS requires local agencies to provide annually the actual number and racial/ethnic designations of participants who receive CSFP benefits during the month of April.

SNAP and FDPIR State, local or Tribal agencies complete the FNS-101. FNS requires State, local or Tribal agencies to report annually the actual number and

racial/ethnic designation of household contacts who receive FDPIR and/or SNAP benefits in the month of July.

Burden Estimates

Respondents: Local agencies that administer the CSFP, FDPIR, and SNAP.

Number of Respondents: 2,863 (144 for CSFP, 111 for FDPIR, and 2,608 for SNAP).

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:

Form FNS-191: 144 local CSFP agencies once a year.

Form FNS-101: 111 local FDPIR agencies and 2,608 local SNAP agencies once a year.

Estimate of Burden:

Form FNS-191: The local CSFP agencies submit Form FNS-191 at an estimate of 1.92 hours per respondent, or 276.48 total hours. There is an additional recordkeeping burden of 0.08 hours per respondent for maintaining the responses, or 11.52 hours. Total burden is 288 hours.

Form FNS-101: The local FDPIR and SNAP agencies submit Form FNS-101 at an estimate of 1.92 hours per respondent, or 5,220.48 hours. There is an additional burden of 0.08 hours per respondent for maintaining the responses, or 217.52 hours. Total burden is 5,438 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: The revised annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for OMB No. 0584-0025 is estimated to be 5,726 hours, a reduction of 20 hours. The burden reduction is due to the decrease in the number of CSFP, FDPIR, and SNAP agencies that will complete a report.

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Roberto Salazar,

Administrator.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List: Proposed Deletion

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed deletion from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to delete a product from the Procurement List previously furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Comments Must Be Received on or Before: 11/16/2008.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT: Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Deletions

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action may result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. If approved, the action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the product to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the product proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

The following product is proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Product

Cloth, Abrasive

NSN: 5350-00-187-6285—Cloth, Abrasive.
NPA: Louisiana Association for the Blind, Shreveport, LA.

Contracting Activity: GSA/FAS Southwest Supply Center (QSDAC), Fort Worth, TX.

Barry S. Lineback,

Acting Director, Program Operations.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List: Additions and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.