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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's (RBS) intention to request information collection in support of the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) program and Televisions Demonstration Grants (7 CFR part 1942-G).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 22, 2010 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Washington, Specialty Programs Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 3225, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-3225, Telephone (202) 720-9815, E-mail: lori.washington@wdc.usda.gov.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection via the U.S. Postal Service to the Branch Chief, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 0742, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Business Enterprise Grants and Televisions Demonstration Grants.

OMB Number: 0570-0022.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2010.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The objective of the RBEG program is to facilitate the development

of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas. This purpose is achieved through grants made by RBS to public bodies and nonprofit corporations. Television Demonstration grants are available to private nonprofit public television systems to provide information on agriculture and other issues of importance to farmers and the rural residents. The regulation contains various requirements for information from the grantees, and some requirements may cause the grantees to require information from other parties. The information requested is vital for RBS to be able to process applications in a responsible manner, make prudent program decisions, and effectively monitor the grantees' activities to protect the Government's financial interest and ensure that funds obtained from the Government are used appropriately. It includes information to determine eligibility; the specific purpose for which grant funds will be used; timeframes; who will be carrying out the grant purposes; project priority; applicant experience; employment improvement; and mitigation of economic distress.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.5 hours per response.

Respondents: Nonprofit corporations and public bodies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 720.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses: 7,763.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 19,479.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0043.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RBS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RBS 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; and (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. Comments may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 17, 2009.

Curtis Wiley,

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR part 4284, subpart F.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 22, 2010 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew Jermolowicz, Deputy Administrator, Cooperative Programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 3250, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-0054, e-mail: Andrew.Jermolowicz@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Small Socially-Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program.

OMB Number: 0570-0052.

Expiration Date of Approval: January 31, 2010.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The purpose of this information collection is to obtain information necessary to evaluate grant applications to determine the eligibility of the applicant and the project for the program and to qualitatively assess the project to determine which projects should be funded.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.7 hours per grant application.

Respondents: Cooperatives and Association of Cooperatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses: 200.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 347.5 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Linda Watts Thomas, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0226.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (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. Comments may be sent to Linda Watts Thomas, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742. 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: November 17, 2009.

Curtis Wiley,

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from the People's Republic of China: Postponement of the Preliminary Determination of the Antidumping Duty Investigation

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 23, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Ray, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5403.

Background

On June 23, 2009, the Department of Commerce ("Department") published in the **Federal Register** the initiation of the investigation of prestressed concrete steel wire strand ("PC Strand") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), covering the period of October 1, 2008, through March 31, 2009.¹ On July 28, 2009, the Department selected two companies as mandatory respondents for this investigation: Tianjin Shengte PC Steel Strand Co., ("Tianjin Shengte") and Silvery Dragon PC Steel Products ("Silvery Dragon").² On August 14, 2009, the Department selected Jiangxi Xinhua Metal Products Co. ("Xinhua Metal") as a new mandatory respondent, to replace Silvery Dragon, who had indicated that they would not participate in this investigation.³ Subsequent to that, Silvery Dragon failed to respond to a supplemental questionnaire and the Department selected Wuxi Jinyang Metal Products Co., Ltd. ("WJMP") as a voluntary respondent.⁴

¹ *Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation*, 74 FR 29665 (June 23, 2009).

² Memorandum to James C. Doyle, Office 9 Director, through Alex Villanueva, Office 9 Program Manager, from Alexis Polovina, Office 9 Case Analyst, dated July 28, 2009, Antidumping Duty Investigation of Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"): Respondent Selection ("Respondent Selection Memo").

³ See Memorandum to the File from Alan Ray, Office 9 Case Analyst, through Alex Villanueva, Office 9 Program Manager, dated August 14, 2009.

⁴ See Memorandum to the File from Alan Ray, Office 9 Case Analyst, through Alex Villanueva, Office 9 Program Manager, dated September 11, 2009.

On November 16, 2009, Petitioners⁵ requested a fourteen-day postponement of the preliminary determination pursuant to 733(c)(1)(B)(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, ("the Act"). The preliminary determination of this antidumping duty investigation is currently due on December 3, 2009.

Statutory Time Limits

Pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(B) of the Act, the Department can extend the period for a preliminary determination until not later than 190 days after the date on which the administrative authority initiates an investigation if the Department concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating and determines that:

The case is extraordinarily complicated by the reason of (I) the number and complexity of the transactions to be investigated or adjustments to be considered, (II) the novelty of the issues presented, or (III) the number of firms whose activities must be investigated, and (ii) additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determination.

Extension of Time Limit of Preliminary Determination

Although the respondent⁶ and a separate rates applicant are cooperating, the Department intends to issue additional supplemental questionnaires addressing certain adjustments that impact factors of production and the U.S. sales data that may need to be considered, thereby making it extraordinarily complicated because of the complexity of the adjustments to be considered. Therefore, the Department finds it necessary to extend the current preliminary determination deadline pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(B)(i)(I) of the Act. In addition, as noted above, Petitioners requested a postponement of the preliminary determination on November 16, 2009.

Therefore, for the reasons identified above, and pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(B)(i)(I) we are postponing the preliminary determination under section 733(c)(1) of the Act by fourteen days from December 3, 2009, to December 17, 2009.

This notice is published pursuant to sections 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

⁵ American Spring Wire Corp., Insteel Wire Products Company, and Sumiden Wire Products Corp.

⁶ Xinhua Metal and WJMP.