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Rural Utilities Service

Title: RUS Form 444, “Wholesale Power Contracts”.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0089.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (RE Act) as amended (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.), authorizes the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to make and guaranteed loans that will enable rural consumers to obtain electric power. Rural consumers formed non-profit electric distribution cooperatives, groups of these distribution cooperatives banded together to form Generation and Transmission cooperatives (G&T’S) that will generate or purchase power and transmit the power to the distribution systems. All RUS and G&T borrowers will enter into a Wholesale Power Contract with their distribution members by using RUS Form 444.

Need and Use of the Information: To fulfill the purposes of the RE Act RUS will collect information to improve the credit quality and credit worthiness of loans and loan guarantees to G&T borrowers. RUS works closely with lending institutions that provide supplemental loan funds to borrowers.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 105.

Frequency of Responses: Quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 612.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program—Recovery Act Funding.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0144.

Summary of Collection: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) provides for the availability of $5 million in assistance to the Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) competitive grant program as authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT). 7 U.S.C. 1926, authorizes Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to administer the TAT program to make loans and grants to public agencies, American Indian tribes, and nonprofit corporations. The grants fund the development of drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste disposal facilities in rural areas with populations of up to 10,000 residents.

Need and Use of the Information: Nonprofit organizations applying for TAT grants must submit a pre-application, which includes an application form, narrative proposal, various other forms, certifications and supplemental information. RUS staff will use the information collected to determine applicant eligibility, project feasibility, and the applicant’s ability to meet the grant and regulatory requirements. RUS will review the information, evaluate it, and, if the applicant and project are eligible for further competition, invite the applicant to submit a formal application. Without the requested information, RUS could not make awards consistent with the purposes of the Recovery Act. RUS also could not determine whether applicants meet the requirements that the Recovery Act establishes for recordkeeping requirements.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 15.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Quarterly; Annually; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 472.

Charlene Parker,
Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS–PY–10–0013]

Notice of Request for an Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the intention of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to request an extension from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), for a currently approved information collection in support of customer-focused improvement initiatives for USDA-procured poultry, livestock, fruit, and vegetable products.

DATES: Comments received by June 7, 2010 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov or to David Bowden, Jr., Chief, Standards, Promotions, and Technology Branch, Poultry Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0259, Washington, DC 20250–0259, (202) 690–3148. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the Federal Register. All comments will be available for public inspection at the above address during regular business hours, or can be viewed at: http://www.regulations.gov. All comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided. The identity of anyone submitting comments will also be made public.

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Interests are invited to submit written comments on the request is effective April 7, 2010. Address comments to the guard at the entrance to the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Room 1010, Washington, DC 20408. Comments can be found in the Federal Register or at http://www.regulations.gov. STEWART: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.083 hours (5 minutes) per response.

Estimation of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.083 hours (5 minutes) per response. Respondents: State, local, and tribal governments, and not-for-profit businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,400.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 700 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from David Bowden, Jr., Chief, Standards, Promotions, and Technology Branch, at (202) 690–3148.

Send comments regarding, but not limited to, the following: (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; 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.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov or to David Bowden, Jr., Chief, Standards, Promotions, and Technology Branch, Poultry Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0250, Washington, DC 20250–0250, (202) 690–3148. Comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the Federal Register. All comments will be available for public inspection at the above address during regular business hours, or can be viewed at http://www.regulations.gov.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments, including any personal information provided, will be made publically viewable as a matter of public record.


Rayne Pegg, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative—Chesapeake Bay Watershed

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation and Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) who is Vice President of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) announces the availability of technical and financial assistance funding in fiscal year (FY) 2010 through the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) to eligible participants in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Special priority consideration will be given to applications/projects in the watersheds of the Susquehanna, Shenandoah, Patuxent, and Patuxent Rivers (see attached map). In FY 2010, NRCS will make Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) funds available to owners and operators of agricultural and nonindustrial private forest lands in approved CCPI project areas. This notice is issued to solicit proposals from potential partners who seek to enter into partnership agreements with NRCS to help agricultural producers address environmental and economic challenges in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The notice is summarized and included in the request for OMB approval.

DATES: Effective Date: The notice of request is effective April 7, 2010.

Alternative Means: Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA TARGET Center at: (202) 720–2600 (voice and TDD).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gregory Johnson, Director, Financial Assistance Programs Division, Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 5239 South Building, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: (202) 720–1845; Fax: (202) 720–4265; or E-mail: CCPI@wdc.usda.gov. Additional information regarding CCPI is available at the following NRCS Web page: http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/CCPI/.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure. Agriculture is an important segment of the Chesapeake Bay