DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Inviting Applications for the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice to extend application deadlines and award dates.

SUMMARY: The Agency published a document in the Federal Register of June 3, 2010, at 75 FR 31413 to announce the acceptance of applications under the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP) to provide direct loans, technical assistance grants, and technical assistance-only grants to microdevelopment organizations to support the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises. This notice extends the application deadline and anticipated award date for applications submitted for Fiscal Year 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Mark Brodzinski, (202) 720–1394.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 19, 2010, the Agency published a correction notice (75 FR 41695) to the Interim Rule for the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (7 CFR part 4280, subpart D). One of the items corrected was the definition of a “nonprofit entity.” This correction removed the word “private” from the definition of “nonprofit entity”. The original definition of “nonprofit entity” published in the Interim Rule, referred to “a private entity chartered as a nonprofit entity under State law.” It was not the intention of the Agency to restrict eligible nonprofit entities to only private entities. In making this correction to the Interim Rule, there may be additional entities eligible to participate in RMAP in Fiscal Year 2010. Therefore, the Agency is extending the anticipated award date for Fiscal Year 2010 applications from June 3, 2010, to August 16, 2010.

In addition, because the Fiscal Year 2010 application deadline is being extended, it is necessary to provide additional time for the Agency to review applications received between July 16, 2010 and August 16, 2010. Therefore, the Agency is extending the anticipated award date for Fiscal Year 2010 applications from August 31, 2010 to September 15, 2010.

All other aspects of the June 3, 2010 notice for RMAP remain unchanged and in effect for applications submitted by the new application deadline for Fiscal Year 2010.

Dated: July 22, 2010.

Judith A. Canales, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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Official roles; (5) selection of RAC Chairperson; (6) next meeting agenda, location, and date.


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

Title: Broadband Subscription and Usage Supplement to the Census Bureau’s Current Population Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0660–0021.

Form Number: None.

Type of Request: Regular submission (Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection).

Number of Respondents: 54,000 households.

Average Time per Response: 90 seconds.

Burden Hours: 1,350.

Needs and Uses: The NTIA proposes to add eight questions to the Census Bureau (Census or Bureau) October 2010 Current Population Survey (CPS) in order to gather reliable data on broadband (also known as high-speed Internet) use by U.S. households. President Obama has established a national goal of universal, affordable broadband access for all Americans. To that end, the Administration is working with Congress, the Federal Communications Commission, and other stakeholders to develop and advance economic and regulatory policies that foster broadband deployment and adoption. Current, systematic, and comprehensive data on broadband access and non-use by U.S. households is critical to allow policymakers not only to gauge progress made to date, but also to identify problem areas with a specificity that permits carefully targeted and cost effective responses.

Census is widely regarded as a superior collector of data based on its centuries of experience and its scientific methods. The collection of NTIA’s requested broadband usage data, moreover, will occur in conjunction with Census’ scheduled October 2010 CPS, thereby significantly reducing the potential burdens on the Bureau and the households surveyed. Questions on broadband and Internet usage were included in eight previous Census household surveys.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One-time only.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.


Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to William Tucker, OMB Desk Officer, e-mail address, wtucker@omb.eop.gov, or Fax number (202) 395–5167.


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).


Title: American Fisheries Act Reports in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0401.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Number of Respondents: 11.

Average Hours per Response: 12 hours for AFA Annual Report; 30 minutes for Non-member vessel contract fishing application; 5 minutes for Inshore catcher vessel cooperative pollock catch report; 5 minutes for Agent for service of process; 40 hours for Salmon Bycatch Reduction Inter-Cooperative Agreement (ICA).

Burden Hours: 101.

Needs and Uses: This is an extension of a currently approved information collection. The American Fisheries Act (AFA) was signed into law in October of 1998. The AFA established an allocation program for the pollock fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI). The AFA established a limited access program for the inshore sector of the BSAI pollock fishery that is based on the formation of fishery cooperatives around each inshore pollock processor. Implementing regulations are found at 50 CFR part 679, Subpart F.

The original purposes of the AFA were to tighten United States ownership standards that had been exploited under the Anti-reflagging Act, to provide Alaska’s BSAI pollock fleet the opportunity to conduct their fishery in a more rational manner, and to protect non-AFA participants in other fisheries. In addition, a voluntary civil agreement among pollock cooperatives, Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) groups, and western Alaska subsistence salmon user groups is intended to coordinate the pollock fishery in a manner that reduces incidental catch rates of salmon. Reduced bycatch, higher utilization rates, increased economic returns, and improved safety are among the direct benefits of the AFA. The flexibility provided by cooperatives and by individual vessel allocations of pollock and other species has allowed the BSAI pollock fleet to spread their fishing effort in time and space. The cooperative management structure has shifted more of the monitoring and enforcement burden to the cooperatives and their members, allowing NMFS to manage the fishery more precisely. The AFA cooperative annual reports are required to provide information about how the cooperative allocated pollock, other groundfish species, and prohibited species among the vessels in the cooperative; the catch of these species by area for each vessel in the cooperative; information about how the cooperative monitored fishing by its members; and a description of any actions taken by the cooperative to penalize vessels that exceeded the catch and bycatch allocations made to the vessel by the cooperative.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.