Foreign Agricultural Service

Title: CCC’s Facility Guarantee Program (FGP).
OMB Control Number: 0551–0032.

Summary of Collection: Under the authority of 7 CFR part 1493, subpart C, the Facility Guarantee Program (FGP) offers credit guarantees to facilitate the financing of U.S. manufactured goods and services to improve or establish agriculture infrastructure in emerging markets. Sales under FGP are considered normal commercial sales. The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) will collect information in a letter format via mail or facsimile.

Need and Use of the Information: FAS will collect information to determine eligibility for FGP benefits and to ensure CCC that all participants have a business office in the U.S. and are not debarred or suspended from participating in government programs. FAS will use the application to determine a project’s eligibility for FGP coverage and to determine the impact on U.S. agricultural trade. The information requested will provide CCC with adequate information to meet statutory requirements. If the information were not collected CCC would be unable to determine if export sales under the FGP would be eligible for coverage or if coverage conformed to program requirements.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.
Number of Respondents: 5.
Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping: Reporting: On occasion.
Total Burden Hours: 329.

Ruth Brown,
Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request


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 or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602.

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 Service

OMB Control Number: 0570–0024.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) program was authorized by section 741 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, Public Law 104–127. 7 CFR 4284–G provides the detailed program regulations, as well as including application procedures and reporting requirements for grant recipients. The objective of the RBOG program is to promote sustainable economic development in rural areas. This purpose is achieved through grants made by the Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBS) to public and private nonprofit organizations and cooperatives to pay costs of economic development planning and technical assistance for rural businesses.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected is from grant applicants and grant recipients. Grantees should keep complete and accurate accounting records as evidence that the grant funds were used properly. The information is necessary for RBS to process applications in a responsible manner, make prudent program decisions, and effectively monitor the grantees’ activities to ensure that funds obtained from the Government are used appropriately.

Description of Respondents: Not for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.
Number of Respondents: 248.
Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping: Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Monthly.
Total Burden Hours: 17,704.

Charlene Parker,
Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Appointment of Members to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Appointment of members.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App 2, the United States Department of Agriculture announces the appointments made by the Secretary of Agriculture to 9 member positions of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: Appointments by the Secretary of Agriculture are for a 1, 2, or 3-year term, effective October 1, 2010 until September 30, 2013.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 802 of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 authorized the creation of the National
Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, Economics Advisory Board. The Board is composed of 25 members, each representing a specific category related to agriculture. The Board was first appointed in September 1996 and at the time one-third of the original members were appointed for one, two, and three-year term, respectively. Due to the staggered appointments, the terms for 8 of the 25 members expired September 2010. One additional member position was vacant. Each member is appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture to a specific category on the Board, including farming or ranching, food production and processing, forestry research, crop and animal science, land-grant institutions, non-land grant college or university with a historic commitment to research in the food and agricultural sciences, food retailing and marketing, rural economic development, and natural resource and consumer interest groups, among many others. Appointees by vacancy category of the 8 new members and 1 re-appointed member are as follows: Category F: “National Food Animal Science Society,” Nancy M. Cox, Director, Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station and Associate Dean for Research, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY (re-appointment); Category G: “National Crop, Soil, Agronomy, Horticulture, or Wood,” Robert W. Taylor, Dean, School of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Alabama A&M University, Normal, AL; Category K: “1862 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities,” Milo J. Shult, Vice President for Agriculture, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, Little Rock, AR; Category L: “1890 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities,” Chandra Reddy, Dean, School of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences, Tennessee State University; Category P: “American Colleges of Veterinary Medicine,” Cyril R. Clark, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR; Category T: “Rural Economic Development,” Jeanette T. Ishii, Economic Development Coordinator, Fresno County Administrative Office, Fresno, CA; Category U: “National Consumer Interest Group,” Rita W. Green, Family Resource Management Extension Agent, Mississippi State University, Grenada, MS; Category V: “National Forestry Group,” Steven Daley-Laursen, Senior Executive to the President and Professor, Office of the President, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID; Category W: “National Conservation or Natural Resource Groups,” Carrie L. Castillo, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Baton Rouge, LA.

Done at Washington, DC, this 29th day of October 2010.

Catherine Woteki,
Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Secretary

Solicitation for Membership to the Forestry Research Advisory Council

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app., the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces solicitation for nominations to fill thirteen vacancies on the Forestry Research Advisory Council.

DATES: Nominations must be received on or before December 20, 2010. Send completed nomination packages to Daina Dravnieks Apple, Senior Staff Assistant, U.S. Forest Service; Research and Development, Forestry Research Advisory Council; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Mail Stop 1120; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–1120, if sending by U.S. Postal Service. For Express mail use 201 14th St., SW.; Mail Stop 1120; Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daina Dravnieks Apple, Senior Staff Assistant, U.S. Forest Service; Research and Development, Forestry Research Advisory Council; 202–205–1665.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1441 (c) of the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 requires the establishment of the Forestry Research Advisory Council to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on accomplishing efficiently the purposes of the Act of October 10, 1962 (16 U.S.C. 582a, et seq.), known as the McIntire-Stennis Act of 1962. The Council also provides advice related to the Forest Service research program, authorized by the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Research Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–307, 92 Stat. 353, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1600 (note)). The Council is composed of 20 voting members from the following membership categories:

(1) Federal and State agencies concerned with developing and utilizing the Nation’s forest resources, in particular committee membership, will include representation from the National Forest System and Forest and Range Experiment Station leaders, Forest Service;

(2) The forest industries. These are organizations involved in the management of forest lands for which timber production is a component;

(3) The forestry schools of the State certified eligible institutions, and State agricultural experiment stations; and

(4) Volunteer public groups concerned with forests and related natural resources.

The initial Council membership was appointed with staggered terms of 1, 2, and 3 years. As a result of the staggered appointments, the terms of some members will expire during December 2010. Nominations for a 3-year appointment for 13 vacant positions are sought. Nominations are carefully reviewed for their broad expertise, leadership and relevancy to a membership category. Geographic balance and a balanced distribution among the categories are also important. Vacancies are as follows: Federal and State—3; Industry—3; Academic—3; and Voluntary organizations—4. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories or for more than one person who fits one category will be accepted. Please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee. Nominations are open to all individuals without regard for race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. Nominations are being solicited from universities, organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, and companies that represent a wide variety of forestry research interests throughout the country. Appointments will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Each nominee must complete Form AD–755, Advisory Committee Membership Background Information (which can be obtained electronically from the USDA Chief Information Office at http://www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/doc/AD–755.pdf or from the contact person listed in the FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this notice) and will be vetted before selection. Send nominee’s name, resume, and the completed Form AD–755 by U.S. mail to:

Daina Dravnieks Apple, Senior Staff Assistant, Forest Service Research and Development, Forestry Research Advisory Council; Mail Stop 1120; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–1120.