DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Business and Cooperative Programs, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Business and Cooperative Programs' intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for the Business and Industry Loan Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 27, 2012 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Griffin, Business and Industry Division, Business and Cooperative Programs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 3224, telephone (202) 720–6802, or email brenda.griffin@wdc.usda.gov. The Federal Information Relay service on (800) 887–8339 is available for TDD users.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title: Business and Industry Loan Program.

OMB Number: 0570–0014.

Expiration Date of Approval: July 31, 2012.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection and recordkeeping requirements.

Abstract: The collected information is submitted to the B&I loan official by loan applicants and commercial lenders for use in making program eligibility, financial feasibility determinations and loan security determinations as required by the Con Act.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals, rural businesses, for profit businesses, non-profit businesses, Indian tribes, public bodies, cooperatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 152.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 835 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, at (202) 692–0040.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Business and Cooperative Programs, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Business and Cooperative Programs 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 Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, 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 OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 12, 2011.

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

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Withdrawn

December 22, 2011.

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

ACTION: Notice: Withdrawal.


Charlene Parker,
Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Office of the Secretary

Abolishment of Privacy Act System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of abolishment of records systems.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is abolishing an existing Forest Service Privacy Act system of records. A review of USDA/FS–35 Congressional Correspondence has concluded that the records in the system are covered under another USDA SORN entitled USDA/OES–1 USDA Enterprise Content Management (ECM), and therefore is being abolished.

DATES: This notice is effective on December 29, 2011.

ADDRESSES: For additional information contact Forest Service Privacy Act Officer, USDA Forest Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mail Stop 1143, Washington, DC 20250–1143, wo_foia@fs.fed.us, facsimile to (202) 260–3245. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–(800) 877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard time, Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Assistant Director, Correspondence...

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Privacy Act, and as part of the Forest Service’s ongoing effort to review and update system of records notices, we are abolishing one record system: Congressional Correspondence. This notice identifies a Forest Service system of records that is now maintained in another Privacy Act System of Records, USDA/OES–1 USDA Enterprise Content Management; as published in the Federal Register on October 3, 2006. This system is abolished and removed from the inventory of the USDA System of Records.

Dated: December 5, 2011.
Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Secretary
Abolishment of Privacy Act System of Records

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of abolishment of records systems.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) is abolishing an existing Forest Service Privacy Act system of records. A review of USDA/FS–9 Employee Assistance Program CONCERN has concluded that the system is no longer in effect and is therefore being abolished.

DATES: This notice is effective on December 29, 2011.

ADDRESSES: For additional information contact Forest Service Privacy Act Officer, USDA Forest Service, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mail Stop 1143, Washington, DC 20250–1143, wo_foia@fs.fed.us, facsimile to (202) 260–3245. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–(800) 877–8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard time, Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wellness Program Manager, USDA, Forest Service, Office of Safety and Occupational and Health, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mailstop 1152, Washington, DC 20250–1152, (703) 605–0884.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, and as part of the Forest Service’s ongoing effort to review and update system of records notices, we are abolishing one record system: Employee Assistance Program CONCERN (40 FR 38939 August 27, 1975). This notice identifies a Forest Service system of records that is no longer in use. There are no records in this system of records. The records formerly included in this system of records have destroyed according to the Federal Records Disposal Act of 1943 (44 U.S.C. 366–380) and the Federal Records Act of 1950, and as designated in the Forest Service Records Management Handbook (FSH) 6209.11. This system is abolished and removed from the inventory of the USDA System of Records.

Dated: December 5, 2011.
Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; End-Use Certificate Program

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on an extension of a currently approved information collection that supports the End-Use Certificate Program.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by February 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. In your comments, include date, OMB control number, volume, and page number of this issue of the Federal Register. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Email: Send comment to: Sharon.Minier@wdc.usda.gov.
- Fax: (202) 690–3123.

Comments also should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Miner, Commodity Operations Division, telephone (202) 720–6266.


Type of Request: Extension.

Abstract: This information collection is to ensure that Canadian wheat imported into the U.S. does not benefit from International Food Assistance Programs. To comply with the provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, FSA requires information from the importers, subsequent buyers, and end-users that assists in tracking the Canadian wheat within the U.S. marketing system.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 0.175 hours per response.

Respondents: Wheat importers, traders, and end-users.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 67.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 345.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,068 hours.

We are requesting comments on all aspects of this information collection and to help us to:

1. Determine whether the continued collection of information in the current form is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Assess the accuracy of the FSA’s estimate of burden including validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; or
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will become a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the submission for Office of Management and Budget approval.