DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Office of the Chief Financial Officer
Request for Approval of a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Financial Officer; USDA.

ACTIONS: 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 Office of the Chief Financial Officer intention to request approval for a new information collection for a Supplier Credit Recovery Audit.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 20, 2012 to be assured of consideration.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Supplier Credit Recovery Audit Letter.
OMB Number: 0505–XXXX.
Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from approval date.
Type of Request: New information collection.
Abstract: The Department of Agriculture (USDA) believes there are many program recipients and service providers who maybe carrying a credit balance in their financial records due to possible overpayments, credits for unused services, damaged goods, etc. USDA desires to send out letters to all vendors in an attempt to collect these payments. This letter is asking these vendors to review their records to verify no funds are due back the USDA for goods or services provided by these vendors.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response. A business will receive the request and develop a query to their automated accounting system which could take an average of 30 minutes or less to review the customer records to determine which accounts have a credit balance if any. The customer ledgers would potentially show the number of USDA customers. If the business has a manual accounting system then a manual review would be required of the customer ledgers. This could take 1–2 hours depending on the size of the company. These estimates are based on the average business and entity using computers to do accounting. The estimate is based on the number of purchase orders and contracts currently in USDA procurement systems.

Type of Respondents: Vendors, Contractors, Program Recipients, any entity receiving funds from USDA.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300,000.

Estimated Number of Responses: 300,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 600,000 hours.

Comments: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to 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.

Comments may be sent to Dale Theurer, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Debt and Credit Policy Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Frederic Marks,
Interim Director, Fiscal Policy Division, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Food Safety and Inspection Service
[Docket No. FSIS–2012–0025]

National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection; Nominations for Membership

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is soliciting nominations for membership on the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI). The full Committee consists of not more than 20 members, and each person selected is expected to serve a 2-year term.

DATES: Nominations, including a cover letter to the Secretary, the nominee’s typed resume or curriculum vitae, and a completed USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD–755, must be received by June 20, 2012. USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD–755 is available online at: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/forms/index.asp. Self nominations are welcome.

ADDRESSES: Nomination packages, including a cover letter to the Secretary accompanied by a resume and AD–755 form, can be sent by mail to: Thomas Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250. Attn: National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sally Fernandez, Program Specialist, Office of Outreach, Employee Education and Training, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), telephone (202) 690–6524; Fax (202) 690–6519; email sally.fernandez@fsis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, USDA is seeking nominees to membership on the National Advisory Committee on Meat and Poultry Inspection (NACMPI). The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary on meat and poultry inspection programs, pursuant to sections 7(c), 24, 301(a)(3), and 301(c) of the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 607(c), 624, 645, 661(a)(3), and 661(c), and to sections 5(a)(3), 5(c), 8(b), and 11(e) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 454(a)(3), 454(c), 457(b), and 460(e). Nominations for membership are being sought from persons representing industry, academia, State and local government officials, public health organizations, and consumers and consumer organizations. NACMPI is seeking members with knowledge and interest in meat and poultry safety and other FSIS responsibilities.

Appointments to the Committee will be made by the Secretary. To ensure that recommendations of the Committee take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership will include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. It is anticipated that the Committee will meet at least once annually.

Please note that federally registered lobbyists cannot be considered for USDA advisory committee membership. Members can only serve on one advisory committee at a time. All nominees will undergo a USDA background check.

To receive consideration for serving on the NACMPI, a nominee must submit a resume and USDA Advisory Committee Membership Background Information form AD–755. The resume or curriculum vitae must be limited to five one-sided pages and should include nominee’s educational background and expertise. For submissions received that are more than five one-sided pages in length, only the first five pages will be reviewed.

Additional Public Notification

FSIS will announce this notice online through the FSIS Web page located at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations&_policies/Federal_Register_Notices/index.asp. FSIS will also make copies of this Federal Register publication available through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, Federal Register notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to constituents and stakeholders. The Update is communicated via Listserv, a free electronic mail subscription service for industry, trade groups, consumer interest groups, health professionals, and other individuals who have asked to be included. The Update is also available on the FSIS Web page. In addition, FSIS offers an electronic mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Email_Subscription/. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and have the option to password protect their accounts.

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement

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To file a written complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–9410 or call 202–720–5964 (voice and TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Done at Washington, DC on: May 15, 2012.

Alfred V. Almanza,
Administrator.

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 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: U.S. Fishermen Fishing in Russian Waters.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0228.

Form Number(s): NA.

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

Number of Respondents: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 1.

Burden Hours: 1.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a current information collection.

Regulations at 50 CFR part 300. Subpart J, governs United States (U.S.) fishing in the Economic Zone of the Russian Federation. Russian authorities may permit U.S. fishermen to fish for allocations of surplus stocks in the Russian Economic Zone. Permit application information is sent to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for transmission to Russia. If Russian authorities issue a permit, the vessel owner or operator must submit a permit abstract report to NMFS, and also report 24 hours before leaving the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) for the Russian Economic Zone and 24 hours before re-entering the U.S. EEZ after being in the Russian Economic Zone.

The permit application information is used by Russian authorities to determine whether to issue a permit. NMFS uses the other information to help ensure compliance with Russian and U.S. fishery management regulations.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jessup@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.


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