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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the U.S. Agency for International Development; Comments Requested

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed or continuing collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 19, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sylvia Joyner, Bureau for Management, Office of Management Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07C, RRB, Washington, DC 20523, (202) 712-5007 or via email skojner@usaid.gov.

ADDRESSES: Send comments via email at tdebnam@usaid.gov, United States Agency for International Development, Office of Security, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 2.06-012, Washington, DC 20523, 202-712-1752.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB No: OMB 0412-0549.

Form No.: AID 566-01, AID 566-02, AID 566-03, AID 566-04, and AID 566-05.

Title: Residence, Employment, and Personal Reference Inquiry Type of Review: Reinstatement of Information Collection.

Purpose: USAID is required by Executive order that Background investigations be conducted on all persons entering Federal Service. 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 5 CFR 5.2 require that investigations and determinations be made concerning the qualifications and fitness of applicants for federal employment. A National Agency Check and written inquiries are the minimum investigation required for employment in any department or agency of the Government as prescribed in Section 3(a) of the Executive Order 10450.

Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 8976.

Total annual responses: 6552.

Total annual hours requested: 46 hours.

Dated December 11, 2012.

Lynn Winston,

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers; Intent To Renew and Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Office of Advocacy and Outreach, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent and request for nominations.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice that the Secretary of Agriculture intends to renew the charter of the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers (the "Committee") for an additional term of 2 years through December 14, 2014. We are also giving notice that the Secretary is soliciting nominations for membership for this Committee.

DATES: Consideration will be given to nominations received on or before December 31, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. R. J. Cabrera, Designated Federal

Official, USDA OAO, 1400 Independence Avenue, Room 520-A, Washington, DC 20250-0170; Telephone (202) 720-6350; Fax (202) 720-7704; Email: rj.cabrera@osec.usda.gov.

ADDRESSES: Nomination packages may be sent by postal mail or commercial delivery to: Mrs. R.J. Cabrera, Designated Federal Official, USDA OAO, 1400 Independence Avenue, Room 520-A, Washington, DC 20250-0170. Nomination packages may also be faxed to (202) 720-7704.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA, 5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture intends to renew the Advisory Committee on Beginning Farmers and Ranchers for 2 years. Members of the current Committee may be appointed for an additional term of 1 or 2 years; new members will serve for 2 years in remaining roles adhering to the statutory guidelines of representation required.

The Committee advises the Secretary of Agriculture on matters broadly affecting new farmers and ranchers including strategies, policies, and programs that will enhance opportunities and create new farming and ranching operations. The Committee will consider Department goals and objectives necessary to implement prior recommendations. The Committee will develop and recommend an overall framework and strategies to encompass principles that leverage and maximize existing programs, and create and test new program opportunities.

In this notice, we are soliciting nominations from interested organizations and individuals from among ranching and farming producers (industry), related government, State, and Tribal agricultural agencies, academic institutions, commercial banking entities, trade associations, and related nonprofit enterprises. An organization may nominate individuals from within or outside its membership; alternatively, an individual may nominate herself or himself. Nomination packages should include a nomination form along with a cover letter or resume that documents the nominee's background and experience. Nomination forms are available on the Internet at <http://www.ocio.usda.gov/>