

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), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov* or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by May 22, 2014. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

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Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Title: Value-Added Producer Grants Program.

OMB Control Number: 0570–0064.

Summary of Collection: The Cooperative Programs unit within Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) an agency within the USDA Rural Development mission area will administer the Value-Added Producer Grants (VAPG) Program. The Program is authorized under section 231 of the Agriculture Risk Protection Act of 2000 (Public law 106–224) as amended by section 6202 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (P.L. 110–246). The objective of this program is to encourage producers of agricultural commodities and products of

agricultural commodities to further refine these products increasing their value to end users of the product. These grants will be used for two purposes: (1) To fund feasibility studies, marketing and business plans, and similar development activities; and (2) to use the grant as part of the venture's working capital expenses such as inventory, utilities and salaries.

Need and Use of the Information: Rural Development State and Area office staff, as delegated, will collect information from applicants and grantees. RBS will use the information collected by to determine (1) eligibility; (2) the specific purpose for which the funds will be utilized; (3) time frames or dates by which activities are to be accomplished; (4) feasibility of the project; (5) applicants' experience in managing similar activities; and (6) the effectiveness and innovation used to address critical issues vital to value-added ventures development and sustainability. Without this information, there would be no basis on which to award funds.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Individuals.

Number of Respondents: 350.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Monthly; Semi-annually; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 37,415.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 16, 2014.

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

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Office of Procurement and Property Management

Title: Voluntary Labeling Program for Biobased Products.

OMB Control Number: 0503–0020.

Summary of Collection: Section 9002 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act (FSRIA) of 2002, as amended by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act (FCEA) of 2008 and the Agricultural Act of 2014, requires the Secretary of Agriculture to implement a voluntary labeling program that would enable qualifying biobased products to be labeled with a “USDA Certified Biobased Product” label. The labeling program is required to be consistent, where possible, with the guidelines implementing the preferred procurement of biobased products by Federal agencies (referred to hereafter as the preferred procurement program), which is also authorized under section 9002 of FSRIA. Under the preferred procurement program, Federal agencies are required to purchase with certain exceptions, biobased products that are identified, by rulemaking, for preferred procurement. The BioPreferred Program is implemented by USDA's Office of Procurement and Property Management (OPPM).

Need and Use of the Information: Under the voluntary labeling program, manufacturers and vendors must complete an application for each biobased product for which they wish to use the label. The application process is electronic and is accessible through the voluntary labeling program Web site. In

addition manufacturers and vendors whose applications have been conditionally approved must provide to OPPM certain information for posting by OPPM on the voluntary labeling program Web site. For each product approved by the Agency for use of the label, the manufacturer or vendor must keep that information for each certified product up-to-date. Failure to require manufacturers and vendors to provide up-to-date information on each certified product to OPPM for posting on the voluntary labeling program Web site could result in purchasers making poor purchase decisions and in inefficiencies in making purchasing decisions.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 300.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (once).

Total Burden Hours: 3,600.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Requests for Proposals: 2014 Statewide Wood Energy Teams Cooperative Agreement; and 2014 Wood to Energy Grant

AGENCY: U.S. Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Forest Service requests proposals for the following two separate funding opportunities that are being announced at the same time for administrative efficiency, but have separate and unique application criteria, requirements, and review processes:

(A) 2014 Statewide Wood Energy Teams (SWET) Cooperative Agreement, and

(B) 2014 Hazardous Fuel Wood to Energy (W2E) Grant.

The outcomes anticipated under these two separate funding mechanisms will advance the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s initiative to expand wood energy use that supports forest management. These two funding opportunities enhance each other and collectively create opportunities for wood energy projects to access other USDA Rural Development programs. The SWET cooperative agreement helps communities do initial planning, educational outreach, and preliminary assessments to identify promising wood energy opportunities, whereas the W2E grant funds the design and other pre-

construction needs for specific wood energy projects. Both of these funding programs promote use of woody biomass from National Forest System lands and place more emphasis this year on encouraging clustering of projects that improve efficiencies and economies of scale. The requirements for the cooperative agreement and grant applications are presented separately after the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this announcement. In the rare case that an applicant qualifies and would like to apply for both the cooperative agreement and grant, then the applicant must submit separate application packages according to the requirements for each funding opportunity.

DATES: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 11:59 p.m., is the application deadline for the SWET cooperative agreement. Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 11:59 p.m., is the application deadline for the W2E grant.

Pre-Application Informational Webinar: The U.S. Forest Service will hold an informational Webinar on May 1, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. for SWET and 3:00 p.m. for W2E (both eastern time) to present these two funding opportunities and answer questions.

ADDRESSES: All applications must be submitted via email to the respective Forest Service Regional Biomass Coordinators listed below. These coordinators will be the point of contact for application submittals and final awards.

Forest Service Region 1, (MT, ND, Northern ID, & Northwestern SD), ATTN: Angela Farr, USDA Forest Service, Northern Region (R1), Federal Building, 200 East Broadway, Missoula, MT 59807, afarr@fs.fed.us, (406) 329-3521.

Forest Service Region 3 (AZ & NM), ATTN: Dennis Dwyer, USDA Forest Service, Southwestern Region (R3), 333 Broadway Blvd, SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102, ddwyer@fs.fed.us, (505) 842-3480.

Forest Service Region 5 (CA, HI, Guam, and Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands), ATTN: Larry Swan, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region (R5), 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 95492-1110, lswan01@fs.fed.us, (707) 562-8917.

Forest Service Region 8 (AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, Virgin Islands, & Puerto Rico), ATTN: Dan Len, USDA Forest Service, Southern Region (R8), 1720 Peachtree Rd NW, Atlanta, GA 30309, dlen@fs.fed.us, (404) 347-4034.

Forest Service Region 10 (Alaska), ATTN: Daniel Parrent, USDA Forest Service, Alaska Region (R10), 161 East 1st Avenue, Door 8, Anchorage, AK 99501, djparrent@fs.fed.us, (907) 743-9467.

Forest Service Region 2 (CO, KS, NE, SD, & WY), ATTN: Mike Eckhoff, USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region (R2), 740 Simms St, Golden, CO 80401-4702, mike.eckhoff@colostate.edu, (970) 219-2140.

Forest Service Region 4 (Southern ID, NV, UT, & Western WY), ATTN: Scott Bell, USDA Forest Service, Intermountain Region (R4), Federal Building, 324 25th St, Ogden, UT 84401, sbell@fs.fed.us, (801) 625-5259.

Forest Service Region 6, (OR & WA), ATTN: Ron Saranich, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region (R6), 1220 SW 3rd Ave, Portland, OR 97204, rsaranich@fs.fed.us, (503) 808-2346.

Forest Service Region 9/Northeastern Area, (CT, DL, IL, IN, IA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VT, WV, WI), ATTN: Lew McCreery, USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Area—S&PF, 180 Canfield St, Morgantown, WV 26505, lmccreery@fs.fed.us, (304) 285-1538.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please direct questions regarding this announcement to the appropriate Forest Service Regional Biomass Coordinator listed in the table above or contact Ed Cesa (ecesa@fs.fed.us or 304-285-1530) or Steve Milauskas (smilauskas@fs.fed.us or 304-487-1510)

at the Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC) in Princeton, WV. Information regarding what to include in the application, eligibility, and necessary prerequisites for consideration are available at www.na.fs.fed.us/werc and www.grants.gov. Individuals who use

telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.