

Marketing Service (AMS), the Transportation Services Division (TSD) informs, represents, and assists agricultural shippers and government policymakers through: Market reports, representation, analysis, assistance, and responses to inquiries.

Need and Use of the Information: TSD collects data for its analysis from public resources as well as unique data sources to help the agricultural exporters make the most out of the transportation options available. The Data Collection for Container Availability provides U.S. agricultural exporters with weekly data detailing the availability of containers at select locations around the country. AMS will collect these data on a voluntary basis from ocean container carriers and then provide these up-to-date data in an aggregate report on its Web site.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 21.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Weekly.

Total Burden Hours: 1,759.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 8, 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 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. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

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.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Survey of Meat Slaughter and Processing Establishments.

OMB Control Number: 0583-New.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by verifying that meat products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. To assist FSIS in meeting its strategic goal to protect public health by significantly reducing the prevalence of foodborne hazards from meat products, the agency requires accurate and up-to-date information about industry's use of food safety practices and technologies. FSIS conducted a survey of establishments in 2004 to collect information on food safety practices and technologies. This was a part of a broader effort that also surveyed the egg, poultry, and meat and poultry processing industries from 2003-2006. FSIS needs to survey the meat slaughter industry again so that the agency has the most current information on industry practices for conducting regulatory impact analyses as required by the Office of Management and Budget.

Need and Use of the Information: The data collected in the survey will provide reliable and valid information regarding food safety practices in the meat industry that can be used to address a broad variety of the agency's analyses needs. FSIS will also use the survey data to provide information for evaluating the effectiveness of FSIS programs and to conduct trend analyses to assess if industry's application of food safety technologies, sanitation practices, health risk reduction, and

recall readiness has improved since the initial survey was conducted. Without the information, the regulatory and economic impact analysis that FSIS is required by statute to conduct could be incomplete or misleading.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 590.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (once).

Total Burden Hours: 452.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Draft Guidance for Applicants for Competitive and Capacity Grants Administered by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture; Availability

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance entitled "National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Federal Assistance Policy Guide." The draft guidance discusses the statutory and regulatory responsibilities of recipients of Federal funds administered by NIFA. This draft guidance compiles and updates the statutory, regulatory, policy guidance previously distributed to Capacity Grant recipients as Administrative Manuals. The draft NIFA Federal Assistance Policy Guide also addresses procedures and policies followed by NIFA in the administration of Federal assistance. NIFA intends to publish a final version of the Policy Guide to reflect any public comments, as well as the requirements of the Agricultural Act of 2014 and USDA's implementation of the Office of Management and Budget "OMB Uniform Guidance: Cost Principles, Audit, and Administrative Requirements for Federal Awards".

DATES: All written comments must be received on or before August 13, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by NIFA-2014-0001, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Email: policyguide@nifa.usda.gov. Include NIFA–2014–0001 in the subject line of the message.

Mail: Policy and Oversight Division; National Institute of Food and Agriculture; U.S. Department of Agriculture; STOP 2299; 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–2299.

Hand Delivery/Courier: Policy and Oversight Division; National Institute of Food and Agriculture; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Room 2312, Waterfront Centre, 800 9th Street SW., Washington, DC 20024.

Instructions: All comments submitted must include the agency name and the RIN for this rulemaking. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket NIFA–2014–0001, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanie Krizmanich, Policy Specialist, Phone: (202) 401–1762; Email: policyguide@nifa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background Information

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance entitled “National Institute of Food and Agriculture Federal Assistance Policy Statement.” The draft guidance discusses the statutory and regulatory responsibilities of recipients of Federal funds distributed by the NIFA. Specifically, the Policy Statement includes NIFA application processes, application review procedures, award notification and administration, applicable cost principles and other cost considerations, prior approval requirements, administrative requirements, Capacity Grant administration and associated requirements, specific Capacity Grant program requirements, terms and conditions of all NIFA awards (Competitive and Capacity), public policy requirements, special award conditions and enforcement actions, and closeout procedures. The NIFA Federal Assistance Policy Guide updates and compiles into a single document all previously published Administrative Manuals for the grantee community. The statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements contained in the Policy Guide provide general guidance to all NIFA grant recipients. If there is a conflict with this Policy Guide and the terms and conditions of a specific award, the terms and conditions associated with the award should be followed.

This draft guidance includes information collection provisions that

are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520). The information collections referenced in this draft guidance related to reporting requirements and other information collections have been approved by OMB. The Policy Guide imposes no new information collections not previously approved. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, prior to the publication of any final guidance document, NIFA intends to solicit public comments and obtain OMB approval for any information collections recommended in this draft guidance that are new or that would represent material modifications to these previously approved information collections found in the NIFA regulations. The draft guidance is being distributed for comment purposes only and is not intended for implementation at this time.

II. Obtaining a Copy of the Draft Guidance

A copy of the draft guidance may be obtained by contacting Melanie Krizmanich, as directed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** caption. Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the draft guidance at http://www.nifa.usda.gov/business/policy_guide_notice.html.

Done in Washington, DC, this 7 day of July, 2014.

Robert E Holland,

Acting Associate Director, Programs, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

**Information Collection Activity;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on the following information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 12, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele L. Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis,

Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., STOP 1522, Room 5162, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 690–1078. Fax: (202) 720–8435 or email Michele.brooks@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for revision.

Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the 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 respondents, 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: Michele L. Brooks, Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 690–1078, Fax: (202) 720–8435 or email: Michele.brooks@wdc.usda.gov.

Title: Water and Waste Loan and Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 0572–0121.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: USDA Rural Development, through the Rural Utilities Service, is authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public agencies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian Tribes to fund water and waste disposal projects serving the most financially needy rural communities through the Water and Waste Disposal loan and grant program. Financial assistance should result in reasonable user costs for rural residents, rural businesses, and other rural users. The program is limited to rural