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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the public meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 in Salon B of the Des Moines Marriott Downtown Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting will be streamed live on the Internet. The link to the global live stream is on BIFAD's home page: <http://www.usaid.gov/bifad>.

The central theme of this year's meeting will be *Feeding the World in 2050: Agricultural Research Capacity and Youth Engagement*. Dr. Brady Deaton, BIFAD Chair, will preside over the public business meeting, which will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. with opening remarks. At this public meeting, the Board will address old and new business and hear from USAID, the university community, and other experts on progress and mechanisms for advancing programming in agricultural research and capacity development.

BIFAD Chairman Deaton will present an outreach report on his participation in the World Edible Legume Research Conference hosted by the USAID Innovation Lab for Grain Legumes. The first panel in the session will inform BIFAD and the public on updates from USAID principals on the Presidential *Feed the Future* Initiative and other USAID initiatives, including progress to date and the *Feed the Future* research, policy and capacity development strategy. USAID principals also will present the USAID Nutrition Strategy.

Starting at 1:45 p.m., BIFAD member Harold Martin will chair a second panel on *Needs for agricultural research capacity to feed the world in 2050*.

George Norton from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) will discuss returns to investment in agricultural research and Keith Fuglie from the USDA Economic Research Service will explain the use of Total Factor Productivity Studies in measuring agricultural research investments.

The third panel session, chaired by BIFAD Chair Deaton, will focus on *Youth Engagement in Food Security Efforts*. Dean June Henton will discuss the Auburn University Hunger Initiative, and Gary Burniske, Purdue Managing Director of the Purdue University Global Food Security Center, will provide an update on the Global Food Security Fellows Program, a USAID program for US university students.

At 3:30 p.m. the *BIFAD Awards for Scientific Excellence in a Title XII Innovation Lab* will be announced and presented by Chair Deaton and BIFAD member Waded Cruzado, followed by a half-hour public comment period from 4:00–4:30 p.m. At 4:30 p.m. Chair Brady Deaton will make closing remarks and adjourn the public meeting.

Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact Susan Owens, Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD in the Bureau for Food Security at USAID. Interested persons may write to her in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Bureau for Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 2.09–067, Washington, DC 20523–2110 or telephone her at (202) 712–0218.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Notice of Intent To Request To Conduct a New Information Collection

AGENCY: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) to seek approval to conduct a new information collection, the Organic Certifiers Survey. This will be a voluntary survey that will be conducted annually.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 24, 2014 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number 0535–NEW, by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* ombofficer@nass.usda.gov.

Include docket number above in the subject line of the message.

- *eFax:* (855) 838–6382.

- *Mail:* Mail any paper, disk, or CD–ROM submissions to: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–2024.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Hand deliver to: David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 5336 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Renee Picanso, Associate Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (202) 720–2707. Copies of this information collection and related instructions can be obtained without charge from David Hancock, NASS Clearance Officer, at (202) 690–2388.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Organic Certifiers Survey
OMB Control Number: 0535–NEW
Type of Request: Intent to seek

approval to conduct a new information collection for a period of three years.

Abstract: The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare and issue State and national estimates of crop and livestock production, prices, and disposition as well as economic statistics, farm numbers, land values, on-farm pesticide usage, pest crop management practices, as well as the Census of Agriculture.

The sample will consist of all organizations that certify farm and ranch operations that have met the