

discussing issues that justify closing a meeting or portions of a meeting, in accordance with 19 U.S.C. 2155(f). Throughout the year, members are requested to review sensitive trade policy information and provide comments regarding trade negotiations. In addition to their other advisory responsibilities, at the conclusion of negotiations of any trade agreement, all committees are required to provide a report on each agreement to the President, Congress, and USTR.

#### Committee Membership Information

All committee members are appointed by, and serve at the discretion of the Secretary and the USTR. Committee appointments are typically for a period of approximately 4 years, but the Secretary and USTR may renew an appointment for an additional term or appoint a member to fill out the remainder of someone's term. All committee members must be a U.S. citizen and must represent a U.S. entity with an interest in agricultural trade, and must not be registered with the Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. To attend most meetings, committee members must have a current security clearance. New members will be guided in how to apply for a security clearance and their appointment will be contingent on successful completion of the investigation. Committee members serve without compensation and are not reimbursed for their travel expenses. No person may serve on more than one USDA advisory committee at the same time unless a specific exception is granted by the USDA Committee Management Officer. No entity may have more than one representative on any single trade advisory committee.

#### Nominations and Appointments of Members

Nominations for APAC and ATAC membership are open to individuals representing U.S. entities with an interest in agricultural trade without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. Equal opportunity practices in accordance with the U.S. Government policies will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include to the extent possible, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. Members should have expertise and knowledge of agricultural

trade as it relates to policy and commodity specific issues. Members will normally come from an entity with an interest in agriculture, and will serve as a Representative, presenting the views and interests of a particular U.S. entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the committee.

However, should a member be appointed primarily for his or her expertise, and not as a representative of an interest group, he or she shall be designated as a Special Government Employee (SGE). SGEs are subject to specific provisions of the ethics laws if they are appointed because of their personal knowledge, background, or expertise. USDA will assist SGEs in disclosing their financial interest and will provide ethics training on an annual basis. Appointments are made of individuals only and are not transferrable. No person, company, producer, farm organization, trade association, or other entity has a right to membership on a committee. In making appointments, every effort will be made to maintain balanced representation on the committees with representation from producers, farm and commodity organizations, processors, traders, and consumers. Geographical diversity on each committee will also be sought.

**Nominations:** Nominating a person to serve on any of the committees requires submission of a current resume for the nominee and the following form: AD-755 (Advisory Committee Membership Background Information, OMB Number 0505-0001), available on the Internet at: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/trade-advisory-committees-applying-membership>. A cover letter should also be submitted indicating the specific committee for which the individual is being nominated, why the nominee wants to be a committee member, his or her qualifications for membership, and how the submitter learned about this call for nominations. The cover letter should also include the statements required below related to Federally Registered Lobbyists and Foreign Firms. If applicable, a sponsor letter on the non-Federal governmental entity's letterhead that contains a brief description of the manner in which international trade affects the entity and why the applicant should be considered for membership. Forms may also be requested by sending an email to [ATACs@fas.usda.gov](mailto:ATACs@fas.usda.gov), or by phone at (202) 720-4934.

**Federally Registered Lobbyists:** All nominees must provide a statement confirming their lobbyist status. Pursuant to the Revised Guidance on the Appointment of Lobbyists to Federal Advisory Committees, Boards and Commissions, published by the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) on August 13, 2014, federally-registered lobbyists are no longer prohibited from serving on the advisory committees in a representative capacity. In light of OMB's recent policy clarification that the eligibility restriction does not apply to advisory committee members who are specifically appointed to represent the interests of a nongovernmental entity, a recognizable group of persons or nongovernmental entities (an industry sector, labor unions, environmental groups, etc.), or state or local governments. The lobbyist prohibition continues to apply to persons serving on advisory committees in their individual capacity (e.g., SGEs).

**Foreign Firms:** If the nominee is to represent an entity or corporation with ten percent or greater non-U.S. ownership, the nominee must state the extent to which the organization or interest to be represented by the nominee is owned by non-U.S. citizens, organizations, or interests and demonstrate at the time of nomination that this ownership interest does not constitute control and will not adversely affect his or her ability to serve as an advisor on the U.S. agriculture advisory committee for trade.

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Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Information Collection; Civil Rights Compliance Review Record—Federally Assisted Programs

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the renewal of the information collection, Civil Rights Compliance Review Record—Federally Assisted Programs.

With this renewal, the Agency has changed the name of the information collections from Equal Opportunity Compliance Review Record to Civil Rights Compliance Review Record—Federally Assisted Programs.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before June 5, 2015 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to USDA Forest Service Washington Office, Office of Civil Rights, Mail Stop 1142, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-1142.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 703-605-5174 or by email to [pjackman@fs.fed.us](mailto:pjackman@fs.fed.us).

The public may inspect comments received at USDA Forest Service Washington Office, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to facilitate entry to the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pat Jackman, Civil Rights, by phone at 202-205-0989, or via email at [pjackman@fs.fed.us](mailto:pjackman@fs.fed.us). Individuals who use a TTY may call 711 or the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Civil Rights Compliance Review Record—Federally Assisted Programs  
*OMB Number:* 0596-0215

*Type of Request:* Extension with no change

*Abstract:* All Federal agencies must comply with equal opportunity laws:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended;
- Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972;
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended;
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; and
- Executive orders prohibiting discrimination in the delivery of all programs and services to the public.

Federal agencies and entities receiving Federal financial assistance are prohibited from discriminating. Federal financial assistance is defined as, "Federal monies given by grants, cooperative agreements, commercial special use permits, training, loan/temporary assignment of Federal personnel, or loan/use of Federal property at below market value."

The equal opportunity laws require agencies to conduct compliance reviews to ensure that entities receiving Federal Financial Assistance from the government are adhering to the non-discrimination statutes. The statutes require that prior to awarding support or issuing permits, the Federal government shall conduct pre-award reviews to ensure that potential recipients understand their responsibilities to provide services equitable pursuant to the law. Thereafter, during the partnership with the Agency, on-going monitoring will take place to ensure the public is being served without any

barriers or discrimination. The compliance review tool consists of three forms, used consecutively during the same review.

Forest Service employees will use form FS-1700-0006A, Civil Rights Compliance Review Record—Federally Assisted Programs, to collect information regarding actions taken by recipients of Federal financial assistance to ensure the public receives services without discrimination or barriers to access, and that recipients' employees understand their role in ensuring equal access to services. Collection will occur during face-to-face meetings or telephone interviews conducted by Forest Service employees as part of the pre-award and Post-award process. The pre-award interview will take place prior to the award of a grant, signing of a cooperative agreement, letting of commercial special use permit, or similar activity. The post award interview will take place once every five years, or upon report/discovery of discrimination.

Forest Service employees will use form FS-1700-0006B, Civil Rights Compliance Review Record—Federally Assisted Programs, (Post-Award Review Interview of an Employee of the Recipient) to collect information from an employee of the recipient's program to assess their awareness of Civil Rights responsibilities to ensure the public receives services without discrimination or barriers to access. This aids in determining if recipients' have advised and trained employees of their customer service and Civil Rights compliance role. Collection will occur during face-to-face meetings or interviews conducted by Forest Service employees as part of the post award process. The Post-award interview will take place once every five years, or upon report/discovery of discrimination.

Forest Service employees will use form FS-1700-0006C, Civil Rights Compliance Review Record—Federally Assisted Programs, (Post-Award Review Interview of a Participant) to collect information from the public or customers of the recipients of Federal financial assistance to determine if the public is receiving services without discrimination or barriers to access. Collection will occur during face-to-face interviews conducted by Forest Service employees as part of the post award process. The Post-award interview will take place once every five years, or upon report/discovery of discrimination.

The information collected will only be shared with other Federal agencies who share in the financial assistance activities with the Forest Service. Monitoring reviews have been a

responsibility of the Federal government since 1964. Without the ability to monitor recipients of Federal financial assistance, the Forest Service would not be able to ensure compliance with laws and statutes. The Agency would not be aware of potential violations, thereby resulting in potential discriminatory practices.

*Estimate of Annual Burden:* 1 hour.

*Type of Respondents:* Recipients of Federal financial assistance.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 11,000.

*Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent:* One.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 11,000.

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the 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 respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: March 27, 2015.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### **Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Thailand: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2013-2014**

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the