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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: 30-Day notice of submission of information collection approval from the Office of Management and Budget and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process to seek feedback from the public on service delivery, The National Institute of Food and Agriculture has submitted a Generic Information Collection Request (Generic ICR): "Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery" to OMB for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et. seq.).

DATES: Comments must be submitted April 13, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted by any of the following methods: Email: rmartin@nifa.usda.gov; Fax 202-720-0857; Mail: Office of Information Technology (OIT), NIFA, USDA, STOP 2216, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-2216.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information, please contact Robert Martin, Records Officer, email: rmartin@nifa.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

Abstract: The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. By

qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, provide an early warning of issues with service, or focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance will provide useful information, but it will not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data uses require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

The Agency received no comments in response to the 60-day notice published in the **Federal Register** of October 4th, 2016, Vol. 81 FR 192.

Below we provide the National Institute of Food and Agriculture projected average estimates for the next three years:

Current Actions: New collection of information.

Type of Review: New Collection.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households, Businesses and

Organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Average Expected Annual Number of Activities: 20.

Respondents: 10,500.

Annual Responses: 1.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Average Minutes per Response: .5

Burden Hours: 17,505.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 9, 2017.

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 are requested regarding (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden 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 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.

Comments regarding this information collection received by April 13, 2017 will be considered. Written comments 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. 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 and Nutrition Service

Title: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), State Law Enforcement Bureau (SLEB) Fraud Investigations.

OMB Control Number: 0584–NEW.

Summary of Collection: FNS works with State partners to establish State Law Enforcement Bureau (SLEB) agreements to improve program administration and ensure program integrity. Through SLEB agreements, FNS authorizes State agencies to conduct investigations into possible SNAP retailer/electronic benefits transfer (EBT) fraud, and to obtain Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) benefits for such law enforcement and investigative activities. These agreements provide State agencies with additional resources to conduct investigations, including, but not limited to, the authorized use of SNAP benefits to carry out covert investigations of retailers, as well as other retailer-related law enforcement techniques. FNS created a form FNS–878, titled SLEB SNAP Fraud Investigation Cost Reconciliation, that records costs associated with SLEB investigations.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will use this information for accounting purposes, and to document findings that will help the agency to adequately allocate resources and ensure program integrity.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Bi-annually.

Total Burden Hours: 212.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: The Loving Support Award of Excellence.

OMB Control Number: 0584–0591.

Summary of Collection: The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kid Act of 2010 (HHFKA) (Pub. L. 111–296, Sec 231) requires the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to implement a program to recognize

exemplary breastfeeding support practices at Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) local agencies and clinics. The HHFKA requires the USDA to annually compile and publish breastfeeding performance measurements. The breastfeeding performance measurements will be used in the process to determine awardees for the top two level awards.

Need and Use of the Information: The award application period is open one time, annually, and has been designed to allow local WIC agencies at different stages of progress in breastfeeding support practices to apply for an award. The information collection will meet the HHFKA requirement to implement a program to recognize exemplary breastfeeding support practices at WIC local agencies and clinics and the performance reporting requirements.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 453.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,161.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the South Dakota Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a briefing meeting of the South Dakota Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. (CDT) on Friday, March 24, 2017, in the Community Room on the 1st Floor of the Aberdeen Public Safety Building, 114 2nd Avenue SE., Aberdeen, SD 57401. The purpose of the briefing meeting is to hear testimony on the subtle effects of racism in South Dakota. The briefing topics will include the value of the use of body-worn cameras in law enforcement, and minority policing that impacts Native Americans and immigrant communities. The South Dakota Advisory Committee will hear from law enforcement, tribal officials, advocacy groups, community organizations, representatives of local,

state, and Federal agencies, and the public.

DATES: Friday, March 24, 2017, starting at 1:00 p.m. CST until 6:00 p.m. CST.

ADDRESSES: Aberdeen Public Safety Building, Community Room, 1st Floor, 114 2nd Avenue SE., Aberdeen, SD 57401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Malee Craft at mcraft@usccr.gov, or 303–866–1040.

Time will be set aside at the end of the briefing so that members of the public may address the Committee after the formal presentations have been completed. Persons interested in the issue are also invited to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by Monday, April 24, 2017. Written comments may be mailed to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1961 Stout Street, Suite 13–201, Denver, CO 80294, faxed to (303) 866–1050, or emailed to Evelyn Bohor at ebohor@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at (303) 866–1040.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at <https://database.faca.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=274> and clicking on the “Meeting Details” and “Documents” links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission’s Web site, www.usccr.gov, or to contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at the above phone number, email or street address. If persons who plan to attend the meeting require accommodations, please contact Evelyn Bohor at ebohor@usccr.gov at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Richard Braunstein, Chair, South Dakota Advisory Committee

Malee V. Craft, Regional Director, RMRO–USCCR, Denver, CO

Briefing, South Dakota Advisory Committee

Government and Tribal Officials, Advocates, Experts, Law Enforcement