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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—User Access Request Form FNS–674

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on the proposed information collection. This is an extension of a currently approved collection. The purpose of this information collection request is to continue the use of the electronic form FNS–674, titled “User Access Request Form.” This form will continue to allow user access to current FNS systems, as well as allow modified access or remove user access.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 8, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to: Joseph Binns, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 317,

Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via email to Joseph.Binns@fns.usda.gov. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Joseph Binns at 703–605–1181.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were 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 those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title: User Access Request Form.

Form Number: FNS–674.

OMB Number: 0584–0532.

Expiration Date: 3/31/2018.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Form FNS–674 is designed to collect user information required to gain access to FNS Information Systems.

Affected Public: Contractors, State Agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,700.

The respondents are State agencies, who are located in the 50 states and Trust Territories, staff contractors and Federal employees. Respondents who require access to the FNS systems are estimated at 3,600 annually (includes Federal, State and private) however, only 2,700 will account for the total public burden, excluding Federal employees. FNS estimates that it will receive an average of 300 requests per month (15 per day). Of the 300, 70 percent (or 210) of the responses are State Agency users, 5 percent (or 15) are staff contractors and 25 percent (or 75) are Federal employees which is not included in the total number of responses. Annually, that results in 2,700 respondents (210 State Agency users per month + 15 staff contractors per month × 12 months).

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.9.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 5,220.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.167 of an hour. Each respondent takes approximately 0.167 of an hour, or 10 minutes, to complete the required information on the online form.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 870 hours. See the table below for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.

REPORTING BURDEN

Affected public	Form number	Number of respondents	Number of responses annually per respondent	Total annual responses	Estimate of burden hours per response	Total annual burden hours
Contractors	FNS–674	180	1	180	0.16667 (10 minutes).	30
State Agency Users	FNS–674	2,520	2	5,040	0.16667 (10 minutes).	840
Annualized Totals	2,700	1.9	5,220	10 minutes	870

Dated: October 23, 2017.

Brandon Lipps,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Notice of Availability of Draft Scientific Assessment for Public Comment

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft scientific assessment for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is publishing this notice on behalf of the Carbon Cycle Interagency Working Group (CCIWG)/U.S. Carbon Cycle Science Program and the United States Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) to announce the availability of a draft assessment, the 2nd State of the Carbon Cycle Science Report (SOCCR-2), for a 60-day public review. Collected comments will be carefully reviewed by the relevant chapter author teams. Following revision and further review, a revised draft will undergo final Federal interagency clearance.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by 11:59 p.m. on January 8, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Once released, the draft USGCRP 2nd State of the Carbon Cycle Report can be accessed via the USGCRP Open Notices page (<http://www.globalchange.gov/notices>) or directly at the USGCRP Review and Comment System (<https://review.globalchange.gov/>). Registration details can be found on the review site home page, and review instructions can be found on a dedicated special report page where comments from the public will be accepted electronically. Comments may be submitted only via this online mechanism.

All comments received through this process will be considered by the relevant chapter authors without knowledge of the commenters' identities. When the final assessment is issued, the comments and the commenters' names, along with the authors' responses, will become part of the public record and made available on <http://www.globalchange.gov>. Information submitted by a commenter as part of the registration process (such

as an email address) will not be disclosed publicly.

Instructions: Response to this notice is voluntary. Responses to this notice may be used by the government for program planning on a non-attribution basis. USDA therefore requests that no business proprietary information or copyrighted information be submitted in response to this notice. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for response preparation, or for the use of any information contained in the response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Carbon Cycle Science Program/CCIWG/USGCRP Contact: Dr. Gyami Shrestha; email: gshrestha@usgcrp.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Context:* The U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) is mandated under the Global Change Research Act (GCRA) of 1990 to conduct a quadrennial National Climate Assessment (NCA). Under its current decadal strategic plan (<http://go.usa.gov/3qGU4>), USGCRP is building sustained assessment capacity. The sustained assessment supports the Nation's ability to understand, anticipate, and respond to risks and potential impacts brought about by global environmental change. As part of the ongoing NCA process, the 2nd State of the Carbon Cycle Report (SOCCR-2) is being developed to inform the assessment. The last (3rd) NCA (2014) (NCA3: <http://nca2014.globalchange.gov>) and the process to develop it provided a foundation for subsequent activities and reports. The SOCCR-2 assessment provides an update to the carbon cycle science information presented in the 2014 NCA and the 2007 State of the Carbon Cycle Report, a Scientific Assessment Product (SAP 2.2) that directly informed the 2nd NCA. The SOCCR-2 assessment provides updated carbon cycle science findings and projections, and is an important input to the authors of the next quadrennial NCA, expected in 2018.

The 2nd State of the Carbon Cycle Report (SOCCR-2) is a product of the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP), and is organized and led by an interagency team, the Carbon Cycle Interagency Working Group. The draft assessment was written by Federal and non-Federal authors identified via an Open Call for nominations (www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/02/12/2016-02927/request-for-public-engagement-in-the-interagency-special-report-2nd-state-of-the-carbon-cycle-report). An interagency Federal Steering Committee selected authors based on their demonstrated subject

matter expertise, relevant publications, and knowledge of specific topics designated in an outline included in the SOCCR-2 prospectus that can be found through a link on the SOCCR-2 (<https://www.carboncyclescience.us/state-carbon-cycle-report-soccr>). This assessment responds to the 1990 Congressional mandate to periodically produce National Climate Assessments and to assist the nation in understanding, assessing, predicting, and responding to global change. The report adheres to the Information Quality Act requirements (http://www.cio.noaa.gov/services_programs/info_quality.html) for quality, transparency, and accessibility as appropriate for a Highly Influential Scientific Assessment (HISA).

Done at Washington, DC, on November 3, 2017.

Sonny Ramaswamy,

Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service (RHS) and Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the above-named Agencies to request an extension for the currently approved information collection in support of the servicing of Community and Direct Business Programs Loans and Grants.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 8, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For inquiries on the Information Collection Package, contact Anita Outen, Community Programs, RHS, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Mail Stop 0787, Washington, DC 20250-0787, Telephone (202) 690-5273.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR 1951-E, Servicing of Community and Direct Business Programs Loans and Grants.

OMB Number: 0575-0066.