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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 3, 2018.

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. 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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC; New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: 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 by August 8, 2018. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

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.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Export Inspection and Weighing Waiver for High Quality Specialty Grains Transported in Containers Under the Authority of the United States Grain Standards Act.

OMB Control Number: 0581-0306.

Summary of Collection: The United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71-87) (USGSA), with few exceptions, requires that all grain shipped from the United States must be officially inspected and weighed. Section 7 CFR 800.18 of the regulations waives the mandatory inspection and weighing requirements of the USGSA for high quality specialty grain exported in containers. The Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) established this waiver to facilitate the marketing of high quality specialty grain exported in containers.

Need and Use of the Information: To comply with the waiver of the mandatory inspection and weighing requirements, FGIS is asking exporters of high quality specialty grain transported in containers to maintain records generated during the normal course of business that pertain to these shipments and make these documents available to FGIS upon request for review or copying purposes. These records are maintained for a period of 3 years. This requirement is essential to ensure that exporters who ship high quality specialty grain in containers comply with the waiver requirements.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 40.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping.

Total Burden Hours: 240.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request—Background Investigation Request for Contractor Employees—FNS-775

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 update of a currently approved collection. The purpose of this information collection request is to continue the use of the electronic form FNS-775, titled "Background Investigation Request for Contractor Employees." This form will continue to provide for the collection of Personal Identification Information required in the conduct of a background investigation which is a pre-requisite for the contractor employees to be granted a security clearance for employment at all FNS locations.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 7, 2018.

ADDRESSES: 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.

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:

Title: Background Investigation Request for Contractor Employees Form.

Form Number: FNS-775.
OMB Number: 0584-NEW.
Expiration Date: Not yet determined.
Type of Request: Update of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Form FNS-775 is designed to collect user information required to conduct background investigations for contractor employees required in order to grant security clearances for contractor employees.

Affected Public: Contractors, FNS.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 750.

The respondents are contractor employees at all FNS locations across the nation, inclusive of the FNS Headquarters in Alexandria, VA and at the seven (7) FNS regional offices across

the USA. The estimated annual number of respondents who will be required to complete the FNS-775 for requisite background investigation requests for contract employees is 750.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 750.

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: 125 hours. See the table below for estimated total annual burden for each type of respondent.

ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN ON RESPONDENTS

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-775	750	1	750	0.16667 (10 minutes) ..	125
Annualized Totals	750	1	750	10 minutes	125

Dated: June 19, 2018.

Brandon Lipps,
Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request: Assessment of Mandatory Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment & Training (E&T) Programs

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 this proposed information collection for the Assessment of Mandatory Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment & Training (E&T) Programs. This collection is a new information collection.

This study will help identify how specific E&T processes and services affect a participant's likelihood of participating or being sanctioned, with particular attention to potential leakage points, such as initial referral, intake, and orientation. This study also will describe what data exists on how well

mandatory programs help SNAP participants gain skills, certificates and credentials and gain stable, well-paying employment.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 7, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to: Jordan Younes, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1024, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Jordan Younes at 703-305-2576 or via email to jordan.younes@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 Jordan Younes at 703-305-2935.

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: Assessment of Mandatory Employment and Training (E&T) Programs.

Form Number: N/A.

OMB Number: 0584-XXXX.

Expiration Date: Not Yet Determined.

Type of Request: New collection.

Abstract: Section 17 [7 U.S.C. 2026] (a)(1) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, provides general legislative authority for the planned data collection. It authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into contracts with private institutions to undertake research that will help to improve the administration and effectiveness of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in delivering nutrition-related benefits.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has funded the Assessment of Mandatory E&T Programs to examine program features and administrative practices of mandatory State SNAP E&T programs