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## ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

### Notice of Availability of Revised Model Adjudication Rules

**AGENCY:** Administrative Conference of the United States.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States, through its Model Adjudication Rules Working Group, has completed a revision of the Conference's 1993 Model Adjudication Rules. The rules are intended for use by all Federal agencies when designing new, and revising existing, procedural rules governing agency adjudications that involve a trial-type hearing—whether conducted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act), other statutes, agency regulations, or practice—that offers an opportunity for fact-finding before an adjudicator, whether or not the adjudicator is an administrative law judge.

The final revised Model Adjudication Rules are available at <https://www.acus.gov/model-rules/model-adjudication-rules>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Francis Massaro, Attorney Advisor, Administrative Conference of the United States, 1120 20th Street NW, Suite 706 South, Washington, DC 20036; Telephone (202) 480-2080.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Administrative Conference Act, 5 U.S.C. 591-596, established the Administrative Conference of the United States. The Conference studies the efficiency, adequacy, and fairness of the administrative procedures used by Federal agencies and makes recommendations for improvements to agencies, the President, Congress, and the Judicial Conference of the United States.

Originally released in 1993 by a working group of the Conference, the

Model Adjudication Rules were designed for use by Federal agencies to amend or develop their procedural rules for hearings conducted under the Administrative Procedure Act. In 2016, the Office of the Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the United States established a similar working group—the Model Adjudication Rules Working Group—to review and revise the Conference's 1993 Model Adjudication Rules.

Numerous agencies have relied on the Conference's 1993 Model Adjudication Rules to improve existing adjudicative schemes; and newer agencies, like the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, have relied on them to design new procedures. Significant changes in adjudicative practices and procedures since 1993—including use of electronic case management and video hearings—necessitated a careful review and revision of the Model Adjudication Rules. In the course of its work, the new Working Group relied on the Conference's extensive empirical research of adjudicative practices reflected in the Federal Administrative Adjudication Database, available at <https://acus.law.stanford.edu/>; amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure since 1993; and input from agency officials, academics, practitioners, and other stakeholders. Public comment on the draft revised Model Adjudication Rules was solicited in the **Federal Register** on January 22, 2018 (83 FR 2958), and multiple public meetings of the Working Group and the Conference's Adjudication Committee were held to help inform the final document.

Additional information about the Administrative Conference's Model Adjudication Rules project, including drafts, meeting agendas, a listing of the Working Group members, and other related information, can be found on the Conference's website at <https://www.acus.gov/research-projects/office-chairman-model-adjudication-rules-working-group>.

Dated: September 26, 2018.

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## AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

### Public Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors

**AGENCY:** United States African Development Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF) will hold its quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors to discuss the agency's programs and administration. This meeting will occur at the USADF office.

**DATES:** The meeting date is Thursday, October 11, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting location is USADF, 1400 I St. NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jenny Morgan, (202)233-8819.

**Authority:** Public Law 96-533 (22 U.S.C. § 290h).

Dated: September 26, 2018.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 27, 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