

Notices

Federal Register

Vol. 83, No. 191

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

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.

Shawne McGibbon,

General Counsel.

[FR Doc. 2018-21438 Filed 10-1-18; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6110-01-P

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.

June B. Brown,

General Counsel.

[FR Doc. 2018-21373 Filed 10-1-18; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6117-01-P

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

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 November 1, 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.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Floriculture Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0093.

Summary of Collection: The primary function of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to prepare current official state and national estimates of crop and livestock production. Since 1985 Congress has provided funds to conduct an annual Commercial Floriculture Survey which obtains data on this important and growing industry. Several program changes have occurred since the previous approval in November of 2015. Results from the surveys that were conducted in January 2016 referencing 2015 production data, were published in April 2016. In January 2017 and 2018 the national surveys were postponed due to budget cuts. NASS did collect data for the State of Hawaii only for those two years under a cooperative agreement with the Hawaii State Dept. of Agriculture.

Following an extensive review of the floriculture industry and trends in production, NASS is proposing the following changes to the program. Based on the 2014 Horticultural Specialties Census, the top 16 states which represent 79.6% of the combined total of floriculture production and sales in the United States, will be surveyed. In addition, Congress has provided line

item funding for the inclusion of Alaska into the Floriculture Survey program. The 17 States that will be included in the program in this renewal request are: Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Oregon, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin. New to this program are the States of Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Dropped from the federally funded program are Hawaii, Maryland, and South Carolina. However, NASS has been contacted by the States of Arizona, Hawaii and Maryland about doing a reimbursable survey through a cooperative agreement with each State. These three State surveys will be included in this OMB approval request.

General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204. This statute specifies that "The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which can be obtained by the collection of statistics . . . and shall distribute them among agriculturists". The floriculture industry accounted for approximately \$5.9 billion in wholesale sales at the U.S. level in 2014 (Census of Horticultural Specialties). In 2015 the 15 States that were surveyed by the Commercial Floriculture Survey accounted for \$4.37 billion in wholesale sales or a little over 74% of the U.S. total.

Need and Use of the Information: NASS obtains basic agricultural statistics on production and value of floriculture products. The target population for this survey is all operations with production and sales of at least \$10,000 of floriculture products. Data collected from the survey will assess alternative agriculture opportunities, and provide statistics for Federal and State agencies to monitor the use of agricultural chemicals. If the information is not collected data users could not keep abreast of changes.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Business or other-for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 12,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 5,793.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

[FR Doc. 2018-21381 Filed 10-1-18; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-20-P

APPALACHIAN STATES LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION

Annual Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. October 26, 2018.

PLACE: Harrisburg Hilton and Towers, One North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: The primary purpose of this meeting is to (1) Review the independent auditors' report of the Commission's financial statements for fiscal year 2017–2018; (2) Review the Low-Level Radioactive Waste (LLRW) generation information for 2017; (3) Consider a proposed budget for fiscal year 2019–2020; (4) Review recent regional and national developments regarding LLRW management and disposal; and (5) Elect the Commission's Officers.

PORTIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

Executive Session, if deemed necessary, will be announced at the meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Rich Janati, Administrator of the Commission at 717-787-2163.

Rich Janati,

Administrator, Appalachian Compact Commission.

[FR Doc. 2018-21447 Filed 10-1-18; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE P

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Idaho Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. 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 meeting of the Idaho Advisory Committee (Committee) to the Commission will be held at 12:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) Tuesday, October 16, 2018, for the purpose of reviewing the project proposal on Native American voting rights.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. MT.

Public Call Information:

Dial: 888-602-6363.

Conference ID: 2385391.