

questionnaire will be administered via telephone, web and mail, thereby reducing or possibly eliminating the expensive in-person enumeration costs which are needed for the current Area Frame-based JAS.

The JARP study will be conducted in four states (Kansas, Nebraska, New York and Pennsylvania) in the summer of 2019. A parallel design study, also called a parallel group study, will be conducted. The “control” group will be the 2019 JAS sample, which will be drawn and analyzed using current production processes. The “treatment” group will be the sample collected within this pilot study. Data collected for JARP will be used to evaluate the efficacy of eliminating or reducing the need for NASS’s Area Frame-based surveys.

This substantive change will add an additional 8,000 respondents and 1,697 hours of respondent burden to the currently approved totals.

Need and Use of the Information: The List Sampling Frame Surveys are used to develop and maintain a complete list of possible farm operations. Data from criteria surveys are used to provide control data for new records on the list sampling frame. This information is utilized to define the size of operation, define sample populations and establish eligibility for the Census of Agriculture. New names and addresses of potential farms are obtained on a regular basis from growers association, other government agencies and various outside sources. The goal is to produce for each State a relatively complete, current, and unduplicated list of names for statistical sampling for agricultural operation surveys and the Census of Agriculture. This information is used to develop efficient sample designs, which allows NASS the ability to draw reduced sample sizes from the originally large universe populations.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 8,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,697.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 18, 2019.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information

collection requirement(s) to Office of Management and Budget (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; (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 May 23, 2019 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), New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20502. 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. 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.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: 7 CFR 1730, Review Rating Summary.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0025.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) manages loan programs in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act (RE Act) of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, as amended. An important part of safeguarding loan security is to see that RUS financed facilities are being responsibly used, adequately operated, and adequately maintained. Future needs have to be anticipated to ensure that facilities will continue to produce revenue and loans will be repaid as required by the RUS

mortgage. Regular periodic operations and maintenance (O&M) review can identify and correct inadequate O&M practices before they cause extensive harm to the system. Inadequate O&M practices can result in public safety hazards, increased power outages for consumers, added expense for emergency maintenance, and premature aging of the borrower’s systems, which could increase the loan security risk to RUS.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will collect information using form 300 Review Rate Summary to identify items that may be in need of additional attention; to plan corrective actions when needed; to budget funds and manpower for needed work; and to initiate ongoing programs as necessary to avoid or minimize the need for “catch-up” programs.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 156.

Frequency of responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 624.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Solicitation of Applications for the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2019; Amendment

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation of applications; amendment.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (the Agency) published a notice in the **Federal Register** on August 3, 2018, announcing the acceptance of applications for funds available under the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019. The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) provides funding for the program for FY 2019 and expands the eligible technology definition. This notice provides an amendment to Section III. Eligibility Information, subsection C. Eligible Projects, to include the definition.