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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Document No. AMS-TM-19-0067]

Transportation and Marketing Program; Notice of Extension and Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to seek renewal and extension of its current approval from the Office of Management and Budget to collect information for eight competitive and one non-competitive AMS Grant Programs administered by its Grants Division. Three of these programs were created pursuant to the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (Farm Bill), thereby increasing the number of respondents who are potentially subject to this information collection. However, the reporting requirements should remain the same across all of the grant programs.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 30, 2019 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning this information collection notice. Comments should be submitted online at www.regulations.gov or sent to John Miklozek, Grants Division Director, AMS Transportation and Marketing Program, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Stop 0269, Washington, DC 20250-0264, or by facsimile to (202) 690-0338. All comments should reference the Doc. No. AMS-TM-19-0067, the date, and the page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments

received, including any personal information provided, will be posted online, without change, at www.regulations.gov and will be made available for public inspection at the above physical address during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Miklozek at the above physical address, or by email at John.Miklozek@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: AMS Grant Programs.

OMB Number: 0581-0240.

Expiration Date of Approval: 11/30/2019.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: AMS Grant Programs are authorized pursuant to the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (AMA) (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*) and are implemented through the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Super Circular) (2 CFR 200). In addition to renewal, the AMS Grants Division requests to extend its current approval to collect information for four additional grant programs. The four grant programs being added to this collection are the Dairy Business Innovation (DBI) Initiatives, Regional Food System Partnerships (RFSP), the Sheep Production and Marketing Grant Program (SPMGP), and the Acer Access and Development Program (Acer).

The Farm Bill authorizes the appropriation of up to \$20 million dollars per fiscal year for the DBI Initiatives grant program. This program will establish three or more regionally located dairy product and business innovation initiatives for the purposes of diversifying dairy product markets to reduce risk and develop higher-value uses for dairy products; promoting business development that diversifies farmer income through processing and marketing innovation; and encouraging the use of regional milk production. The RFSP grant program supports partnerships to plan and develop a local or regional food system. The SPMGP strengthens and enhances the production and marketing of sheep and sheep products in the United States, including the improvement of business infrastructure, resource development and the development of innovative approaches to solve long-term needs. Acer supports efforts to promote the

domestic maple syrup industry through activities associated with the promotion and expansion of, and research and education about, maple-sugaring activities on the land.

AMS solicits subject matter experts to act as peer reviewers for competitive grant programs under its purview. Interested individuals apply and those selected objectively review and evaluate grant applications against the criteria outlined in the published announcement.

Because AMS Grant Programs are voluntary, respondents request or apply for the specific competitive or non-competitive grant program(s) they select, and in doing so, they provide information. AMS is the primary user of the information. The information collected is needed to certify that grant participants are complying with applicable program regulations, and the data collected are the minimum information necessary to effectively carry out the requirements of the program. The information collection requirements in this request are essential to carry out the intent of the AMA, to provide the respondents the type of service they request, and to administer these programs. The burden of the AMS Grant Programs is as follows:

Combined Burden for AMS Grant Programs

Estimate of Burden: 2.58 hours.

Respondents: Peer reviewers, grant applicants, grant recipients.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,641.

Estimated Total Annual Responses including Recordkeeping: 17,257.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 29.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents and Recordkeepers: 44,607.18 hours.

Dairy Business Innovation (DBI) Initiatives

Estimate of Burden: 2.51 hours.

Respondents: Peer reviewers, grant applicants, grant recipients.

Estimated Number of Respondents and Recordkeepers: 121.

Estimated Total Annual Responses including Recordkeeping: 219.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent including Recordkeepers: 31.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents and Recordkeepers: 549.41 hours.

Regional Food System Partnerships (RFSP)

Estimate of Burden: 2.32 hours.
Respondents: Peer reviewers, grant applicants, grant recipients.

Estimated Number of Respondents and Recordkeepers: 435.

Estimated Total Annual Responses including Recordkeeping: 768.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent including Recordkeepers: 45.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents and Recordkeepers: 1783.75 hours.

Sheep Production and Marketing Grant Program (SPMGP)

Estimate of Burden: 1.96 hours.
Respondents: Peer reviewers, grant applicants, grant recipients.

Estimated Number of Respondents and Recordkeepers: 15.

Estimated Total Annual Responses including Recordkeeping: 29.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent including Recordkeepers: 29.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents and Recordkeepers: 56.83 hours.

Acer Access and Development Program (Acer)

Estimate of Burden: 2.05 hours.
Respondents: Peer reviewers, grant applicants, grant recipients.

Estimated Number of Respondents and Recordkeepers: 172.

Estimated Total Annual Responses including Recordkeeping: 304.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent including Recordkeepers: 38.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents and Recordkeepers: 623.58 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the new 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 the burden of the new collection of information, 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 the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: July 26, 2019.

Erin Morris,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Wrangell-Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Petersburg, Alaska and Wrangell, Alaska. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act. RAC information can be found at the following website: https://cloudapps-usda.gov.secure.force.com/FSSRS/RAC_Page?id=001t0000002JcwHAAS.

DATES: The meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday, August 14, 2019, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and
- Thursday, August 15, 2019, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., or until business is concluded.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of the meeting prior to attendance, please contact Linda Slaght, by telephone at 907-772-5948 or by email at lslaght@usda.gov.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Wrangell Ranger District Office, 525 Bennett Street, Wrangell, Alaska and at the Petersburg Ranger District Office, 12 North Nordic Drive, Petersburg, Alaska. The two locations will be connected via videoteleconference. Interested persons may attend in person at either location, or by teleconference. For anyone who would like to attend by teleconference, please contact Linda Slaght, by telephone at 907-772-5948 or by email at lslaght@usda.gov.

Written comments may be submitted as described under *Supplementary Information*. All comments, including

names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Petersburg Ranger District Office or the Wrangell Ranger District Office, Monday through Friday at 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Slaght, RAC Coordinator, by telephone at 907-772-5948 or by email at lslaght@fs.fed.us.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Review progress of previously funded projects;
2. Review new project proposals; and
3. Conclude any business that may be remaining concerning recommendations for allocation of Title II funding to projects.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include time for people to make oral statements of three minutes or less. Individuals wishing to make an oral statement should request in writing by Friday, August 9, 2019, to be scheduled on the agenda. Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff before or after the meeting. Written comments and requests for time for oral comments may be sent to Linda Slaght, RAC Coordinator, Post Office Box 1328, Petersburg, Alaska 99833; by email to lslaght@usda.gov or by facsimile to 907-772-5995.

Meeting Accommodations: If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation. For access to the facility or proceedings, please contact Linda Slaght, by telephone at 907-772-5948 or by email at lslaght@usda.gov. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: July 12, 2019.

Richard A. Cooksey,

Acting Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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