certifications and documentation of accreditation, such as ISO17025, or another third-party accreditation entity covering the methods performed. The SciS lead investigator also verifies that the laboratory has submitted all the necessary information, including evidence of chain of custody, the appropriate laboratory reports with sample identification, final results, and authorization by the responsible official for affirming results. Finally, the SciS investigator collects and verifies laboratory methods and quality assurance records documentation from the accredited, non-FSIS laboratory. FSIS has made the estimates below based upon an information collection assessment.

Estimate of Burden: FSIS estimates that it will take respondents an average of 7.5 hours each year to comply with the information request associated with this collection.

Respondents: Non-FSIS laboratories.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 22.5 hours.

Copies of this information collection assessment can be obtained from Gina Kouba, Office of Policy and Program Development, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6065, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–3700; (202) 720–5627.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FSIS’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of FSIS’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the method and assumptions 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, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to both FSIS, at the addresses provided above, and the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20253.

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

Additional Public Notification

Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking and policy development is important. Consequently, FSIS will announce this Federal Register publication on-line through the FSIS web page located at: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/federal-register. FSIS will also announce and provide a link to this Federal Register publication through the FSIS Constituent Update, which is used to provide information regarding FSIS policies, procedures, regulations, Federal Register notices, FSIS public meetings, and other types of information that could affect or would be of interest to our constituents and stakeholders. The Constituent Update is available on the FSIS web page. Through the web page, FSIS can provide information to a much broader, more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an email subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/subscribe. Options range from recalls to export information, regulations, directives, and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves and have the option to password protect their accounts.

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Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Paul Kiecker,
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Broadband Pilot (ReConnect) Program

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice; amendment to Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for the second round of the ReConnect Program.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) published a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) and solicitation of applications in the Federal Register on Thursday, December 12, 2019, (84 FR 67913) announcing its general policy and application procedures for funding under the broadband pilot program (ReConnect) established pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (which became law on February 15, 2019) which provides loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of an extension of the application window until midnight, based on the time zone the applicant is located in, on April 15, 2020.

DATES: Actions described in this notice take effect March 30, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general inquiries regarding the ReConnect Program, contact Laurel Leverrier, Acting Assistant Administrator Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), email: laurel.leverrier@usda.gov, telephone (202) 720–9554. For inquiries regarding eligible service areas, please contact ReConnect Program Staff at https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/contact-us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 12, 2019, RUS published a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) and solicitation of applications in the Federal Register at 84 FR 67913. The FOA provided the policy and application procedures for the ReConnect Program. In support of the ReConnect Program, the agency identified the application closing date and funding amount for each category.
The action taken in this notice will extend the application window until midnight, based on the time zone the applicant is located in, on April 15, 2020. This is an extension from the March 12, 2020 Federal Notice (75 FR 14458) that set the application window at midnight, based on the time zone the applicant is located in, on March 31, 2020. This action is being taken by the Agency to ensure a successful round of funding under the ReConnect Program.

Chad Rupe,
Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

For further information contact:
Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Carrie Hill, Economic Statistical Methods Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 5H069, Washington, DC 20233–6100 (or by email at Carrie.Anne.Hill@census.gov.)

Supplementary information:
I. Abstract
The Census Bureau conducts the annual Report of Organization to update and maintain a central, multipurpose Business Register (BR) database. In particular, the Report of Organization supplies critical information on the composition, organizational structure, and operating characteristics of multi-location companies. The BR serves two fundamental purposes:

First and most important, it provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau’s economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation underlying those programs. Essential for this purpose is the BR’s ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent companies. Further, the BR must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industrial and geographic classifications, and name and address information.

Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. The CBP publications present data on number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, the District of Columbia, island areas, counties, and country-equivalents. No other annual or more frequent series of industry statistics provides comparable detail, particularly for small geographic areas.

II. Method of Collection
The 2020–2022 Report of Organization collection strategy will focus on electronic reporting as the foundation underlying those programs. The Census Bureau will conduct the 2022 Report of Organization in conjunction with the 2022 Economic Census and will coordinate these collections to minimize response burden. The consolidated Report of Organization/census mail canvass will direct inquiries to the entire universe of multi-location enterprises that comprises roughly 165,000 parent companies and more than 1.9 million establishments. Additional Report of Organization inquiries will apply to the 15,000 multi-unit establishments classified in industries that are out-of-scope of the economic census.

Electronic reporting will be available to all 2020–2022 Report of Organization respondents. Companies will receive and return responses by secure internet transmission. The instrument will include inquiries on ownership or control by domestic or foreign parent, ownership of foreign affiliates, leased employment and cooperative organization. Further, the instrument will list an inventory of establishments belonging to the company and its subsidiaries, and request updates to these inventories, including additions, deletions and changes to information on EIN, name and address, industrial classification, end-of-year operating status, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll and annual payroll.

III. Data

Type of Review: Regular submission. Affected Public: Businesses and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 47,000 per year for 2020–2021 and 165,000 for 2022.

Estimated Time per Response: 3.4 hours for 2020–2021 and 0.44 hours for 2022.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 159,800 hours for 2020–2021 and 72,600 hours for 2022.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $0. (This is not the cost of respondents’ time, but the indirect costs respondents may incur for such things as purchases of specialized software or hardware needed to report, or expenditures for accounting or records maintenance services required specifically by the collection.)