

*Type of Request:* Revision to and extension of approval of an information collection.

*Abstract:* The Animal Health Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 8301 *et seq.*) provides the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to prohibit or restrict, through orders and regulations, the importation or entry of any animal, article, or means of conveyance if the U.S. Department of Agriculture determines that the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the introduction or spread of any pest or disease of livestock within the United States. Disease prevention is the most effective method for maintaining a healthy animal population.

As an element of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) disease prevention mission, the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) safeguard U.S. animal health by ensuring that timely and accurate laboratory support is provided through a nationwide animal health diagnostic system. NVSL's work necessitates the use of several information collection activities including requests for reagents or supplies, NVSL contact information updates, and NVSL applications for laboratory training.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities, as described, for an additional 3 years.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public (as well as affected agencies) concerning our information collection. These comments will help us:

(1) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, and other collection technologies; *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Estimate of burden:* The public burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.25 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Domestic and foreign diagnostic laboratories (Federal, State, university, or private), researchers

(academia, private, government), and private veterinary practitioners.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 1,113.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 4.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 4,837.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 1,213 hours. (Due to averaging, the total annual burden hours may not equal the product of the annual number of responses multiplied by the reporting burden per response.)

All 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.

Done in Washington, DC, this 15th day of September 2020.

**Mark Davidson,**

*Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement

#### Notice of Request for Approval—New Information Collection and Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE), Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for approval—new information collection and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the OPPE to request approval for a new information collection for survey administration.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by October 21, 2020 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** OPPE invites interested persons to submit comments on this notice. Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments. Mail, including CD-ROMs, etc.: Send to Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement, Docket Clerk, 1400 Independence Ave SW, Mail Stop 0601, Room 520-A, Washington, DC 20250-3700.

*Hand or courier-delivered submittals:* Deliver to 1400 Independence Ave SW, Room 520-A Washington, DC 20250-3700. You may also send comments to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

*Instructions:* All items submitted by mail or electronic mail must include the Agency name and docket number [USDA-OPPE]. Comments received in response to this docket will be made available for public inspection and posted without change, including any personal information, to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

*Docket:* For access to background documents or comments received, send requests to the OPPE Docket Room at 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250 Mail Stop 3700 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Department of Agriculture, Attention: Kenya Nicholas, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Mail Stop 0601, Washington, DC 20250, Office 202-720-6350 and Fax 202-720-7704 or via email at: [2501grants@usda.gov](mailto:2501grants@usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Survey—Entities Serving Socially Disadvantaged/Veteran Farmers and Ranchers

*OMB Number:* 0503- New

*Expiration Date of Approval:* Three years from approval date.

*Type of Request:* New information collection.

*Abstract:* The OPPE has established a partnership with the Southern Rural Development Council who will be conducting a survey with USDA's stakeholders including nonprofits, community-based and non-governmental organizations, higher education institutions, and others. Attendees of upcoming Centers of Community Prosperity Summits nationwide will assist communities to foster hope and opportunity, wealth creation, and asset building. The information collected is on a single form; illustrating a short assessment of:

1. The self-identification of partners, collaborators, and stakeholders

2. Programmatic feedback—a short description of challenges faced during grant administration, outreach, and training efforts.

3. Participant contact information.

4. Evaluation on the effectiveness of program delivery.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .08 hours per response. [NOTE: To arrive at this

estimate = number of burden hours divided by number of responses.]

*Type of Respondents:* higher education institutions, nonprofit and community based organization;

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 250.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 250.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 250.

*Comments are invited on:* (1) Whether the proposed 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 proposed 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. Comments may be sent to U.S.

Department of Agriculture, Attention: Kenya Nicholas, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Mail Stop 0601, Washington, DC 20250, Office 202-720-6350 and Fax 202-720-7704 or via email at: [2501grants@usda.gov](mailto:2501grants@usda.gov).

All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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.

**Jacqueline Davis-Slay,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement.*

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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

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces the solicitation of applications for funds available under the Biorefinery,

Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program (the Program) to provide guaranteed loans to fund the development, construction, and retrofitting of commercial scale biorefineries using eligible technology and of biobased product manufacturing facilities that use technologically new commercial scale processing and manufacturing equipment to convert renewable chemicals and other biobased outputs of biorefineries into end-user products, on a commercial scale.

**DATES:** With this Notice, the Agency is announcing two separate application cycles, which have application closing dates of 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), October 1, 2020, and 4:30 p.m. EDT, April 1, 2021.

Applications must be received in the USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Program Processing Division no later than 4:30 p.m. EDT of the application closing date to compete for program funds. Any application received after 4:30 p.m. EDT of the application closing date will be considered for the subsequent application cycle, provided that funding is still available.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications and forms may be obtained from:

- USDA, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Program Processing Division, Attention: Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 5801-S, Washington, DC 20250-3225.

- *Agency website:* Application materials can be obtained from the Agency's website: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/biorefinery-renewable-chemical-and-biobased-product-manufacturing-assistance>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Aaron Morris, Director, USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Program Processing Division, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 5801-S, Washington, DC 20250-3225. Telephone: (202) 720-1501. Email: [Aaron.Morris@usda.gov](mailto:Aaron.Morris@usda.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Preface

The Agency encourages applications that will support recommendations made in the Rural Prosperity Task Force report to help improve life in rural America ([www.usda.gov/ruralprosperity](http://www.usda.gov/ruralprosperity)). Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that provide measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic investments in infrastructure,

partnerships, and innovation. Key strategies include:

- Achieving e-Connectivity for Rural America
- Developing the Rural Economy
- Harnessing Technological Innovation
- Supporting a Rural Workforce
- Improving Quality of Life

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the information collection requirements associated with the Program, as covered in this Notice, have been approved by the Office of Management Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0570-0065.

#### Overview

*Federal Agency Name:* Rural Business-Cooperative Service (an Agency of USDA in the Rural Development mission area).

*Solicitation Opportunity Title:* Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program.

*Announcement Type:* Notice of Solicitation of Applications.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* The CFDA number for this Notice is 10.865.

*Dates:* Applications must be received in the USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Energy Programs no later than the application closing dates of 4:30 p.m. EDT, October 1, 2020, and 4:30 p.m. EDT, April 1, 2021. Any application received after 4:30 p.m. EDT of the application closing date will be considered for the subsequent application cycle, provided that funding is available.

*Availability of Notice and Rule:* This Notice and the final rule for the Program are available on the USDA Rural Development website at: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/biorefinery-renewable-chemical-and-biobased-product-manufacturing-assistance>.

#### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*A. Purpose of the Program.* The purpose of the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program is to assist in the development of new and emerging technologies for the development of advanced biofuels, renewable chemicals, or biobased product manufacturing. This is achieved through guarantees for loans made to fund the development, construction, and retrofitting of commercial scale biorefineries using eligible technology and of biobased product manufacturing facilities that use technologically new commercial scale processing and