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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Pulse Surveys for USAID's Non-U.S. Direct-Hire Workforce

**AGENCY:** United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

**ACTION:** Notice of emergency OMB approval.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is announcing that it is requesting emergency approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a new information collection to survey its collective workforce to share their thoughts to help inform leadership actions specifically on how best to strengthen, empower, and support our global workforce in accordance with Pillar I of the President's Management Agenda.

**DATES:** USAID plans initially to seek information between March and December of 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Lynn Winston @ [lwinston@usaid.gov](mailto:lwinston@usaid.gov) or on (202) 921-5068.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.13, the Agency submitted a request for emergency approval of a new information collection from the agency's complementary workforce (everyone who has a [usaid.gov](mailto:usaid.gov) email address excluding USDH who have already been surveyed), including Personal Services Contractors, Institutional Support Contractors and other categories on three the topics included in the government-wide pulse

surveys: Navigation of the ongoing pandemic and the safe, increased return of Federal employees to physical workplaces; equity and inclusion and employee engagement and burnout.

### Description of Proposed Use of Information

The information will be collected via digital surveys and by USAID managers to inform decision making to appropriately respond to findings to strengthen and empower the workforce.

### Time Burden

OMB's approval enables USAID to engage a total of 7,000 individual respondents. Each respondent will be requested to provide five minutes for each survey. As such, the total estimated time burden of this proposed information collection request is 1,167 hours.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 15, 2022.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding; 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 April 20, 2022 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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.

### Economic Research Service

*Title:* Generic Clearance for Survey Research Studies.

*OMB Control Number:* 0536-0073.

*Summary of Collection:* The Economic Research Service (ERS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is requesting renewal for a generic clearance that will allow them to conduct research to improve the quality of data collection by developing, testing, and evaluating its survey instruments, methodologies, technology, interview processes, and respondent recruitment protocols. The primary objective of ERS is providing timely research and analysis to public and private decision makers on topics related to agriculture, food, the environment, and rural America. This request is part of an ongoing initiative to improve the quality of ERS' data products in general and surveys in specific as recommended by both its own guidelines and those of OMB. Data collection for this collection is authorized by the 7 U.S.C. 2204(a).

*Need and Use of the Information:* The information collected will be used by staff from the ERS and sponsoring agencies to evaluate and improve the quality of the data in the surveys and censuses that are ultimately conducted. Specifically, the information will be used to reduce respondent burden while simultaneously improving the quality of the data collected in these surveys. This clearance involves one-time questionnaire and/or procedural