

# Notices

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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Foreign Tax Reporting by Assistance Recipients

**AGENCY:** U.S. Agency for International Development.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) seeks Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, USAID requests public comment on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before June 13, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments, identified by the title of the action through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov> by following the instructions for submitting comments. Please include your name and company name (if any) on any attachments. If your comment cannot be submitted using <https://www.regulations.gov>, please email the point of contact in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kelly Miskowski, at (202) 916-2752 or via email at [policymailbox@usaid.gov](mailto:policymailbox@usaid.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collections to OMB. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates;

(c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All comments must be in writing and submitted through the method(s) specified in the Addresses section above. All submissions must include the information collection title. Please include your name, title, organization, postal address, telephone number, and email address in the text of the message. Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. We recommend that you do not submit detailed personal information, Confidential Business Information, or any information that is otherwise protected from disclosure by statute.

USAID will only address comments that explain why the proposed collection would be inappropriate, ineffective, or unacceptable without a change. Comments that are insubstantial or outside the scope of the notice of request for public comment may not be considered.

*OMB No:* N/A (new submission).

*Form:* No Form associated with this collection.

*Title of Information Collection:* Foreign Tax Reporting by USAID Assistance Recipients.

*Type of Review:* New Collection.

#### Purpose

The Foreign Tax Reporting collection is needed to comply with current statutory requirements. Sec. 7013, Public Law 116-260, 143 Stat. 1182, the annual Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act (SFOAA), and similar provisions in prior years' SFOAAs, mandate that agencies take certain actions to prevent taxation of assistance provided with funds appropriated in an SFOAA, or to obtain full reimbursement of all taxes paid. Since 2003, USAID has required these reports in its grants and cooperative agreements but has not previously requested OMB approval for the information collection. The reporting requirement was revised in 2014 (in Sec. 7013, Pub. L. 113-76, 128 Stat. 5) to redefine the taxes that must be reported, and USAID is in the process of revising our assistance policy and required procedures in an update to

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Automated Directives System (ADS 303) Grants and Cooperative Agreements to Non-Governmental Organizations.

*Respondents:* U.S. and foreign recipients of direct grants and cooperative agreements carrying out their award activities overseas.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 4,800.

*Annual burden hours per respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 4,800.

**Luis Rivera,**

*Acting Senior Procurement Executive, U.S. Agency for International Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Research Service

#### Notice of Intent To Seek OMB Approval To Collect Information: Forms Pertaining to the Scientific Peer Review of ARS Research Projects; Correction

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Research Service (ARS), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The notice is correcting information in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of the notice published in the **Federal Register** on April 7, 2022. The title, the information collection number, and the expiration date of the information collection was missing from that notice. This information is required for publishing notices announcing collection renewals.

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice should be submitted on or before June 13, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments concerning this notice should be directed to the Director & Program Coordinator listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Marquea D. King, Director & Program Coordinator, Office of Scientific Quality Review (OSQR); ARS, USDA; 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland; 20705; Phone: 301-504-3283; Fax: 301-504-1251; email: [marquea.king@usda.gov](mailto:marquea.king@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## Correction

In the **Federal Register** of April 7, 2022, FR Doc. 2022-07407, on page 20379, correct the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** caption to read as follows:

*Title:* PEER Review Forms for the Scientific Quality Review.

*OMB Number:* 0518-0028.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* October 31, 2022.

The OSQR will seek approval from OMB to update six existing forms that will ensure the ARS efficiently manages data associated with the peer review of agricultural research. All forms are transferred and received electronically and may include on-line submission in the future.

*Abstract:* The OSQR was established in September of 1999 as a result of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act 1998 ("The Act") (Pub. L. 105-185). The Act included mandates to perform scientific peer reviews of all research activities conducted by the USDA. The Office manages the ARS peer review system by centrally coordinating all of the intramural peer review functions for ARS research projects on a 5-year cycle.

Each set of reviews is assigned a chairperson to govern the panel review process. Peer reviewers are external to the Agency and non-ARS scientists. Peer review panels are convened to assess the technical/scientific quality and correctness of each research project plan. Each panel reviewer receives information on a range of 2-5 ARS research projects.

On average, 150 research projects are reviewed annually by an estimated 185 reviewers; whereby approximately 130 are reviewed by panel and approximately 20 are reviewed through an ad hoc (written review) process. The management and execution of this peer review process is vastly dependent on the use of these forms.

The OSQR will seek OMB approval of the following forms:

1. Confidentiality Agreement Form—USDA uses this form to document that a selected reviewer is responsible for keeping confidential any information learned during the subject peer review process. The Confidentiality Agreement is signed prior to the reviewer's involvement in the peer review process. This form requires an original signature and can be submitted electronically.

2. Panelist Information Form—USDA uses this form to gather the most recent background information, diversity and inclusion data about the reviewer as well as information relevant to the paying of an honorarium and for travel, when needed. Sensitive information is

transmitted on this form and destroyed after payment is received.

3. Peer Review of an ARS Research Project Form (Peer Review Form)—USDA uses this form to guide the reviewer's expert comments in written form on the assigned project plan. The form contains the criteria for plan review and seeks the reviewer's narrative comments and evaluation.

4. Additional Reviewer Comment Form—This form is supplied to members of a panel not assigned as a primary nor secondary reviewer on a particular project plan, however it encourages additional expert comments or recommendations for any plan regardless of the reviewers' assignment as primary or secondary.

5. Ad Hoc Review Form—USDA uses this in select cases (for Reviewers not participating in a panel review), a check-off listing of action classes at the end of the form allows them to provide an overall rating of the plan.

6. Recommendations for ARS Research Project Form—USDA uses this form to guide the panel's evaluation and critique of the review process. The form combines both primary and secondary reviewers' recommendations of the research project plan.

7. Panel Expense Report Form (Expense Report)—USDA uses this form to document a panel reviewer's expense incurred traveling to and attending a peer review meeting. The Expense Report includes lodging, meals, and transportation expenses. When completed, the form contains sensitive information and is held in compliance with the ARS travel guidelines. This form is used only in the rare circumstance that a panel meeting requires travel of the participants.

USDA's collection of information on the Confidentiality Agreement Form is needed to document that a selected reviewer is responsible for keeping confidential any information learned during the subject peer review process. The Confidentiality Agreement would be signed prior to the reviewer's involvement in the peer review process.

USDA's collection of information on the Panelist Information Form is needed to collect the most recent background information along with diversity and inclusion data about the reviewer. It contains sensitive information.

USDA's collection of information on the Peer Review Form and Reviewer Comment Form is needed to guide the reviewer's comments on the subject project. Both contain review guidance and space to insert comments.

USDA's collection of information on the Ad Hoc Review Form is needed to guide reviewer comments of those not

participating in a chaired panel and affords a place to select an overall Action Class rating for the plan.

USDA's collection of information on the Recommendations Form is needed to guide the panel's critique of the review process. It contains the recommendations of the panel for the subject research project.

USDA's collection of information on the Expense Report Form is needed to document a panel reviewer's expenses incurred by attending a peer review meeting. The Expense Report includes lodging, meals, and transportation expenses. It includes sensitive information.

*Estimate of Burden:* The burden associated with this approval process is the minimum required to successfully achieve program objectives. The information collection frequency is the minimum consistent with program objectives. The following estimates of time required to complete the forms, based on previous OSQR's experience with our current business model.

1. Confidentiality Agreement Form: (10 minutes completion time). The reviewer must read and consider the terms of the agreement and then sign and date the form.

2. Panelist Information Form: (30 minutes completion time). The reviewer provides standard personal and diversity information, similar to that found in grant review programs.

3. Panelist Peer Review of an ARS Research Project Form: (4-7 hours completion time). As the review page length varies. Reviewers freely write as much as they wish and complete the form. To adequately evaluate a research project plan that may exceed 60-70 pages in length, each reviewer must thoroughly read each plan.

4. Reviewer Comment Form: (60 minutes completion time). General assessment of the plan with brief comments on the approach and feasibility of the project and about one page.

5. Panel Recommendation for ARS Research Project Form: (30-60 minutes completion time). The page length significantly varies among Panelist Peer Reviews and Reviewer Comments. All recommendation forms are completed by the OSQR and further discussed and revised by the reviewers as part of their panel discussions. In-person panels are handled in the same manner.

6. Panel Expense Report Form: (30 minutes completion time).

*Respondents and Estimated Number of Respondents:* Selected scientific experts, currently working in the same discipline as the research projects being peer reviewed. These external experts

are credible peers to the ARS. Annually, about 185 peer reviewers complete these forms. Most plans are discussed and

deliberated via webinar and telephone conferencing. Travel is not generally necessary thus reviewers are not

expected to complete Panel Expense Reports.

*Frequency of Response:*

Form	Number of respondents	Annual frequency
Confidentiality Agreement .....	185	1 per respondent (Total = 185).
Peer Review Forms (required and assigned 2 plans) .....	200	2 per panel respondent (Total = 400).
Reviewer Comment Form (reviewer is not assigned as primary or secondary review).	6	2 per panel respondent (Total = 12).
Expense Report (in-person reviewers) .....	6	1 per respondent (Total = 6).
Panelist Information Forms .....	185	1 per respondent/per form (Total = 185).
Recommendations Form (non-online project reviews) .....	82	2 per respondent (Total = 164).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:*

Form (time required to complete)	Number completed annually	Total burden (hours)
Confidentiality Agreement (10 minutes) .....	185	31
Panelist Information Forms (30 minutes) .....	185	93
Peer Review Forms (~6 hours) .....	200	1,200
Recommendations Form (2 hour) .....	82	164
Reviewer Comment Form (1 hour) .....	6	6
Expense Report (30 minutes) .....	6	3

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

**Comments:** The Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and impacted agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of ARS functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the estimated burden from proposed collection of information; (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, including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval.

Signed at Washington, DC, April 7, 2022.

**Yvette Anderson,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, ARS, ERS, NASS.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request;

April 7, 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 and other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by May 12, 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.

## Forest Service

**Title:** Application and Permit for Non-Federal Commercial Use of Roads, Trails and Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order.

**OMB Control Number:** 0596-0016.

**Summary of Collection:** Authority for permits for use of National Forest System (NFS) roads, trails, and areas on NFS lands restricted by order or regulation drives from the National Forest Roads and Trails Act (16 U.S.C. 532-538). This statute authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate regulations regarding use of NFS roads, NFS trails, and areas on NFS lands; established procedures for sharing investments in NFS roads; and require commercial users to perform road maintenance commensurate with their use of NFS roads. Forest Service regulations implementing this authority are found in 36 CFR 212.5, 212.9,