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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS–NOP–22–0030]

National Organic Standards Board: Call for Nominations

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice: call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The National Organic Standards Board was established to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on the implementation of the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990. Through this Notice, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing its call for nominations to fill one vacancy. A description of the position is listed below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Appointees will serve a five-year term beginning 2023 and ending 2028. Additionally, AMS seeks nominations for a pool of candidates that the Secretary of Agriculture can draw upon as replacement appointees if unexpected vacancies occur.

DATES: Written nominations must be received by mail or postmarked on or before August 5, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Applications can be sent via email to Michelle Arsenault at Michelle.Arsenault@usda.gov, or mailed to USDA–AMS–NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 2642–S, Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250–0268. Electronic submittals are preferred.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Arsenault, Advisory Committee Specialist, National Organic Standards Board, USDA–AMS–NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 2642–S, STOP 0268, Washington, DC 20250–0268; Phone: (202) 997–0115; Email: Michelle.Arsenault@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501–6524), requires the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) to establish the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended. The NOSB is composed of 15 members: four individuals who own or operate an organic farming operation, or employees of such individuals; two individuals who own or operate an organic handling operation, or employees of such individuals; one individual who owns or operates a retail establishment with significant trade in organic products, or employees of such individuals; three individuals with expertise in areas of environmental protection and resource conservation; three individuals who represent public interest or consumer interest groups; one individual with expertise in the fields of toxicology, ecology, or biochemistry; and one individual who is a certifying agent.

Through this Notice, AMS seeks to fill the following one position: one individual with expertise in areas of environmental protection and resource conservation. Per the OFPA, individuals seeking appointment to the NOSB must meet the definition of the position that they seek as identified under 7 U.S.C. 6518, as well as satisfy the selection criteria for an NOSB member. Selection criteria include the following: an understanding of organic principles and practical experience in the organic community; demonstrated experience and interest in organic production and organic certification; demonstrated experience with respect to agricultural products produced and handled on certified organic farms; a commitment to the integrity of the organic food and fiber industry; demonstrated experience in the development of public policy such as participation on public or private advisory boards, boards of directors, or other comparable organizations; support of consumer and public interest organizations; participation in standards development or involvement in educational outreach activities; the ability to evaluate technical information and to fully participate in NOSB deliberation and recommendations; the willingness to commit the time and energy necessary to assume NOSB duties; and other such factors as may be appropriate for

specific positions. More information can be found on the NOSB web page: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic/nosb/nomination-process>.

The appointee will serve a five-year term beginning in 2023.

To nominate yourself or someone else, please submit the following: a resume (required); Form AD–755 (required), which can be accessed at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755.pdf>; a cover letter (optional); and letters of recommendation (optional). Resumes should be no longer than five (5) pages and should include the following information: the position for which you are applying; current and past organization affiliations; areas of expertise; education; career positions held; and any other notable positions held. Previous applicants who wish to be considered must reapply.

If AMS receives a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) for records relating to NOSB nominations, application materials may be released to the requester. Prior to the release of the information, personally identifiable information protected by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552) will be redacted.

AMS encourages submissions from qualified applicants, regardless of race, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. AMS encourages submissions from traditionally underrepresented individuals, organizations, and businesses to reflect the diversity of this industry.

AMS policy is that diversity of the boards should reflect the diversity of its industries in terms of the experience of members, methods of production and distribution, marketing strategies, and other distinguishing factors, including but not limited to individuals from historically underserved communities, that will bring different perspectives and ideas to the table. AMS plans to conduct extensive outreach, paying particular attention to reaching underserved communities, and plans to consider the diversity of the population served and the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the members to serve a diverse population.

The information collection requirements concerning the nomination process have been previously cleared by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control No. 0505–0001.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA's policies will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken in account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership shall include to the extent possible, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women and person with disabilities. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

Dated: June 1, 2022.

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USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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 July 6, 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. 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.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Quality Control Review Schedule (FNS 380) Control (*Associated with Interim Final Rule E64*).

OMB Control Number: 0584–0074.

Summary of Collection: Section 16 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 provides the legislative basis for the operation of the Quality Control (QC) system. Part 275, Subpart C, of SNAP regulations implements the legislative mandates found in Section 16. Regulations at 7 CFR 275.1, 275.14(d) and 275.21(a) and (b)(1) provide the regulatory basis for the QC reporting requirements. Section 11(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 provides the legislative basis for the recordkeeping requirements. SNAP regulations, at 7 CFR 272.1(f), specify that program records must be retained for three years from the month of origin. Regulations at 7 CFR 275.4 specifically address record retention requirements for form FNS–380.

State agencies are required to perform Quality Control (QC) reviews for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). In order to determine the accuracy of SNAP benefits authorized by State agencies, a statistical sample of SNAP cases is selected for review from each State agency. Relevant information from the case record, investigative work and documentation about individual cases is recorded on the form FNS–380, Worksheet for SNAP Quality Control Reviews.

The purpose is for State agencies to analyze each household case record including planning and carrying out the field investigation; gathering, comparing, analyzing and evaluating the review of data and forwarding selected cases to the Food and Nutrition Service

for Federal validation, for the entire caseload.

Need and Use of the Information: Form FNS–380, is a SNAP worksheet used to determine eligibility and benefits for households selected for review in the quality control sample of active cases and to ensure program integrity. FNS will produce a report of our findings.

Description of Respondents: 53 State, Local, or Tribal Government; 45,497 Individuals/Households.

Number of Respondents: 45,550.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; Recordkeeping; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 405,996 for reporting and recordkeeping.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Regulations—Quality Control (Associated with Interim Final Rule AE64).

OMB Control Number: 0584–0303.

Summary of Collection: Section 16 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, provides the legislative basis for the operation of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Quality Control system. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), as administrator of the SNAP, requires each State agency to implement a quality control system to provide basis for determining each State agency's error rates through review of a sample of SNAP cases. Each State agency is responsible for the design and selection of the quality control samples and must submit a quality control sampling plan for approval to FNS. However, State agencies are required to maintain case records for three years to ensure compliance with provisions of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

In addition, the date of an administrative closure could cause the case to be kept more than three years after the initial case review. This particularly impacts the arbitration component of this collection.

Need and Use of the Information: The quality control sampling plan is necessary for FNS to monitor State operations and is essential to the determination of a State agency's error rate and corresponding entitlement to increased Federal share of its administrative costs or liability for sanctions.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Federal Government.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; Recordkeeping; Reporting; On occasion; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 2,829.