

approval or certification for laboratories conducting tests for disease management as well as live animal interstate movement, import and export.

In the 9 CFR, § 71.22 provides the requirements for APHIS approval or certification of laboratories to conduct official testing for disease management as well as live animal interstate movement, import, and export. APHIS approval is required for State, university, and private laboratories conducting official testing for certain regulated diseases.

APHIS approval or certification requires various information collection activities. The regulations facilitate the approval of additional laboratories in emergency situations and serve to simplify regulatory oversight and compliance by providing defined application and inspection procedures using a checklist and approval agreement. The regulations also set requirements for testing procedures and methods, biosecurity measures, the use of quality systems and controls with documented guidelines and verification forms, details regarding training and reporting, recordkeeping, and program standards. In addition, laboratories must conduct testing using APHIS-approved assay methods and reporting, request test exemptions if the minimum number of tests are not performed during two consecutive reporting periods, and submit sample copies of diagnostic reports. The approved laboratories must maintain approval status and provide proof of accreditation status and set forth general terms for probation status, suspension or rescission of approval, and appeals. Laboratories may also request removal of their approved status.

We are asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve our use of these information collection activities 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 7.1 hours per response.

*Respondents:* State animal health officials and laboratory directors.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 402.

*Estimated annual number of responses per respondent:* 13.

*Estimated annual number of responses:* 5,306.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 37,697 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 21st day of July 2022.

**Anthony Shea,**

*Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

[Docket No. RUS–22–TELECOM–0045]

#### 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program; OMB Control No.: 0572–0096

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service announces its intention to request an extension of a currently approved information collection and invites comments on this information collection.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by September 26, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically by the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and, in the “Search Field” box, labeled “Search for Rules, Proposed Rules, Notices or Supporting Documents,” enter the

following docket number: (RUS–22–TELECOM–0045). To submit or view public comments, click the “Search” button, select the “Documents” tab, then select the following document title: (60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants Program; OMB Control No.: 0572–0096) from the “Search Results” and select the “Comment” button. Before inputting your comments, you may also review the “Commenter’s Checklist” (optional). Insert your comments under the “Comment” title, click “Browse” to attach files (if available). Input your email address and select “Submit Comment.”

Information on using [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site’s “FAQ” link.

*Other Information:* Additional information about Rural Development and its programs is available on the internet at <https://www.rd.usda.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robin M. Jones, Management Analyst, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 772–1172. Email: [robin.m.jones@usda.gov](mailto:robin.m.jones@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) regulation implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities. This notice identifies the following information collection that Rural Utilities Service is submitting to OMB as extension to an existing collection with Agency adjustment.

*Title:* Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0572–0096.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* November 30, 2022.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.45 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Business or other for profit, not-for-profit institutions, and State.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 300.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 6,840.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 17,814 hours.

**Abstract:** The Rural Utilities Service's (RUS) Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Loan and Grant program provides loans and grants for advanced telecommunications services to improve rural areas' access to educational and medical services. The various forms and narrative statements required are collected from the applicants (rural community facilities, such as schools, libraries, hospitals, and medical facilities, for example). The purpose of collecting the information is to determine such factors as eligibility of the applicant; the specific nature of the proposed project; the purposes for which loan and grant funds will be used; project financial and technical feasibility; and, compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In addition, for grants funded pursuant to the competitive evaluation process, information collected facilitates RUS' selection of those applications most consistent with DLT goals and objectives in accordance with the authorizing legislation and implementing regulation.

*Comments are invited on:*

(a) 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;

(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology 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 on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Robin M. Jones, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, at (202) 772-1172. Email: [robin.m.jones@usda.gov](mailto:robin.m.jones@usda.gov).

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.

**Christopher A. McLean,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

[Docket No. RUS-22-TELECOM-0044]

#### 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Equipment Contract, RUS 395, for Telecommunications and Broadband Borrowers; OMB Control No.: 0572-0149

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by September 26, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically by the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the "Search Field" box, labeled "Search for Rules, Proposed Rules, Notices or Supporting Documents," enter the following docket number: (RUS-22-TELECOM-0044). To submit or view public comments, click the "Search" button, select the "Documents" tab, then select the following document title: (60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Broadband Grant Program; OMB Control No.: 0572-0149) from the "Search Results" and select the "Comment" button. Before inputting your comments, you may also review the "Commenter's Checklist" (optional). Insert your comments under the "Comment" title, click "Browse" to attach files (if available). Input your email address and select "Submit Comment."

Information on using *Regulations.gov*, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "FAQ" link.

**Other Information:** Additional information about Rural Development and its programs is available on the internet at <https://www.rd.usda.gov>.

All comments will be available for public inspection online at the Federal eRulemaking Portal (<https://www.regulations.gov>).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SW, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 772-1172. Email: [robin.m.jones@usda.gov](mailto:robin.m.jones@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies the following information collection that Rural Utilities Service is submitting to OMB as extension to an existing collection with Agency adjustment.

**Title:** Equipment Contract, RUS 395, for Telecommunications and Broadband Borrowers.

**OMB Control Number:** 0572-0149.

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

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved information collection.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.71 hours per response.

**Respondents:** Business or other for profit, not-for-profit institutions.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 28.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** .71.

**Estimated Number of Responses:** 161.  
**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 114 hours.

**Abstract:** The RUS manages the Telecommunications loan program and the Rural Broadband program, to provide loans and loan guarantees to fund the cost of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment for the provision of broadband service in eligible rural communities. RUS has established the use of certain standardized forms for materials, equipment, and construction of electric and telecommunications systems. The use of standard forms, construction contracts, and procurement procedures help to assure that appropriate standards and specifications are maintained by the borrower in order to not adversely affect RUS's loan security and ensure that loan and loan guarantee funds are effectively used for the intended purpose(s). The reporting burden covered by this collection of information consist of forms to support a request for funding for equipment contracts for telecommunications and broadband borrowers.

*Comments are invited on:*

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper