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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture will submit the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 on or after the date of publication of this notice. Comments are requested regarding: (1) 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) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden 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 through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received by November 2, 2022. 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.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Agricultural Resource Management and Chemical Use Surveys—Substantive Change.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0218.

Summary of Collection: General authority for these data collection activities is granted under U.S. Code Title 7, Section 2204 which specifies that “The Secretary of Agriculture shall procure and preserve all information concerning agriculture which he can obtain . . . by the collection of statistics . . .”. The primary objective of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is to provide data users with timely and reliable agricultural production and economic statistics, as well as environmental and specialty agricultural related statistics. To accomplish this objective, NASS relies on the use of diverse surveys that show changes within the farming industry over time.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is requesting a substantive change to the ARMS and Chemical Use Survey information collection request (OMB No. 0535–0218) for the 2022 ARMS Phase 3 Surveys. The change is needed to accommodate the addition of the 2022 ARMS Phase 3 questionnaires. There will be two versions of the ARMS Phase 3 questionnaires: The Cost and Returns Report and Wheat Production Practice and Cost Report.

In January, 2023, NASS will be conducting the 2022 Census of Agriculture (0535–0226) which has a mandatory reporting requirement. In addition, NASS will be conducting the 2022 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) Phase 3 which has a voluntary reporting requirement. Both of these surveys collect whole farm data for the calendar year of 2022. The entire ARMS 3 sample is included in the Census of Agriculture population. Both versions will contain the questions from the Census of Agriculture questionnaire with the unique questions asked by the ARMS 3 questionnaires.

This change will not change the approved burden, which includes additional Phase 3 samples in order to collect data from additional historically underserved producer groups.

Collecting more data from these groups will support President Biden's and USDA's priority to advance racial justice, equity, and opportunity by providing more detailed data and research on the socioeconomic characteristics of farmers and ranchers in the United States to ensure all USDA policies and decisions are inclusive of all people the Department serves. In order to meet these objectives, it is essential to modify the sampling methodology for the ARMS to gather additional information from historically underserved groups. This effort will ensure USDA is able to provide data about the financial well-being and other characteristics for historically underserved groups.

Need and Use of the Information: These changes will allow useful and relevant economic and wheat enterprise data to be collected.

Description of Respondents: Farms and Ranches.

Number of Respondents: 105,850.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Less than five times per year.

Total Burden Hours: 109,277.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Notice of Intent To Reinstate and Revise a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations this notice announces the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) intention to reinstate and revise a previously approved information collection, entitled *Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Survey*. This information collection replaces an expired information collection, entitled

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by December 2, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Martin, 202-445-5388, Robert.martin3@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0524-0049.

Expiration Date of Current Approval: 7/31/2019.

Type of Request: Notice of intent to reinstate and revise a previously approved information collection. The total annual burden for this collection has been reduced from approximately 2500 hours to 121 hours.

NIFA is requesting approval to reinstate a previously approved, but expired, information collection.

NIFA is also proposing to update the collection by reducing the number of questions, in order to eliminate redundant or repetitive questions and reduce the burden on respondents. NIFA is also proposing to update the wording of certain questions to improve clarity, and also adding additional qualitative questions in order to improve the quality and usefulness of the data collected.

Abstract: The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program at United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) makes competitively awarded grants to qualified small businesses to support high quality, advanced concepts research related to important scientific problems and opportunities in agriculture that could lead to significant public benefit if successful.

The USDA SBIR Program Office proposes to contact Phase II awardees to determine their success in achieving commercial application of a market

ready technology that was funded under the USDA SBIR Program. The survey would collect information from Phase II companies that received funding during the years of 2016–2019.

Data from the survey will be used to provide information that currently does not exist. The data will be used internally by the USDA SBIR Office to identify past and current activities of Phase II grantees in the areas of technology development, commercialization success, product development or services, and factors that may have prevented the technology from entering into the market place. Depending on the results of the survey, information from the survey will be used to highlight commercialization successes within the small business community; improve and refine program interactions with, and responsiveness to, the small business community; potentially refocus the strategies that are used to accomplish SBIR objectives for commercialization; and identify areas in need of improvement and enhancement. This survey will not be used to formulate or change policies. Rather, it will be used to enable the USDA SBIR Office to be responsive to its constituents and document successes within the USDA SBIR Program.

The objectives of the SBIR Program are to: Stimulate technological innovations in the private sector; strengthen the role of small businesses in meeting Federal research and development needs; increase private sector commercialization of innovations derived from USDA-supported research and development efforts; and foster and encourage participation by women-owned and socially and economically disadvantaged small business firms in technological innovations.

The USDA SBIR program is carried out in three separate phases:

1. Phase I awards to determine, insofar as possible, the scientific and technical merit and feasibility of ideas that appear to have commercial potential.
2. Phase II awards to further develop work from Phase I that meets particular program needs and exhibits potential for commercial application.
3. Phase III awards where commercial applications of SBIR-funded Research/

Research and Development (R/R&D) are funded by non-Federal sources of capital; or where products, services or further research intended for use by the Federal Government are funded by follow-on non-SBIR Federal Funding Agreements. The USDA SBIR Program is administered by NIFA of the USDA. NIFA exercises overall oversight for the policies and procedures governing SBIR grants awarded to the U.S. small business community, representing approximately 3.2% of the USDA extramural R/R&D budget. This represents approximately \$72,886,724 in Phase II grants awarded to the U.S. small business community from 2016–2019.

Plan

A total of 121 USDA SBIR Phase II grants were awarded to small businesses between 2016–2019, and the USDA SBIR Program plans to contact past Phase II awardees to determine their success in achieving commercial application of a market ready technology under Phase III.

The survey will be administered through a USDA led contract where a contractor will perform an initial web-based survey administered through a secure internet link with SBIR Phase II grantees. The web-based survey will consist of a series of questions that relate to the commercial status of the technology developed with USDA SBIR Phase II funding as well as general questions regarding the USDA SBIR Program. The USDA SBIR Program office will coordinate the initial contact with the Phase II companies in an effort to introduce the scope of the survey, provide straightforward instructions and facilitate the survey work that the contractor will initiate and complete. Phase II companies that do not respond within two weeks to the initial contact from the USDA SBIR Program Office will be sent a second request by email or by phone to respond.

Estimate of Burden: NIFA estimates that the survey will be sent to 121 respondents, and that it will take respondents approximately one hour to complete the survey. The total annual burden for the SBIR Program collection is 121 hours.

Types of respondents	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average time per response (hours)	Annual burden hours requested
USDA SBIR Phase II Grantees	121	1	1	121

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 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.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request to OMB for approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Obtaining a Copy of the Information Collection: A copy of the information collection and related instructions may be obtained free of charge by contacting Robert Martin as directed above.

Done at Washington, DC, this day of September 9, 2022.

Dionne Toombs,

Acting Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

[Docket No.: RHS-22-SFH-0021]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARPA)—7 CFR Part 3550, Direct Single Family Housing Sections 502 and 504 Loan Programs; OMB Control No.: 0575-NEW

AGENCY: Rural Housing 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 Housing Service announces its intention to request approval of a new information collection and invites comments on this information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 2, 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 for Rules, Proposed Rules, Notices or

Supporting Documents" box, enter the following docket number: (RHS-22-SFH-0021). To submit or view public comments, click "Search" button, select the "Documents" tab, then select the following document title: (American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARPA)—7 CFR PART 3550, Direct Single Family Housing Sections 502 and 504 Loan Programs) from the "Search Results" and select the "Comment" button. Before submitting 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 the Rural Housing Service is submitting to OMB as a new information collection.

Title: American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARPA)—7 CFR PART 3550, "Direct Single Family Housing Sections 502 and 504 Loan Programs".

OMB Control Number: 0575-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: N/A.

Type of Request: Regular approval of a new information collection.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average .20 hours per response.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions and other businesses; individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,420.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,602 hours.

Abstract: The Rural Housing Service, through its Direct Single Family Housing Section 502 and 504 loan programs, provide eligible applicants with financial assistance to own adequate but modest homes in rural areas. Title 7 CFR part 3550 sets forth the programs' policies and the programs' procedures can be found in its accompanying handbooks (Handbook-1-3550 and Handbook-2-3550). To originate and service direct loans and grants that comply with the programs' statute, policies, and procedures, RHS must collect information from low- and very low-income applicants, third parties associated with or working on behalf of the applicants, borrowers, and third parties associated with or working on behalf of the borrowers.

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2; sec. 3207, H.R. 1319) appropriated additional funds for the Single Family Housing (SFH) Section 502 and 504 Direct Loan Program borrowers. The stated purpose of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 is to provide "additional relief to address the continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses." The Agency's objective under the ARPA is to refinance the existing section 502 direct and section 504 borrowers who have been granted and received a COVID-19 payment moratorium. Refinancing these loans with a lower interest rate and extended terms will help provide needed relief to low- and very-low-income borrowers, so that mortgage payments are more affordable post-moratorium.

Information needed for origination purposes is largely collected by RD field staff from applicants and third parties associated with or working on behalf of the applicants. Information needed for servicing purposes is largely collected by the Servicing and Asset Management Office (Servicing Center) from borrowers and third parties associated with or working on behalf of the borrowers. The party collecting the information provides the respondent with the needed form(s) and/or non-form(s) along with submission instructions. The information collected is used to:

- Determine if the applicable eligibility and/or action standards are met.
 - If they are, the appropriate processing steps are taken.
 - If they are not and the decision is adverse to the applicant/borrower, the respondent is notified of their rights.
- Ensure that any payments (*i.e.*, the extended financing and payment