

The Food Stamp Nutrition Education Systems Review will collect data in the following FSNE domains: organization and administration; program planning and decision-making; program implementation, including nutrition education messages, delivery and target audiences; monitoring and evaluation; and funding issues. The study will draw on three main sources of data: (1) Existing State FSNE plan documents for FY 2004, (2) Internet-based surveys of key staff from State food stamp agencies and FSNE implementing agencies, and (3) on-site interviews with staff from State food stamp agencies, implementing agencies, local projects, and program partners.

The sample frame for the study will include all State agencies expected to have approved FSNE Plans for FY 2004 (including the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands). Contractor staff will abstract the necessary information from FY 2004 State FSNE plans and agency web sites to identify the universe of FSNE implementing agencies in these States. The Internet-based surveys will be a census of all 52 State food stamp agencies and approximately 93 implementing agencies. A systematic representative sample of implementing agencies will be selected for on-site data collection, after stratifying by type of implementing agency and FNS region. Types of implementing agencies include the traditional Cooperative Extension Services, nutrition networks, and other organizational structures. This is expected to result in a sample of about 34 implementing agencies in approximately 29 States. In consultation with each sampled implementing agency, 2 to 4 local project sites will be selected for site visits. Selection criteria will focus on capturing diversity in a variety of areas, including the target audience, geographical location, size and tenure of the program, and approaches to nutrition education.

The study and its data collection methodologies have been designed to minimize respondent burden wherever possible without compromising data quality. The use of a secure Internet site for survey administration will permit respondents to provide information at a time (or times) that is convenient to them. Respondents who do not have Internet access will be interviewed by telephone. In addition, all in-person interviews will be scheduled in advance in an effort to accommodate respondents' schedules. All survey questions will be kept as simple and respondent-friendly as possible. Maximum use will also be made of existing data from public sources.

Responses to all questions will be voluntary. The contractor will take the following steps to treat the data provided in a confidential manner: (1) Potentially sensitive survey data and all information collected in on-site interviews will be combined with other data and reported only in aggregate or statistical form, and (2) no data will be released in a form that identifies individual respondents by name. Respondents will be notified of these confidentiality measures by letter and in the Internet surveys.

Affected Public: Staff from State food stamp agencies, and other State agencies, implementing agencies, and local projects collaborating with the FSP to provide FSNE.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Internet-based surveys: 52 State FSP administrators, 52 State FSP budget directors, 93 implementing agency directors, and 93 implementing agency budget officers.

On-site interviews: 29 State FSP administrators; 29 State FSP budget directors; 34 implementing agency directors; 34 implementing agency budget officers; 11 implementing agency senior administrators; 34 program partner directors (e.g., WIC directors); 112 local project directors; 112 local project budget officers; 336 local project instructors; and 112 local partner providers.

Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Total Number of Annual Responses: 1,133.

Estimated Time Per Response: All burden estimates include time to prepare for and complete the survey or interview. Internet-based survey: State FSP administrators, 1 hour; State FSP budget directors, 0.5 hour; implementing agency directors, 2 hours; and implementing agency budget officers, 2 hours.

On-site interviews: State FSP administrators, 2 hours; State FSP budget directors, 2 hours; implementing agency directors, 4 hours; implementing agency budget officers, 3 hours; implementing agency senior administrators, 1 hour; program partner directors, 1 hour; local project directors, 2 hours; local project budget officers, 1 hour; local project instructors, 1 hour; and local partner providers, 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: Total of 1,633 hours, including: State FSP administrators, 110 hours; State FSP budget directors, 84 hours; implementing agency directors, 322 hours; implementing agency budget officers, 288 hours; implementing agency senior administrators, 11 hours; program partner directors, 34 hours;

local project directors, 224 hours; local project budget officers, 112 hours; local project instructors, 336 hours; and local partner providers, 112 hours.

Dated: April 21, 2004.

Roberto Salazar,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Yreka, California, May 17, 2004. The meeting will include routine business and a discussion of larger scale projects.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 17, 2004, from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Yreka High School Library, Preece Way, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Hall, RAC Coordinator, Klamath National Forest, (530) 841-4468 or electronically at donaldhall@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Public comment opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: April 20, 2004.

Margaret J. Boland,
Designated Federal Official.

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ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION

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Notice of Meeting

April 19, 2004.

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Arctic Research Commission will hold its 72nd Meeting in Fairbanks, AK, on June 2-4, 2004. The Business Session open to the public will convene at 9 a.m. Wednesday, June 2, the Agenda items include:

(1) Call to order and approval of the Agenda.

(2) Approval of the Minutes of the 71st Meeting.

(3) Reports from Congressional Liaisons.