

Expiration Date: 6-30-04.

Type of Request: Revisions to the Currently Approved Collection.

Abstract: State agencies administering the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC Program) are required by 7 CFR 246.12(j)(5) to submit to FNS an annual summary of the results of their vendor monitoring efforts in order to provide Congress, senior FNS officials, as well as the general public, assurance that every reasonable effort is being made to ensure integrity in the WIC Program. Since 1989, WIC Program State agencies have been required to submit The Integrity Profile (TIP) data annually. FNS compiles the data to produce a national report, which shows the level of monitoring and investigation conducted by WIC State agencies to detect and eliminate, or substantially reduce, vendor fraud and abuse. Most State agencies download the data from their automated system and transmit it electronically to FNS.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 43.5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Respondents: The Program Director of each WIC State agency, which is generally a State Health Department or an Indian Tribal Organization official.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 88 respondents.

Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,827.50 hours.

Dated: April 30, 2003.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 11, 2003, at the Best Western Icicle Inn, 505 Highway 2,

Leavenworth, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. During this meeting we will discuss noxious weed management and prevention, Northwest Forest Plan project monitoring, and updates on implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan. All Eastern Washington Cascades and Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-662-4335.

Dated: May 5, 2003.

Paul Hart,

Designated Federal Official, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) Inviting Applications for Rural Cooperative Development Grants

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) announces the availability of approximately \$6.5 million in competing Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) funds for fiscal year (FY) 2003. Of this amount, approximately \$1.5 million will be reserved for applications that focus on assistance to small, minority producers through their cooperative businesses. This action will comply with legislation which authorizes grants for establishing and operating centers for rural cooperative development. The intended effect of this notice is to solicit applications for FY 2003 and award grants before September 1, 2003.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of an application is June 27, 2003.

Applications received after that date will not be considered. Applications should be sent to the Rural Development State offices. State offices will forward the applications to the National office by July 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact their USDA Rural Development State Office to receive further information and copies of the application package. A list of state

offices is provided at the end of this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Inquiries are directed to the applicable USDA Rural Development State Office. Information is also available on the RBS Web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg.htm. You may also contact Marc Warman, Program Leader, Cooperative Services, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 3250, Room 4016, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3250. Telephone (202) 690-1431.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the information collection requirements continued in this regulation were previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and were assigned OMB control number 0570-0006.

General Information

Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RCDG) are authorized by section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932). Regulations are contained in 7 CFR part 4284, subpart F. The primary objective of the RCDG program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas through cooperative development. The program is administered through USDA Rural Development State Offices acting on behalf of RBS.

Section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act was amended by Public Law 107-171 (Mar 13, 2002) to modify the matching requirement required of RCDG grant applicants that are "1994 Institutions" (as defined in section 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note; Pub. L. 103-382). 1994 Institutions are not required to provide non-Federal financial support (matching funds) greater than 5 percent of the grant awarded. In the case of all applicants, preference points will be awarded where applicants commit to providing greater than the minimum 25 percent matching contribution. A current list of 1994 Institutions may be obtained from RBS.

Grant Selection Criteria

Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education based on the following selection criteria. The priorities described in this paragraph will be used by RBS to rate applications. RBS review