

discussion of each required item and for samples and illustrations. The USDA Rural Development will not request missing items that affect the application's score.

3. The FY 2007 grant application guide specifies the format and order of all required items. Applications that are not assembled and tabbed in the order specified. Incorrectly assembled applications will be returned as ineligible.

4. Most DLT grant projects contain numerous project sites. USDA Rural Development requires that site information be consistent throughout an application. Sites must be referred to by the same designation throughout all parts of an application. USDA Rural Development has provided a site worksheet that requests the necessary information, and can be used as a guide by applicants. USDA Rural Development strongly recommends that applicants complete the site worksheet, listing all requested information for each site. Applications without consistent site information will be returned as ineligible.

5. DLT grant applications which have non-fixed end-user sites, such as ambulance and home health care services, are now scored using a simplified scoring method that finds the relative rurality of the applicant's service area. See the FY 2007 application guide for specific guidance on this method of scoring. When an application contains non-fixed sites, it must be scored using the non-fixed site scoring method.

#### D. Selection Process

1. Grants. Applications are ranked by final score, and by application purpose (education or medical). USDA Rural Development selects applications based on those rankings, subject to the availability of funds. USDA Rural Development may allocate grant awards between medical and educational purposes, but is not required to do so. In addition, USDA Rural Development has the authority to limit the number of applications selected in any one state, or for one project, during a fiscal year. See 7 CFR 1703.127.

2. Combination loan-grants and loans.  
a. Combination loan-grant applications and loan applications are evaluated on the basis of technical, financial, economic and other criteria.

b. USDA Rural Development evaluates applications' financial feasibility using the following information. Please see paragraph IV.C.2. of this Notice for the items that constitute a completed combination loan-grant or loan application. Also, see

7 CFR part 1703 subpart F for combination loan-grants and 7 CFR part 1703 subpart G for loans:

- (1) Applicant's financial ability to complete the project;
- (2) Project feasibility;
- (3) Applicant's financial information;
- (4) Project sustainability;
- (5) Ability to repay the loan portion of a combination loan-grant, including revenue sources;
- (6) Collateral for which the applicant has perfected a security interest; and
- (7) Adequate security for a loan or the loan portion of a combination loan-grant.

(c) USDA Rural Development also evaluates the following project and application characteristics:

- (1) Services to be provided by the project.
- (2) Project cost.
- (3) Project design.
- (4) Rurality of the proposed service area. Please see paragraph III.B.4. of this Notice for information on determining rurality.
- (5) Other characteristics.

d. Selection process. Based on the review standards listed above and in the DLT Program regulation, USDA Rural Development will process successful combination loan-grant and loan applications on a first-in, first-out basis, dependent upon the availability of funds. Please see 7 CFR 1703.135 for combination loan-grant application processing and selection; and 7 CFR 1703.145 for loan application processing and selection.

#### VI. Award Administration Information

##### A. Award Notices

USDA Rural Development generally notifies applicants whose projects are selected for awards by faxing an award letter. USDA Rural Development follows the award letter with an agreement that contains all the terms and conditions for the grant, combination loan-grant or loan. USDA Rural Development recognizes that each funded project is unique, and therefore may attach conditions to different projects' award documents. An applicant must execute and return the agreement, accompanied by any additional items required by the agreement, within the number of days shown in the selection notice letter.

##### B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements

The items listed in Section IV of this notice, and the DLT Program regulation, FY 2007 application guide and accompanying materials implement the appropriate administrative and national policy requirements.

#### C. Reporting

1. *Performance reporting.* All recipients of DLT financial assistance must provide annual performance activity reports to USDA Rural Development until the project is complete and the funds are expended. A final performance report is also required; the final report may serve as the last annual report. The final report must include an evaluation of the success of the project in meeting DLT Program objectives. See 7 CFR 1703.107.

2. *Financial reporting.* All recipients of DLT financial assistance must provide an annual audit, beginning with the first year a portion of the financial assistance is expended. Audits are governed by United States Department of Agriculture audit regulations. Please see 7 CFR 1703.108.

3. *Record Keeping and Accounting* The loan, or grant contract will contain provisions relating to record keeping and accounting requirements.

#### VII. Agency Contacts

A. *Web site:* <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>. The DLT Web site maintains up-to-date resources and contact information for DLT programs.

B. *Phone:* 202-720-0413.

C. *Fax:* 202-720-1051.

D. *E-mail:* [dltinfo@usda.gov](mailto:dltinfo@usda.gov).

E. *Main point of contact:* Orren E. Cameron III, Director, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications Program, Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture.

Dated: March 13, 2007.

**James M. Andrew,**

*Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

##### Rural Utilities Service

##### Announcement of Grant Application Deadlines and Funding Levels

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

**ACTION:** Notice of funds availability.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development administers loan and grant programs through the Rural Utilities Service. USDA Rural Development announces the Public Television Digital Transition Grant Program funding level and application window for fiscal year (FY) 2007.

**DATES:** You may submit completed applications for grants on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

- Paper copies must carry proof of shipping *no later* June 11, 2007 to be eligible for FY 2007 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2007 grant funding.

- Electronic copies must be received by June 11, 2007 to be eligible for FY 2007 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2007[MPD1][MPD2] grant funding.

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain the application guide and materials for the Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program via the Internet at the following Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/>. You may also request the application guide and materials from USDA Rural Development by contacting the appropriate individual listed in Section VII of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

- Submit completed paper applications for grants to the Telecommunications Program, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 2844, STOP 1550, Washington, DC 20250-1550. Applications should be marked "Attention: Director, Advanced Services Division."

- Submit electronic grant applications to Grants.gov at the following web address: <http://www.grants.gov/> (Grants.gov), and follow the instructions you find on that Web site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Orren E. Cameron III, Director, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications Program, United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development, telephone: (202) 690-4493, fax: (202) 720-1051.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Overview**

*Federal Agency:* Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program.

*Announcement Type:* Initial announcement.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 10.861.

*Dates:* You may submit completed applications for grants on paper or electronically according to the following deadlines:

- Paper copies must carry proof of shipping no later than June 11, 2007, to be eligible for FY 2007 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2007 grant funding.

- Electronic copies must be received by June 11, 2007, to be eligible for FY

2007 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2007 grant funding.

**Items in Supplementary Information**

I. Funding Opportunity: Brief introduction to the Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program.

II. Award Information: Available funds and maximum amounts.

III. Eligibility Information: Who is eligible, what kinds of projects are eligible, what criteria determine basic eligibility.

IV. Application and Submission Information: Where to get application materials, what constitutes a completed application, how and where to submit applications, deadlines, items that are eligible.

V. Application Review Information: Considerations and preferences, scoring criteria, review standards, selection information.

VI. Award Administration Information: Award notice information, award recipient reporting requirements.

VII. Agency Contacts: Web, phone, fax, e-mail, contact name.

**I. Funding Opportunity**

As part of the nation's transition to digital television, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires all television broadcasters to begin broadcasting using digital signals, and to cease analog broadcasting, by February 17, 2009. This exciting step forward in broadcast television will bring more lifelike picture and sound, and more viewing choice, into urban and suburban homes across America. For rural households, however, the digital transition could bring the end of over-the-air public television service. These rural households are the focus of the USDA Rural Development Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program.

As the nation's 355 public television stations have moved into this transition, the first priority has been to initiate digital broadcasting from their main transmitters. This was necessary in part to protect the broadcasters' FCC licenses, but it also has delivered the benefits of digital television to those within the new digital coverage areas. Some public television stations, especially those where funding of the transition has been limited, installed low-power transmitters which could not reach as far as the stations' analog broadcast coverage areas. The FCC allowed this in recognition of funding challenges, but it has had an unintended result. The apparent achievement of nearly industry-wide digital transmitter capability overstates public televisions' transition progress—and almost exclusively in terms of actual coverage of rural America. When those rural

public television stations turn off their analog transmitters, their most distant rural viewers will not be able to receive the surviving digital transmitters' low-power signals.

A similar situation exists for rural areas served by translators. Translators predominately serve rural areas and communities that are isolated from a station's main transmitter by great distance or barriers such as mountains that block terrestrial broadcast signals. Transition strategies for translators have not been as aggressive as those for main transmitters.

Most applications to the Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program have sought assistance towards the goal of replicating analog coverage areas through transmitter and translator transitions, and in FY 2006 applications for power upgrades increased in number. The Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program can fund program management and creation equipment, but for reasons involving funding, many rural public television stations have not turned their attention to these needs. Some stations may not achieve full analog parity in program management and creation until after the February 2009 deadline. Continuation of reliable public television service to all current patrons understandably is still the focus for many broadcasters.

It is important for public television stations to be able to tailor their programs and services (e.g., education services, public health, homeland security, and local culture) to the needs of their rural constituents. If public television programming is lost, many school systems may be left without educational programming they count on for curriculum compliance.

This notice has been formatted to conform to a policy directive issued by the Office of Federal Financial Management (OFFM) of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), published in the **Federal Register** on June 23, 2003, (68 FR 37370). This Notice does not change the Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program regulation (7 CFR part 1740).

**II. Award Information**

*A. Available Funds*

1. *General.* The Administrator has determined that the following amounts are available for grants in FY 2007 under 7 CFR 1740.1.

2. *Grants.*

a. \$4,950,000 is available for grants from FY 2007. Under 7 CFR 1740.2, the

maximum amount for grants under this program is \$1 million per applicant.

b. Assistance instrument: Grant documents appropriate to the project will be executed with successful applicants prior to any advance of funds.

*B. Public Television Station Digital Transition grants cannot be renewed*

Award documents specify the term of each award, and due to uncertainties in regulatory approvals of digital television broadcast facilities, the Agency will extend the period during which grant funding is available upon request.

### III. Eligibility Information

*A. Who is eligible for grants? (See 7 CFR 1740.3.)*

1. Public television stations which serve rural areas are eligible for Public Television Station Digital Transition Grants. A public television station is a noncommercial educational television broadcast station that is qualified for Community Service Grants by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting under section 396(k) of the Communications Act of 1934.

2. Individuals are not eligible for Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program financial assistance directly.

*B. What are the basic eligibility requirements for a project?*

1. Grants shall be made to perform digital transitions of television broadcasting serving rural areas. Grant funds may be used to acquire, lease, and/or install facilities and software necessary to the digital transition. Specific purposes include:

a. Digital transmitters, translators, and repeaters, including all facilities required to initiate DTV broadcasting. All broadcast facilities acquired with grant funds shall be capable of delivering DTV programming and HDTV programming, at both the interim and final channel and power authorizations. There is no limit to the number of transmitters or translators that may be included in an application;

b. Power upgrades of existing DTV transmitter equipment, including replacement of existing low-power digital transmitters with digital transmitters capable of delivering the final authorized power level;

c. Studio-to-transmitter links;

d. Equipment to allow local control over digital content and programming, including master control equipment;

e. Digital program production equipment, including cameras, editing, mixing and storage equipment;

f. Multicasting and datacasting equipment;

g. Cost of the lease of facilities, if any, for up to three years; and,

h. Associated engineering and environmental studies necessary to implementation.

2. Matching contributions: There is no requirement for matching funds in this program (see 7 CFR 1740.5).

3. To be eligible for a grant, the Project must not (see 7 CFR 1740.7):

a. Include funding for ongoing operations or for facilities that will not be owned by the applicant, except for leased facilities as provided above;

b. Include costs of salaries, wages, and employee benefits of public television station personnel unless they are for construction or installation of eligible facilities;

c. Have been funded by any other source;

d. Include items bought or built prior to the application deadline specified in this Notice of Funds Availability.

C. See paragraph IV.B of this Notice for a discussion of the items that make up a completed application. You may also refer to 7 CFR 1740.9 for completed grant application items.

### IV. Application and Submission Information

*A. Where to get application information.* The application guide, copies of necessary forms and samples, and the Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program regulation are available from these sources:

1. The Internet: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/>, or <http://www.grants.gov>.

2. The USDA Rural Development Advanced Services Division, for paper copies of these materials: (202) 690-4493.

*B. What constitutes a completed application?*

1. Detailed information on each item required can be found in the Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program regulation and application guide. Applicants must read and apply both the regulation and the application guide. This Notice does not change the requirements for a completed application specified in the program regulation. The program regulation and application guide provide specific guidance on each of the items listed and the application guide provides all necessary forms and sample worksheets.

2. A completed application must include the following documentation, studies, reports and information in form satisfactory to USDA Rural Development. Applications should be

prepared in conformance with the provisions in 7 CFR part 1740, subpart A, and applicable USDA regulations including 7 CFR parts 3015, 3016, and 3019. Applicants must use the application guide for this program containing instructions and all necessary forms, as well as other important information, in preparing their application. Completed applications must include the following:

a. An application for federal assistance, Standard Form 424.

b. An executive summary, not to exceed two pages, describing the public television station, its service area and offerings, its current digital transition status, and the proposed project.

c. Evidence of the applicant's eligibility to apply under this Notice, proving that the applicant is a Public Television Station as defined in this Notice, and that it is required by the FCC to perform the digital transition.

d. A spreadsheet showing the total project cost, with a breakdown of items sufficient to enable USDA Rural Development to determine individual item eligibility.

e. A coverage contour map showing the digital television coverage area of the application project. This map must show the counties (or county) comprising the Core Coverage Area, as defined in 7 CFR 1740.2, by shading and by name. Partial counties included in the applicant's Core Coverage Area must be identified as partial and must contain an attachment with the applicant's estimate of the percentage that its coverage contour comprises of the total area of the county (total area is available from American Factfinder, referenced above). If the application is for a translator, the coverage area may be estimated by the applicant through computer modeling or some other reasonable method, and this estimate is subject to acceptance by USDA Rural Development.

f. The applicant's own calculation of its Rurality score, as calculated pursuant to 7 CFR 1740.8(c), supported by a worksheet showing the population of its Core Coverage Area, and the urban and rural populations within the Core Coverage Area. The data source for the urban and rural components of that population must be identified. If the application includes computations made by a consultant or other organization outside the public television station, the application shall state the details of that collaboration.

g. The applicant's own calculation of its Economic Need score, as calculated pursuant to 7 CFR 1740.8(d), supported by a worksheet showing the National School Lunch Program eligibility levels

for all school districts within the Core Coverage Area and averaging these eligibility percentages. The application must include a statement from the state or local organization that administers the NSLP program certifying the school district scores used in the computations.

h. If applicable, a presentation not to exceed five pages demonstrating the Critical Need for the project, as outlined in 7 CFR 1740.8(e).

i. Evidence that the FCC has authorized the initiation of digital broadcasting at the project sites. In the event that an FCC construction permit has not been issued for one or more sites, USDA Rural Development may include those sites in the grant, and make advance of funds for that site conditional upon the submission of a construction permit.

j. Compliance with other Federal statutes. The applicant must provide evidence or certification that it is in compliance with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations, including, but not limited to the following:

- (1) Executive Order (E.O.) 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity, as amended by E.O. 11375 and as supplemented by regulations contained in 41 CFR part 60;
- (2) Architectural barriers;
- (3) Flood hazard area precautions;
- (4) 7 CFR part 3015—Uniform Federal Assistance Regulations.
- (5) Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970;
- (6) Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1998 (41 U.S.C. 701);
- (7) E.O.s 12549 and 12689, Debarment and Suspension; and
- (8) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352).

k. Environmental impact and historic preservation. The applicant must provide details of the digital transition's impact on the environment and historic preservation, and comply with 7 CFR part 1794, which contains the Agency's policies and procedures for implementing a variety of federal statutes, regulations, and executive orders generally pertaining to the protection of the quality of the human environment. This must be contained in a separate section entitled "Environmental Impact of the Digital Transition," and must include the Environmental Questionnaire/Certification, available from USDA Rural Development, describing the impact of its digital transition. Submission of the Environmental Questionnaire/Certification alone does not constitute compliance with 7 CFR part 1794.

3. DUNS Number. As required by the OMB, all applicants for grants must now

supply a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number when applying. The Standard Form 424 (SF-424) contains a field for you to use when supplying your DUNS number. Obtaining a DUNS number costs nothing and requires a short telephone call to Dun and Bradstreet. Please see the Public Television Station Digital Transmitter Grant Program Web site or Grants.gov for more information on how to obtain a DUNS number or how to verify your organization's number.

#### *C. How many copies of an application are required?*

1. Applications submitted on paper: Submit the original application and two (2) copies to USDA Rural Development.

2. Electronically submitted applications: The additional paper copies for USDA Rural Development are not necessary if you submit the application electronically through Grants.gov.

*D. How and where to submit an application.* Grant applications may be submitted on paper or electronically.

1. Submitting applications on paper.

- a. Address paper applications for grants to the Telecommunications Program, USDA Rural Development, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 2844, STOP 1550, Washington, DC 20250-1550. Applications should be marked "Attention: Director, Advanced Services Division."

b. Paper applications must show proof of mailing or shipping consisting of one of the following:

- (i) A legibly dated postmark applied by the U. S. Postal Service;
- (ii) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the USPS; or
- (iii) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

c. Non-USPS-applied postage dating, *i.e.* dated postage meter stamps, do not constitute proof of the date of mailing.

d. Due to screening procedures at the Department of Agriculture, packages arriving via the USPS are irradiated, which can damage the contents. USDA Rural Development encourages applicants to consider the impact of this procedure in selecting their application delivery method.

2. Electronically submitted applications.

a. Applications will not be accepted via facsimile machine transmission or electronic mail.

b. Electronic applications for grants will be accepted if submitted through the Federal government's Grants.gov initiative at <http://www.grants.gov>.

c. How to use Grants.gov:

- (i) Navigate your Web browser to <http://www.grants.gov>.

(ii) Follow the instructions on that Web site to find grant information.

(iii) Download a copy of the application package.

(iv) Complete the package off-line.

(v) Upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov Web site.

d. Grants.gov contains full instructions on all required passwords, credentialing and software.

e. USDA Rural Development encourages applicants who wish to apply through Grants.gov to submit their applications in advance of the deadline. Difficulties encountered by applicants filing through Grants.gov will not justify filing deadline extensions.

f. If a system problem occurs or you have technical difficulties with an electronic application, please use the customer support resources available at the Grants.gov Web site.

#### *E. Deadlines.*

1. Paper applications must be postmarked and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight no later than June 11, 2007 to be eligible for FY 2007 grant funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2007 grant funding.

2. Electronic grant applications must be received by June 11, 2007 to be eligible for FY 2007 funding. Late applications are not eligible for FY 2007 grant funding.

### **V. Application Review Information**

#### *A. Criteria*

1. Grant applications are scored competitively and subject to the criteria listed below.

2. Grant application scoring criteria are detailed in 7 CFR 1740.8. There are 100 points available, broken down as follows:

- a. The Rurality of the Project (up to 50 points);
- b. The Economic Need of the Project's Service Area (up to 25 points); and
- c. The Critical Need for the project, and of the applicant, including the benefits derived from the proposed service (up to 25 points).

#### *B. Review Standards*

1. All applications for grants must be delivered to USDA Rural Development at the address and by the date specified in this notice to be eligible for funding. USDA Rural Development will review each application for conformance with the provisions of this part. USDA Rural Development may contact the applicant for additional information or clarification.

2. Incomplete applications as of the deadline for submission will not be considered. If an application is

determined to be incomplete, the applicant will be notified in writing and the application will be returned with no further action.

3. Applications conforming with this part will be evaluated competitively by a panel of USDA Rural Development employees selected by the Administrator of RUS, and will be awarded points as described in the scoring criteria in 7 CFR 1740.8. Applications will be ranked and grants awarded in rank order until all grant funds are expended.

4. Regardless of the score an application receives, if USDA Rural Development determines that the Project is technically or financially infeasible, USDA Rural Development will notify the applicant, in writing, and the application will be returned with no further action.

### C. Scoring Guidelines

1. The applicant's self scores in Rurality and Economic Need will be checked and, if necessary, corrected by USDA Rural Development.

2. The Critical Need score will be determined by USDA Rural Development based on information presented in the application. This score is intended to capture from the rural public's standpoint the necessity and usefulness of the proposed project. This scoring category will also recognize that some transition purchases are more essential than others, so that applications for first digital transmitter capability, and translators<sup>[ec3]</sup> and transmitter power upgrades that extend coverage into rural-only areas, will receive scoring advantages. Master control facilities which tailor programming to local needs will also be recognized in this category.

## VI. Award Administration Information

### A. Award Notices

USDA Rural Development recognizes that each funded project is unique, and therefore may attach conditions to different projects' award documents. The Agency generally notifies applicants whose projects are selected for awards by faxing an award letter. USDA Rural Development follows the award letter with a grant agreement that contains all the terms and conditions for the grant. An applicant must execute and return the grant agreement, accompanied by any additional items required by the grant agreement.

### B. Administrative and National Policy Requirements.

The items listed in the program regulation at 7 CFR 1740.9(j) implement the appropriate administrative and national policy requirements.

### C. Performance Reporting

All recipients of Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program financial assistance must provide annual performance activity reports to USDA Rural Development until the project is complete and the funds are expended. A final performance report is also required; the final report may serve as the last annual report. The final report must include an evaluation of the success of the project.

## VII. Agency Contacts

A. Web site: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/>. The Web site maintains up-to-date resources and contact information for the Public Television Station Digital Transition Grant Program.

B. Phone: 202-690-4493.

C. Fax: 202-720-1051.

D. Main point of contact: Orren E. Cameron III, Director, Advanced Services Division, Telecommunications Program, USDA Rural Development.

Dated: March 19, 2007.

**Curtis M. Anderson,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Fisheries Certificates of Origin.

*Form Number(s):* NOAA 370.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0648-0335.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 3,667.

*Number of Respondents:* 350.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* Due to the information required by the International Dolphin Conservation Program Act, amendment to the Marine Mammal Protection Act, is needed: To document the dolphin-safe status of tuna import shipments; to verify that import shipments of fish were not harvested by large scale, high seas driftnets; and to verify that imported tuna was not harvested by an embargoed nation or one that is otherwise prohibited from exporting tuna to the United States. Forms are submitted by importers and processors.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: April 4, 2007.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Commercial Operator's Annual Report (COAR).

*Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0648-0428.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 792.

*Number of Respondents:* 99.

*Average Hours Per Response:* Interim reports, 9 hours and 45 minutes; and final reports, 11 hours and 45 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The Commercial Operator's Annual Report (COAR) provides information on ex-vessel value (the total dollar value for fish in any product form of groundfish pounds before any deductions are made for goods and services, e.g., bait, ice, fuel, repairs, machinery replacement, etc., provided to groundfish harvesters. Includes price adjustments made in the current year to groundfish harvesters for landings made during the fishing year; and first wholesale value for statewide Alaska fish and shellfish products.

This information is used to analyze and measure the impact of proposed or