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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Economist, USDA.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces that the Department of Agriculture, Office of the Chief Economist, is hereby requesting an extension of a currently approved information collection, Guidelines for Designating Biobased Products for Federal Procurement.

DATES: Comments received by December 26, 2007 will be considered.

Additional Information or Comments: Comments and questions should be directed to Marvin Duncan, USDA, Office of the Chief Economist, Office of Energy Policy and New Uses, Room 4059, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., MS-3815, Washington, DC 20250-3815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Guidelines for Designating Biobased Products for Federal Procurement.

OMB Control Number: 0503-0011.

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

Abstract: The USDA BioPreferred Program provides that qualifying biobased products that fall under items (generic groups of biobased products) that have been designated for preferred procurement by rule making are required to be purchased by Federal agencies in lieu of their fossil energy-based counterparts, with certain limited exceptions. Further, USDA is required by section 9002 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to provide certain information on qualified biobased products to Federal agencies. To meet these statutory requirements, USDA will use a number of forms to

gather that information from manufacturers and vendors of biobased products. To the extent feasible, the information sought by USDA can be transmitted electronically using the Web site <http://www.usda.gov/biopreferred>. If electronic transmission of information is not practical, USDA will provide technical assistance to support the transmission of information to USDA. The information collected will enable USDA to meet statutory information requirements that then permit USDA to designate items for preferred procurement under the BioPreferred Program. Once items are designated, manufacturers and vendors of qualifying biobased products that fall under these designated items will benefit from preferred procurement by Federal agencies.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 14.9 hours per response.

Respondents: Manufacturers and vendors of biobased products.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,905

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One per manufacturer or vendor.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 14,387 hours one time only. Manufacturers and vendors are asked to respond only once. Therefore, there is no ongoing annual paperwork burden on respondents.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, 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 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

for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Roger Conway,

Director, Office of Energy Policy and New Uses, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Revision to Notice of Proposed Additions

The Committee is making a revision to the Procurement List Proposed Additions published on June 15, 2007 (72 FR 33200). The proposed NPA for the Maintenance Record Holder NSN 8105-00-190-9824 has changed from Bestwork Industries for the Blind, Inc., Rummene, NJ, to Raleigh Lions Clinic for the Blind, Inc., Raleigh, NC.

The Procurement List Proposed Additions notice citing Bestwork Industries for the Blind, Inc., Rummene, NJ, is no longer under consideration.

Kimberly M. Zeich,

Director, Program Operations.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletions

ACTION: Proposed Additions to and Deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List products to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete products and a service previously furnished by such agencies.

Comments Must Be Received on or Before: November 25, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

For Further Information or to Submit Comments Contact: Kimberly M. Zeich,