Exhibit 300 FY2008

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PART I: SUMMARY INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION

In Part I, complete Sections A, B, C, and D for all capital assets (IT and non-IT). Complete Sections E and F for IT capital assets.

Section A: Overview (All Capital Assets)

The following series of questions are to be completed for all investments.

I. A. 1. Date of Submission:

2006-08-15

I. A. 2. Agency:

005

I. A. 3. Bureau:

15

I. A. 4. Name of this Capital Asset:
(short text - 250 characters)
NASS Survey Processing System

I. A. 5. Unique ID: (For IT investments only, see section 53. For all other, use agency ID system.)

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I. A. 6. What kind of investment will this be in FY2008?
(Please NOTE: Investments moving to O&M ONLY in FY2008, with Planning/Acquisition activities prior to FY2008 should not select O&M. These investments should indicate their current status.)
Operations and Maintenance

I. A. 7. What was the first budget year this investment was submitted to OMB?

FY2008

I. A. 8. Provide a brief summary and justification for this investment, including a brief description of how this, closes in part or in whole, an identified agency performance gap:
(long text - 2500 characters)
The steady-state survey processing system investment at the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) provides effective and efficient electronic survey management, data entry, data collection, data editing, data analysis, and data summarization or tabulation for hundreds of agricultural surveys annually. These surveys cover topics such as crop production, grain stocks, livestock inventories, prices paid and received by farmers and ranchers, farm labor, farm income, farm expenditures, farm numbers, and chemical usage. The survey processing system investment generates national, state, and local agricultural statistics. The survey processing system investment contributes significantly to NASS?s ability to meet its mission of providing timely, accurate, and useful agricultural statistics in service to U.S. agriculture. Producers, farm organizations, lawmakers, and government agencies all rely on the agricultural statistics generated by NASS. Major uses of the agricultural statistics produced through the survey processing system investment are: input into the U.S. principal economic indicators, 2002 Farm Bill counter-cyclical payments, disaster payment determination, group risk policy payments and premiums, livestock compensation program, risk analysis in re-registration of agricultural chemicals, and providing a level playing field for the commodity markets through equal access to agricultural statistics. The survey processing system has positioned NASS to provide the public about 500 national agricultural statistics reports annually in a timely, accurate, and efficient manner. By implementing this investment over a decade ago, which added automated survey management, interactive data editing, and advanced data analysis capabilities, NASS enhanced its capability to process hundreds of surveys each year in a timely and accurate manner and also reduced the overall survey processing costs. The confidentiality of the information collected and processed in this investment is protected by law under U.S. Code, Title 7, Chapter 55, Section 2276.

I. A. 9. Did the Agency's Executive/Investment Committee approve this request?

yes

I. A. 9. a. If "yes", what was the date of this approval?

2006-09-06

I. A. 10. Did the Project Manager review this Exhibit?

yes

I. A. 11. Contact information of Project Manager?

I. A. 12. Has the agency developed and/or promoted cost effective, energy-efficient and environmentally sustainable techniques or practices for this project.

no

I. A. 12. a. Will this investment include electronic assets (including computers)?

yes

I. A. 12. b. Is this investment for new construction or major retrofit of a Federal building or facility? (answer applicable to non-IT assets only)

no

I. A. 12. b. 1. If "yes", is an ESPC or UESC being used to help fund this investment?

no

I. A. 12. b. 2. If "yes", will this investment meet sustainable design principles?

no

I. A. 12. b. 3. If "yes", is it designed to be 30% more energy efficient than relevant code?

no

I. A. 13. Does this investment support one of the PMA initiatives?

yes

I. A. 13. a. If "yes", check all that apply:

I. A. 13. b. Briefly describe how this asset directly supports the identified initiative(s).
(medium text - 500 characters)

I. A. 14. Does this investment support a program assessed using the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART)?
(For more information about the PART, visit www.whitehouse.gov/omb/part.)

yes

I. A. 14. a. If "yes", does this investment address a weakness found during the PART review?

no

I. A. 14. b. If "yes", what is the name of the PARTed Program?
(short text - 250 characters)

Agricultural Statistics Program

I. A. 14. c. If "yes", what PART rating did it receive?

Moderately Effective

I. A. 15. Is this investment for information technology? (see section 53 for definition)

yes

I. A. 16. What is the level of the IT Project (per CIO Council's PM Guidance)?
Level 1 - Projects with low-to-moderate complexity and risk. Example: Bureau-level project such as a stand-alone information system that has low- to-moderate complexity and risk. Level 2 - Projects with high complexity and/or risk which are critical to the mission of the organization. Examples: Projects that are part of a portfolio of projects/systems that impact each other and/or impact mission activities. Department-wide projects that impact cross-organizational missions, such as an agency-wide system integration that includes large scale Enterprise Resource Planning (e.g., the DoD Business Mgmt Modernization Program). Level 3 - Projects that have high complexity, and/or risk, and have government-wide impact. Examples: Government-wide initiative (E-GOV, President's Management Agenda). High interest projects with Congress, GAO, OMB, or the general public. Cross-cutting initiative (Homeland Security).

Level 1

I. A. 17. What project management qualifications does the Project Manager have? (per OMB's PM Guidance):
(1) - The project manager assigned for this investment has been validated as qualified in accordance with OMB PM Guidance.; (2) - The project manager assigned for this investment is in the process of being validated as qualified in accordance with OMB PM Guidance.; (3) - The project manager assigned for this investment is not validated as qualified in accordance with OMB PM Guidance.; (4) - The qualifications for the project manager named have not been evaluated.; (5) - No project manager is currently assigned for this investment.; (6) - N/A -- This is not an IT investment.

(1) Project manager has been validated as qualified for this investment

I. A. 18. Is this investment identified as "high risk" on the Q4 - FY 2006 agency high risk report (per OMB's "high risk" memo)?

no

I. A. 19. Is this a financial management system?

no

I. A. 19. a. If "yes", does this investment address a FFMIA compliance area?

I. A. 19. a. 1. If "yes" which compliance area?
(short text - 250 characters)

I. A. 19. a. 2. If "no", what does it address?
(medium text - 500 characters)

I. A. 19. b. If "yes", please identify the system name(s) and system acronym(s) as reported in the most recent financial systems inventory update required by Circular A-11 section 52
(long text - 2500 characters)

I. A. 20. What is the percentage breakout for the total FY2008 funding request for the following? (This should total 100%)

I. A. 20. a. Hardware

1

I. A. 20. b. Software

7

I. A. 20. c. Services

0

I. A. 20. d. Other

92

I. A. 21. If this project produces information dissemination products for the public, are these products published to the Internet in conformance with OMB Memorandum 05-04 and included in your agency inventory, schedules and priorities?

n/a

I. A. 22. Contact information of individual responsible for privacy related questions:

I. A. 22. a. Name
(short text - 250 characters)

Joe Reilly

I. A. 22. b. Phone Number

I. A. 22. c. Title
(short text - 250 characters)

Associate Administrator

I. A. 22. d. Email
(short text - 250 characters)

Joe_Reilly@nass.usda.gov

I. A. 23. Are the records produced by this investment appropriately scheduled with the National Archives and Records Administration's approval?

no

Section B: Summary of Funding

I. B. 1. Provide the total estimated life-cycle cost for this investment by completing the following table.
All amounts represent budget authority in millions, and are rounded to three decimal places. Federal personnel costs should be included only in the row designated "Government FTE Cost," and should be excluded from the amounts shown for "Planning," "Full Acquisition," and "Operation/Maintenance." The total estimated annual cost of the investment is the sum of costs for "Planning," "Full Acquisition," and "Operation/Maintenance." For Federal buildings and facilities, life-cycle costs should include long term energy, environmental, decommissioning, and/or restoration costs. The costs associated with the entire life-cycle of the investment should be included in this report.
Note: For the cross-agency investments, this table should include all funding (both managing and partner agencies). Government FTE Costs should not be included as part of the TOTAL represented.

	PY-1 Spending Prior to 2006	PY 2006	CY 2007	BY 2008					
Planning	0	0	0	0					
Acquisition	0	0	0	0					
Subtotal Planning & Acquisition	0	0	0	0					
Operations & Maintenance	0	1.215	1.260	1.245					
TOTAL	0	1.215	1.260	1.245					
Government FTE Costs	0	2.594	2.85	2.92					
Number of FTE represented by cost	0	27	28	29					

I. B. 2. Will this project require the agency to hire additional FTE's?

no

I. B. 2. a. If "yes", How many and in what year?
(medium text - 500 characters)

I. B. 3. If the summary of spending has changed from the FY2007 President's budget request, briefly explain those changes.

(long text - 2500 characters)

Section C: Acquisition/Contract Strategy

I. C. 1. Complete the table for all contracts and/or task orders in place or planned for this investment:
(Character Limitations: Contract or Task Order Number - 250 Characters; Type of Contract/Task Order - 250 Characters; Name of CO - 250 Characters; CO Contact Information - 250 Characters)

I. C. 2. If earned value is not required or will not be a contract requirement for any of the contracts or task orders above, explain why:
(long text - 2500 characters)
The NASS Survey Processing System is a steady state investment that has provided significant earned value to the Agency over the past decade and contracts associated with this investment are primarily to maintain the effectiveness of the system.

I. C. 3. Do the contracts ensure Section 508 compliance?

no

I. C. 3. a. Explain Why:
(medium text - 500 characters)
Contracts supporting this steady state investment are only for software maintenance and processing services. There are no developmental activities requiring 508 compliance.

I. C. 4. Is there an acquisition plan which has been approved in accordance with agency requirements?

no

I. C. 4. a. If "yes", what is the date?

I. C. 4. b. If "no", will an acquisition plan be developed?

no

I. C. 4. b. 1. If "no", briefly explain why:
(medium text - 500 characters)
The scope of the NASS Survey Processing System has changed very little over the past decade. Purchases are for software maintenance agreements or processing services from the Department's National Information Technology Center and the Department of Commerce National Processing Center. Contract instruments used are stable, low risk, and consistently meet the needs of the system.

Section D: Performance Information

In order to successfully address this area of the exhibit 300, performance goals must be provided for the agency and be linked to the annual performance plan. The investment must discuss the agency's mission and strategic goals, and performance measures must be provided. These goals need to map to the gap in the agency's strategic goals and objectives this investment is designed to fill. They are the internal and external performance benefits this investment is expected to deliver to the agency (e.g., improve efficiency by 60 percent, increase citizen participation by 300 percent a year to achieve an overall citizen participation rate of 75 percent by FY 2xxx, etc.). The goals must be clearly measurable investment outcomes, and if applicable, investment outputs. They do not include the completion date of the module, milestones, or investment, or general goals, such as, significant, better, improved that do not have a quantitative or qualitative measure.
Agencies must use Table 1 below for reporting performance goals and measures for all non-IT investments and for existing IT investments that were initiated prior to FY 2005. The table can be extended to include measures for years beyond FY 2006.

I. D. 1. Table 1

(Character Limitations: Strategic Goal(s) Supported - 250 Characters; Performance Measure - 250 Characters; Actual/baseline (from Previous Year) - 250 Characters; Planned Performance Metric (Target) - 250 Characters; Performance Metric Results (Actual) - 250 Characters; Measurement Indicator - 250 Characters; Baseline - 250 Characters; Planned Improvement to the Baseline - 250 Characters; Actual Results - 250 Characters)

Fiscal Year	Strategic Goal(s) Supported	Performance Measure	Actual/baseline (from Previous Year)	Planned Performance Metric (Target)	Performance Metric Results (Actual)
2000	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Number of NASS Reports and Releases Issued in 1996	344	384	384
2000	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Percent of NASS reports released on the date and time pre-specified to data users in 1996	n/a	100	100
2000	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Number of NASS reports released late due to Survey Processing System problems in 1996	n/a	0	0
2000	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Number of NASS Reports and Releases Issued in 1997	384	369	369
2000	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Percent of NASS reports released on the date and time pre-specified to data users in 1997	100	100	100
2000	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Number of NASS reports released late due to Survey Processing System problems in 1997	0	0	0
2000	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Number of NASS Reports and Releases Issued in 1998	369	425	425
2000	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Percent of NASS reports released on the date and time pre-specified to data users in 1998	100	100	100
2000	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Number of NASS reports released late due to Survey Processing System problems in 1998	0	0	0
2000	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Number of NASS Reports and Releases Issued in 1999	425	419	419
2000	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Percent of NASS reports released on the date and time pre-specified to data users in 1999	100	100	99.8
2000	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Number of NASS reports released late due to Survey Processing System problems in 1999	0	0	0
2000	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Number of NASS Reports and Releases Issued	419	425	425
2000	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Percent of NASS reports released on the date and time pre-specified to data users	99.8	100	99.8
2000	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Number of NASS reports released late due to Survey Processing System problems	0	0	0
2001	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Number of NASS Reports and Releases Issued	425	481	481
2001	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Percent of NASS reports released on the date and time pre-specified to data users	99.8	100	99.0

2001	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Number of NASS reports released late due to Survey Processing System problems	0	0	0
2002	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Number of NASS Reports and Releases Issued	481	508	508
2002	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Percent of NASS reports released on the date and time pre-specified to data users	99.0	100	99.8
2002	To Promote an Agricultural Food and Fiber System that is Productive and Highly Competitive in the Global Economy	Number of NASS reports released late due to Survey Processing System problems	0	0	0
2003	Enhance Economic Opportunities for Agricultural Producers	Number of NASS Reports and Releases Issued	508	487	487
2003	Enhance Economic Opportunities for Agricultural Producers	Percent of NASS reports released on the date and time pre-specified to data users	99.8	100	99.8
2003	Enhance Economic Opportunities for Agricultural Producers	Number of NASS reports released late due to Survey Processing System problems	0	0	0
2004	Enhance Economic Opportunities for Agricultural Producers	Number of NASS Reports and Releases Issued	487	507	507
2004	Enhance Economic Opportunities for Agricultural Producers	Percent of NASS reports released on the date and time pre-specified to data users	99.8	100	99.4
2004	Enhance Economic Opportunities for Agricultural Producers	Number of NASS reports released late due to Survey Processing System problems	0	0	0
2005	Enhance Economic Opportunities for Agricultural Producers	Number of NASS Reports and Releases Issued	507	485	485
2005	Enhance Economic Opportunities for Agricultural Producers	Percent of NASS reports released on the date and time pre-specified to data users	99.4	100	99.8
2005	Enhance Economic Opportunities for Agricultural Producers	Number of NASS reports released late due to Survey Processing System problems	0	0	0
2006	Enhance the Competitiveness and Sustainability of Rural and Farm Economies	Number of NASS Reports and Releases Issued	485	475	TBD 10/06
2006	Enhance the Competitiveness and Sustainability of Rural and Farm Economies	Percent of NASS reports released on the date and time pre-specified to data users	99.8	100	TBD 10/06
2006	Enhance the Competitiveness and Sustainability of Rural and Farm Economies	Number of NASS reports released late due to Survey Processing System problems	0	0	TBD 10/06
2007	Enhance the Competitiveness and Sustainability of Rural and Farm Economies	Number of NASS Reports and Releases Issued	TBD 10/06	506	TBD 10/07
2007	Enhance the Competitiveness and Sustainability of Rural and Farm Economies	Percent of NASS reports released on the date and time pre-specified to data users	TBD 10/06	100	TBD 10/07
2007	Enhance the Competitiveness and Sustainability of Rural and Farm Economies	Number of NASS reports released late due to Survey Processing System problems	TBD 10/06	0	TBD 10/07
2008	Enhance the Competitiveness and Sustainability of Rural and Farm Economies	Number of NASS Reports and Releases Issued	TBD 10/07	TBD 9/07	TBD 10/08
2008	Enhance the Competitiveness and Sustainability of Rural and Farm Economies	Percent of NASS reports released on the date and time pre-specified to data users	TBD 10/07	100	TBD 10/08
2008	Enhance the Competitiveness and Sustainability of Rural and Farm Economies	Number of NASS reports released late due to Survey Processing System problems	TBD 10/07	0	TBD 10/08
2009	Enhance the Competitiveness and Sustainability of Rural and Farm Economies	Number of NASS Reports and Releases Issued	TBD 10/08	TBD 9/08	TBD 10/09
2009	Enhance the Competitiveness and Sustainability of Rural and Farm Economies	Percent of NASS reports released on the date and time pre-specified to data users	TBD 10/08	100	TBD 10/09

2009	Enhance the Competitiveness and Sustainability of Rural and Farm Economies	Number of NASS reports released late due to Survey Processing System problems	TBD 10/08	0	TBD 10/09

I. D. 2. Table 2

Section F: Enterprise Architecture (EA)

In order to successfully address this area of the business case and capital asset plan you must ensure the investment is included in the agency's EA and Capital Planning and Invesment Control (CPIC) process, and is mapped to and supports the FEA. You must also ensure the business case demonstrates the relationship between the investment and the business, performance, data, services, application, and technology layers of the agency's EA.

I. F. 1. Is this investment included in your agency's target enterprise architecture?

yes

I. F. 1. a. If "no", please explain why?
(long text - 2500 characters)

I. F. 2. Is this investment included in the agency's EA Transition Strategy?

no

I. F. 2. a. If "yes", provide the investment name as identified in the Transition Strategy provided in the agency's most recent annual EA Assessment.
(medium text - 500 characters)

I. F. 2. b. If "no" please explain why?
(long text - 2500 characters)
USDA is in the process of developing a Transition Strategy for the calendar year 2007 annual OMB EA Assessment. NASS Survey Processing System will likely be listed under its own name and associated with the USDA ITM initiatives if the BRM selection remains the same and economic development initiatives if they concur with our recommendation.

I. F. 3. Identify the service components funded by this major IT investment (e.g., knowledge management, content management, customer relationship management, etc.). Provide this information in the format of the following table. For detailed guidance regarding components, please refer to http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/egov/.
FEA SRM Component - Use existing SRM Components or identify as "NEW". A "NEW" component is one not already identified as a service component in the FEA SRM. FEA Service Component Reused - A reused component is one being funded by another investment, but being used by this investment. Rather than answer yes or no, identify the reused service component funded by the other investment and identify the other investment using the Unique Porject Identifier (UPI) code from the OMB Ex 300 or Ex 53 submission. Internal or External Reuse? - 'Internal' reuse is within an agency. For example, one agency within a department is reusing a service component provided by another agency within the same department. 'External' reuse is one agency within a department reusing a service comonent provided by another agency in another department. A good example of this is an E-Gov initiative service being reused by multiple organizations across the federal government. Funding Percentage - Please provide the percentage of the BY requested funding amount used for each service component listed in the table. If external, provide the funding level transferred to another agency to pay for the service. (Character Limitations: Agency Component Name - 250 Characters; Agency Component Description - 500 Characters)

Agency Component Name	Agency Component Description	FEA SRM Service Type	FEA SRM Component	FEA Service Component Reused - Component Name	FEA Service Component Reused - UPI	Internal or External Reuse?	BY Funding Percentage
Surveys	See attached files for all SRM and TRM components	Customer Relationship Management	Customer Analytics	Surveys		Internal	100

I. F. 4. To demonstrate how this major IT investment aligns with the FEA Technical Reference Model (TRM), please list the Service Areas, Categories, Standards, and Service Specifications supporting this IT investment.
FEA SRM Component - Service Components identified in the previous question should be entered in this column. Please enter multiple rows for FEA SRM Components supported by multiple TRM Service Specifications. Service Specification - In the Service Specification field, Agencies should provide information on the specified technical standard or vendor product mapped to the FEA TRM Service Standard, including model or version numbers, as appropriate. (Character Limitations: Service Specification (i.e., vendor and product name) - 250 characters)

FEA SRM Component	FEA TRM Service Area	FEA TRM Service Category	FEA TRM Service Standard	Service Specification (i.e., vendor and product name)
Customer Analytics	Service Platform and Infrastructure	Database / Storage	Database	

I. F. 5. Will the application leverage existing components and/or applications across the Government (i.e., FirstGov, Pay.Gov, etc)?
no

I. F. 5. a. If "yes", please describe.
(long text - 2500 characters)

I. F. 6. Does this investment provide the public with access to a government automated information system?
no

I. F. 6. a. If "yes", does customer access require specific software (e.g., a specific web browser version)?

I. F. 6. a. 1. If "yes", provide the specific product name(s) and version number(s) of the required software and the date when the public will be able to access this investment by any software (i.e. to ensure equitable and timely access of government information and services).
(medium text - 500 characters)

PART III: FOR "OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE" INVESTMENTS ONLY (STEADY-STATE)

Part III should be completed only for investments which will be in "Operation and Maintenance" (Steady State) in FY 2008, I.e., selected the "Operations and Maintenance" choice in response to Question 6 in Part I, section A above.

Section A: Risk Management

You should have performed a risk assessment during the early planning and initial concept phase of this investment's life-cycle, developed a risk-adjusted life-cycle cost estimate and a plan to eliminate, mitigate or manage risk, and be actively managing risk throughout the investements life-cycle. Answer the following questions to describe how you are managing investment risks.

III. A. 1. Does the investment have a Risk Management Plan?
yes

III. A. 1. a. If "yes", what is the date of the plan?
2006-07-27

III. A. 1. b. Has the Risk Management Plan been significantly changed since last year's submission to OMB?
no

III. A. 1. c. If "yes", describe any significant changes:
(medium text - 500 characters)

III. A. 2. If there currently is no plan, will a plan be developed?
no

III. A. 2. a. If "yes", what is the planned completion date?

III. A. 2. b. If "no", what is the strategy for managing the risks?
(long text - 2500 characters)
This is the first time an Exhibit 300 has been submitted for this investment