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TO: CSREES Partners

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SUBJECT: Federal Register Notice on Revisions to SF-424 Research and Related Form

A Federal Register (FR) notice of interest was published on Thursday, February 28, 2008 (73 FR 10779) by the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services.

The Notice makes available for comment a proposed information collection for the revision of the SF-424 Research & Related Form (R&R) (OMB No. 4040-0001). The SF-424 R&R is the government-wide data set for research grant applications. The revision includes two major changes. The first is to remove the Project/Performance Site Location(s) from the information collection and move it to a separate OMB-approved information collection. The second major change is to incorporate into this collection the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Information form. The existing SBIR/STTR Information form will be discontinued once the SF-424 R&R information collection is renewed.

While the SF-424 R&R is for research grant applications, the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) utilizes the SF-424 R&R as the data set for the majority of its funding opportunities (i.e., research, education, and extension).

The public comment period for providing input on the proposed SF-424 R&R information collection closes the end of April, 2008. Any comments you have should be submitted to OS Paperwork in accordance with the applicable Notice. For more information, please see the attached file containing the FR Notice. The SF-424 R&R FR Notice also may be retrieved by entering pertinent data and performing an advance search through the FR at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/advanced.html>.

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