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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Funds Availability; Inviting Applications for the Emerging Markets Program; Correction

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Foreign Agricultural Service published a document in the **Federal Register** of December 18, 2008, concerning funds availability and inviting applications for the Emerging Markets Program. The document contained incorrect dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Slupek, 202–720–4327.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of December 18, 2008, in FR Doc. E8–30071, on page 77000, in the first column, correct the **DATES** caption to read:

DATES: All proposals must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, January 21, 2009. Applications received after this time will be considered only if funds are still available.

In the **Federal Register** of December 18, 2008, in FR Doc. E8–30071, on page 77002, in the second column, correct the ''3. Submission Dates and Times'' caption to read:

3. Submission Dates and Times. All applications must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, January 21, 2009 in the Grants Management Branch either electronically or hand delivered. Applications received after this time will be considered only if funds are still available.

In the **Federal Register** of December 18, 2008, in FR Doc. E8–30071, on page 77002, in the second column, correct the ''5. Other Submission Requirement and Considerations'' caption to read:

5. Other Submission Requirements and Considerations. All Internet-based applications must be properly submitted by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, January 21, 2009.

All applications on compact disc (using Word or compatible format, with two accompanying paper copies) and any other form of application must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, January 21, 2009, at the following address:

Hand Delivery (including FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc.): U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service, Grants Management Branch, Portals Office building, Suite 400, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

Dated: December 24, 2008.

W. Kirk Miller,

Acting Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Development's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR Part 4284, Subpart K, Agriculture Innovation Demonstration Centers.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 9, 2009 to be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. LeAnn M. Oliver, Deputy Administrator, Cooperative Programs, Rural Development, USDA, STOP 3252, Room 4016, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–3252. Telephone: (202) 720–7558, *E-mail: leann.oliver@wdc.usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Agriculture Innovation Centers.

OMB Number: 0570–0045.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2009.

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

Abstract: Centers are required to provide progress reports for the duration of the grant agreement to monitor compliance and measure the success of the program.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 4 hours per response.

Respondents: Only the 10 grantees awarded under fiscal year 2003 funding.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.

Estimated Number of Responses: 30.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 110 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch (202) 692–0043.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Rural Development, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Rural Development's estimate of the burden to collect the required information, including the validity of the strategy used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments on the paperwork burden may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250–0742. 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.

Dated: December 31, 2008.

James J. Wadsworth,

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Quarterly Financial Report

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before March 9, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *dHynek@doc.gov*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Demetria V. Hanna, U.S. Census Bureau, HQ–6K181, Washington, DC 20233, Telephone (301) 763–6600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau's Quarterly Financial Report Program (QFR) is planning to expand to include selected Services sectors in the scope of collection along with corporations currently surveyed in the Manufacturing, Mining, Wholesale Trade, and Retail Trade sectors. A new QFR 300 (S) form will be used to collect data from the Information sector, and selected industries in the Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services sector.

The QFR forms to be submitted for approval are: The QFR 200 (MT) long form; QFR 201 (MG) short form; and the new QFR 300 (S) long form. The QFR 200 (MT) and the 201 (MG) have been updated to improve usability for respondents.

The QFR Program has published up-to-date aggregate statistics on the financial results and position of U.S. corporations since 1947. The QFR is a principal economic indicator that also provides financial data essential to the calculation of key Government measures of national economic performance. The importance of this data collection is reflected by the granting of specific authority to conduct the program in Title 13 of the United States Code, section 91, which requires that financial statistics of business operations be collected and published quarterly. Public Law 109–79 extended the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the QFR Program under section 91 through September 30, 2015.

The main purpose of the QFR is to provide timely, accurate data on business financial conditions for use by Government and private-sector organizations and individuals. The primary public users are U.S. Governmental organizations with economic policymaking responsibilities. In turn, these organizations play a major role in providing guidance, advice, and support to the QFR Program. The primary private-sector data users are a diverse group including universities, financial analysts, unions, trade associations, public libraries, banking institutions, and U.S. and foreign corporations.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau uses two forms of data collection: Mail out/mail back paper survey forms and a secure, encrypted Internet data collection system called Census Taker. Census Taker provides improved quality with automatic data checks and is context-sensitive to assist the data provider in identifying potential reporting problems before submission, thus reducing the need for follow-up. Census Taker is completed via the Internet eliminating the need for downloading software and increasing the integrity and confidentiality of the data.

Companies are asked to respond to the survey within 25 days of the end of the quarter for which the data are being requested. Letters and/or telephone calls encouraging participation are directed to companies in the survey sample that have not responded by the designated time.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–0432.

Form Number: QFR 200 (MT), QFR 201 (MG) and QFR 300 (S).

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Manufacturing corporations with assets of $250 thousand or more. Mining, Wholesale, Retail Trade and selected Services corporations with assets of $50 million or more.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

Form QFR 200 (MT)—4,577 per quarter = 18,308 annually

Form QFR 201 (MG)—5,030 per quarter = 20,120 annually

Form QFR 300 (S)—1,100 per quarter = 4,400 annually

Total 42,828 annually

Estimated Time Per Response:

Form QFR 200 (MT)—Average hours: 3.0

Form QFR 201 (MG)—Average hours: 1.2

Form QFR 300 (S)—Average hours: 3.0

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 93,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: $2.8 million.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C. Sections 91 and 224.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 31, 2008.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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