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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Notice is Hereby Given of a Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

Date: May 14, 2003 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St., NW., 13th Floor, Washington, DC.

This meeting will feature discussion of the administration's proposed Millennium Challenge Account and post-conflict reconstruction. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions of the speakers and participate in the discussion.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting can fax or e-mail their name to Brenda Jackson, (202) 347-9212, pvcsupport@datexinc.com.

Dated: April 14, 2003.

Noreen O'Meara,

Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 21, 2003.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and

clarity of the information to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20503 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Title: National Rural Development Partnership.

OMB Control Number: 0570-0043.

Summary of Collection: The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 authorized the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture to continue the National Rural Development Partnership (NRDP). The objective of the National Rural Development Partnership is to facilitate the establishment and recognition of one State Rural Development Council (SRDCs) per state. The statute requires that membership of the SRDC is responsible for the governance and operations of the SRDC and that the applicant has matching funds available, or in-kind goods and services to support the activities of the SRDC. SRDCs are members of the NRDP.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected is used to confirm that an applicant meet the eligibility requirements. The following items: Description of Council, copies of organizational documents and rules of governance, membership list, policy statement regarding operations,

summary profile of state, and evidence of matching funds are required in the application package and is necessary for USDA to verify eligibility. Without this information, USDA cannot assure that new or existing SRDCs meet the statutory requirements for eligibility.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit; Farms; Individuals or households; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 300.

Rural Utility Service

Title: 7 CFR part 1755, Telecommunications Standards and Specifications.

OMB Control Number: 0572-NEW.

Summary of Collection: 7 CFR part 1755 establishes Agency policy that materials and equipment purchased by Rural Utility Service (RUS) telecommunications borrowers or accepted as contractor-furnished material must conform to RUS standards and specifications where they have been established and, if included in RUS IP 344-02, "List of Materials Acceptable for Use on Telecommunications System of RUS Borrowers", must be selected from that list or must have received technical acceptance from RUS. To protect the security of loans it makes and to ensure that the telecommunications services provided to rural Americans are comparable to those offered in urban and suburban areas, RUS establishes the minimum acceptable performance criteria for materials and equipment to be employed on telecommunications system financed by RUS. Manufacturers wishing to sell their products to RUS borrowers, request RUS' consideration for acceptance of their products and submit data demonstrating their products' compliance with RUS specification.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will evaluate the data to determine that the quality of the products is acceptable and that their use will not jeopardize loan security. The information is closely reviewed to be certain that test data, product dimensions and product material compositions fully comply with RUS technical standards and specifications