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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the U.S. Agency for International Development; Comments Requested

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed or continuing collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before January 9, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07-106, RRB, Washington, DC 20523, (202) 712-1365 or via e-mail bjohnson@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB No.: OMB 0412-NEW.

Form No.: N/A.

Title: Minority Serving Institution Database.

Type of Review: New Information Collection.

Purpose: The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)

requests comment on its proposal to expand its existing automated Extranet database to include voluntary registration of U.S. Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs). The existing application, the Small Business Resource Database (SBRD) was placed into production at the beginning of Fiscal year 2004. Small and Small and Disadvantaged Business interested in pursuing contracts with USAID may register with the Agency on a voluntary basis. These data are then made available via a secure Extranet conduit to Agency Program, Technical and Contract Officers worldwide. The Agency experienced a significant improvement in the amount of contracting with these entities in Fiscal Year 2004, versus USAID's performance in 2003, and in comparison to the averages for the Executive Branch of the Federal government. The Agency's performance in this regard is published at the following URL: <http://www.sba.gov/GC/goads/Goaling-Report-08-21-2005.pdf>.

USAID proposes to capture the voluntary registration of Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), who may be interested in pursuing contracts, grants and cooperative agreements with USAID in furtherance of the Agency's international development initiatives. The existing SBRD application, and the Extranet conduit for disseminating these data within USAID would be utilized for this purpose. This action would further the grant-making process and potentially benefit several of the three hundred and fifty-one U.S. MSIs. Additional information regarding the SBRD, which is presently in production, without the proposed expanded registration capability, may be reviewed at the following URL: http://www.usaid.gov/business/small_business/vendorsdb.html.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 351.

Total annual responses: 351.

Total annual hours requested: 87.75 hours.

Dated: November 2, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

November 4, 2005.

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), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 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) 720-8958.

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.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Health Certificate for the Export of Live Crustaceans, Finfish, Mollusks, and Related Products.

OMB Control Number: 0579-NEW.