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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 May 7, 2001.

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 0412-0552.

Form No.: N/A.

Title: Financial Status Report.

Type of Review: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: USAID wants to continue to require expanded financial reporting from recipients of grant and cooperative

agreements (CA) with places of performance covering multiple countries. Recipients would be required to provide financial reports with expenditure data by country. For assistance programs which cover programs in more than one country, USAID requires recipients to specify in the "remarks" section of SF-269 and SF-269A, or other applicable approved financial report form, by country, the amount of the total Federal Share which was expended for each country. USAID has sought a class deviation to the statute from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the 22 CFR 226.4. The information is being collected so that USAID may report to Congress, OMB, and other requestors per the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act and the Government Management Reporting Act. Also, the reporting requirements are necessary to ensure that USAID funds are expended in accordance with statutory requirements and USAID policies. USAID is seeking this waiver for a period of three years.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 118.

Total annual responses: 472.

Total annual hours requested: 800 hours.

Dated: March 1, 2001.

Joanne Paskar,

Chief, Information and Records Division,
Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Agricultural Research,

Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, which represents 30 constituent categories, as specified in section 802 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-127), has scheduled a National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board meeting March 19-21, 2001.

On Monday, March 19 through Wednesday March 21, 2001, the Advisory Board will hold a general meeting in Washington, DC. A general business session of the Advisory Board will be held on March 19, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, and will include a morning session to hear views on agricultural research from Congressional members and staff, a session on the ARS Peer Review Process for Intramural National Programs. The afternoon session will feature representatives from the office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics (REE) and its agencies, representatives and other outside invitees who represent a variety of interests regarding funding and policy strategies for research and education. The meeting will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. for the day.

A National Stakeholder Symposium is scheduled for March 20, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., with the theme of "Reinventing Agriculture in the 21st Century through Research and Education." The objective of the Stakeholder Symposium is to hear diverse views from stakeholders across the country on how we can best shape 21st century American agriculture through research and education and to initiate dialogue that will help shape future Farm Bill legislation as it relates to research and education opportunities. On Wednesday, March 21, 2001, the Advisory Board will focus on future efforts of the Board in addressing the transition in the Administration, and include discussions on increasing funding support for agricultural research and education. They will be articulating their findings from the meeting and the previous day's focus sessions into formal recommendations for the Secretary of Agriculture. They will also start focusing on their agenda for the coming year, which will include establishment of a rapport with the new administration on communicating high priority USDA research and education opportunities. Limited time will be

provided for comments from the public as noted in a forthcoming agenda. Also written comments will be accepted for public record up to 2 weeks following the Board meeting. The final agenda will be available to the public prior to the meeting.

DATES:

March 19—9:00 a.m. to Noon—General Business Session

March 19—1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Special Presentations

March 20—8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.—National Stakeholder Symposium

March 20—12–1:00 p.m.—Working Lunch w/Speaker

March 20—5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.—Working Reception

March 21—8:00 a.m. to Noon—Focus Session Wrap-up and Discussion

Place: DoubleTree Park Terrace Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.; Terrace Ballroom and State Room.

Type of Meeting: Open to the Public.

Comments: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting with the contact person. All statements will become a part of the official records of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board and will be kept on file for public review in the Office of the Advisory Board; Research, Education, and Economics; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Washington, D.C. 20250–2255.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, Research; Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office, Room 344–A Jamie L. Whitten Building; U.S. Department of Agriculture; STOP: 2255, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–2255; Telephone: 202–720–3684; Fax: 202–720–6199; or e-mail: mhumphreys@reeusda.gov.

Done at Washington, DC this 26th day of February 2001.

Dawn Riley,

Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Farm Service Agency****President's Commission on Improving Economic Opportunity in Communities Dependent on Tobacco Production While Protecting Public Health**

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Executive Order No. 13168 published September 22, 2000, established the President's Commission on Improving Economic Opportunity in Communities Dependent on Tobacco Production While Protecting Public Health (Commission). This notice announces that the Commission will conduct a public meeting on March 20, 2001. The purpose of the meeting will be to review comments received on the Commission's Preliminary Report since its February 21, 2001, meeting and to finalize recommendations from tobacco, economic development, and health working groups in preparation for work on the Commission's Final Report.

DATES: The Commission will meet on March 20, 2001, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 2101 L Street, NW., Room 303A, Washington, DC. If special accommodations are required, please contact Doug Richardson, at the address specified below, by COB March 16, 2001. All times are Eastern Standard Time. All meetings are open to the public; however, seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Richardson, Executive Director, Tobacco Commission, United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA), 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., STOP 0574, Washington, DC, 20250–0574 or telephone (202) 418–4266 or toll free (866) 804–6698; FAX (202) 418–4270; Internet: tobcom@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Commission is to advise the President on changes occurring in the tobacco farming economy and recommend such measures as may be necessary to improve economic opportunity and development in communities that are dependent on tobacco production, while protecting consumers, particularly children, from hazards associated with smoking. The Commission collected and reviewed information about changes in the tobacco farming economy and Federal, State, and local initiatives intended to help tobacco growers, tobacco quota holders, and communities dependent on tobacco production pursue new economic opportunities. The Commission issued its Preliminary

Report on January 26, 2001, with comments requested through March 8, 2001. Copies of the Preliminary Report are available on the Commission's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tobcom/> or by contacting the Commission's office at the contact information listed above. All comments received through February 20, 2001, with respect to the Preliminary Report were reviewed by the Commission in its public meeting conducted on February 21, 2001.

The Commission, in its February 21, 2001, meeting, also reviewed draft recommendations from three working groups representing the farm, economic development and health areas of the Commission. After this review, the Commission directed that each working group revise their recommendations based on input received from the meeting and other recommendations to the Commission.

The purpose of the March 20, 2001, meeting is to review additional public input received on the Preliminary Report and to review the revised reports from the tobacco, economic development and health working groups in order to prepare the Final Report to the President.

Written comments may be sent to the contact person listed above.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on March 5, 2001.

James R. Little,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration**

[00–04–C]

Opportunity to Comment on the Applicants for the Fremont (NE) Area

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: GIPSA requests comments on the applicants for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas assigned to Fremont Grain Inspection Department, Inc. (Fremont).

DATES: Comments must be postmarked, or sent by telecopier (FAX) by March 31, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted in writing to USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue,