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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

USDA Equity Commission

AGENCY: USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public and virtual meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a public meeting of the USDA Equity Commission (EC or Commission), Subcommittee for Agriculture and the Rural Community Economic Development Subcommittee will convene to continue its work reviewing USDA programs, services, and policies for the purpose of making recommendations for how the Department can improve access and advance equity.

DATES: The EC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31 and Thursday, February 2, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. EST to 4:00 p.m. EST each day.

Meeting Agenda: The agenda items may include, but are not limited to, welcome and introductions; administrative matters; presentations by the Rural Community Economic Development and Agriculture Subcommittees; and deliberations and voting of recommendations to be included in an interim report. Please check the USDA Equity Commission website (<https://www.usda.gov/equity-commission>) for an agenda 24–48 hours prior to January 31st.

Register for the Meeting: The public is asked to pre-register for the meeting by visiting <https://www.usda.gov/equity-commission>. Your pre-registration must state: your name; organization or interest represented; if you are planning to give oral comments; and if you

require special accommodations. USDA will also accept day-of registrations.

Oral Comments: The Commission is providing the public an opportunity to provide oral comments and will accommodate as many individuals and organizations as time permits. Persons or organizations wishing to make oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. ET, January 20, 2023, and may only register for one speaking slot.

Participants who wish to make oral comments must also be available to attend a tech-check the day before the meeting. Instructions for registering and participating in the meeting can be found on <https://www.usda.gov/equity-commission>. **Written Comments:**

Written public comments for consideration at the meeting will be accepted on or before 11:59 p.m. ET, January 20, 2023. Comments submitted after this date will be provided to the Equity Commission, but the Commission may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting. The USDA Equity Commission strongly prefers comments be submitted electronically. However, written comments may also be submitted (*i.e.*, postmarked) via mail to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by or before the deadline. Written comments will be accepted up to 15 days after the meeting.

Availability of Materials for the Meeting: All written public comments received by February 18, 2023, will be compiled into a file and available for member review and be included in the meeting minutes. Duplicate comments from multiple individuals will appear as one comment, with a notation that multiple copies of the comment were received. Please visit <https://www.usda.gov/equity-commission> to view the agenda and/or minutes from this meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cecilia Hernandez, Designated Federal Officer, USDA Equity Commission, Office of the Deputy Secretary, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 6006–S, Washington, DC 20250–0235; Phone: (202) 913–5907; Email: Equitycommission@usda.gov.

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(TDD) may call the FCC Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) at 7–1–1 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission and Subcommittee are authorized under section 1006(b)(3) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117–2 (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

On January 20, 2021, President Biden signed an Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government and committed to creating the USDA Equity Commission as part of his rural agenda and commitment to closing the racial wealth gap and addressing longstanding inequities in agriculture. Section 1006 of the American Rescue Plan directed USDA to create the Equity Commission and provided funds sufficient to ensure the Commission is well staffed and positioned to deliver on its charge.

The USDA Equity Commission will advise the Secretary of Agriculture and provide USDA with an analysis of how its programs, policies, systems, structures, and practices contribute to barriers to inclusion or access, systemic discrimination, or exacerbate or perpetuate racial, economic, health and social disparities and recommendations for action. The Agriculture Subcommittee reports to the Equity Commission and provides recommendations on issues of concern related to agriculture. The Rural Community Economic Development Subcommittee (RCED) will also report to the Equity Commission and will focus on issues related to rural community prosperity. The Equity Commission will deliver an interim report and provide actionable recommendations in spring 2023. A final report will be completed by end of year 2023.

Meeting Access: The public can participate via a zoom meeting link. Access information will be provided to registered individuals via email. Detailed information can be found at: <https://www.usda.gov/equity-commission>.

Meeting Accommodations: USDA is committed to making its electronic and information technologies accessible to individuals with disabilities by meeting or exceeding the requirements of section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (29 U.S.C. 794d), as amended. If you need reasonable accommodations, please make requests in advance for reasonable accommodations through the meeting registration link on <https://www.usda.gov/equity-commission>. Determinations for reasonable accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Dated: January 9, 2023.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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 are requested regarding; 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 regarding this information collection received by February 16, 2023 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Waivers Under Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act.

OMB Control Number: 0584–0479.

Summary of Collection: This is a renewal of an existing information collection. Section 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104–193 (PRWORA) establishes a time limit for the receipt of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for certain able-bodied adults who are not working. The provision authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture, upon a State agency's request, to waive the provision for any group of individuals if the Secretary determines "that the areas in which the individuals reside has an unemployment rate of over 10 percent or does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals."

Need and Use of the Information: As required in the statute, in order to receive a waiver, the State agency must submit sufficient supporting information so that the Secretary can make the required determination as to the area's unemployment rate or insufficiency of available jobs. This collection of information is necessary in order to obtain waivers of the SNAP ABAWD time limit.

Description of Respondents: State, local, or Tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: on occasion, annually.

Total Burden Hours: 1,163.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement

Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers

AGENCY: Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of cancellation for the Advisory Committee for Minority Farmers public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the

Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE) is announcing a cancellation of the Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers (ACMF) public meeting. The notice for the ACMF public meeting was published under FR Doc. 2022–28237 Filed 12–27–22. The meeting was scheduled for January 18–20, 2023. We will publish the new date once the meeting has been rescheduled. The OPPE is cancelling the in-person (face-to-face) meeting out of concern for the safety of the public due to adverse weather conditions. As a result, ample time was not allowed for the notice to be published in the **Federal Register** to cancel at least 15 days before the date of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General information about the committee can also be found at <https://www.usda.gov/partnerships/advisory-committee-on-minority-farmers>. Any member of the public wishing to obtain information concerning this advisory committee may contact Mr. Eston Williams, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) via email Eston.Williams@usda.gov or call (202) 596–0226.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established pursuant to section 14008 of the Food Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, Public Law 110–246, 122 Stat. 1651, 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2279), to ensure that socially disadvantaged farmers have equal access to USDA programs. The Secretary selected a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons chosen to recommend solutions to the challenges of minority farmers and ranchers, generally. The members also advise the Secretary on implementation of section 2501 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (the 2501 Program); maximizing the participation of minority farmers and ranchers in USDA programs; and civil rights activities within the Department relative to participants in its programs.

Dated: January 10, 2023.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Maryland Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of planning meeting.