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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Request for Approval of a New Information Collection; Long Term Contracting System (LTCS)

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO) is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations regarding a new information collection. This collection is necessary for the procurement of agricultural commodities by KCCO for USDA's domestic feeding programs. Vendors bidding on long-term invitations will complete and submit their offers on-line through LTCS, which will record the system date/time that the offer was submitted and will ensure that the data remains secured within the system until bid opening time.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before February 7, 2005, to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Comments regarding this information collection requirement may be directed to James Klemp, Acting Chief, Planning and Analysis Division, Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO), 6501 Beacon Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64133-4676, telephone (816) 926-6509 or fax (816) 926-1648; e-mail JEKLEMP@kcc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Long Term Contracting System (LTCS).

OMB Number: 0560-New.

Type of Request: Approval of a new collection.

Abstract: The Long Term Contracting System (LTCS) is a web-based application that streamlines the bid entry and evaluation functions for Long-term, Indefinite-Delivery, Indefinite-Quantity (IDIQ) contracts. KCCO will generally issue invitations for bids to purchase commodities for domestic feeding programs on an annual, semi-annual, quarterly, or monthly basis; however, invitations may be issued more frequently, depending on various program requirements. Bid offers will be received, evaluated, and awarded within LTCS. Interested vendors will submit a price per destination for each product, along with their available capacities per delivery period/month, and their answers to specific certification questions. The information collected will be processed through the LTCS bid evaluation program to determine optimal awards. KCCO will analyze the results of the bid evaluation and award contracts to the eligible, responsible and responsive bidders whose offers are most advantageous to USDA in terms of the lowest overall cost. It is necessary to collect the information in order to evaluate bids impartially. The LTCS will automatically tie together monthly allocation contracts with the applicable long-term contract, and since LTCS will access real-time data, users will be able to access up-to-the-minute contract award information. Vendors can access LTCS on-line prior to bid opening time to submit, modify, or withdraw their offers. The automated process of LTCS will significantly reduce the chance for errors in awards and reduce recordkeeping errors associated with the current manual process of tracking contract data.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for collecting information under this notice is estimated to average 2 hours per response.

Respondents: Interested vendors; currently, cheese and pudding vendors.

Respondents: 20.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent: 2.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 80 hours.

Proposed topics for comment include: (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 collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the 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 requirement may be directed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for USDA, Washington, DC 20503, and to James Klemp, Acting Chief, Planning and Analysis Division, Kansas City Commodity Office, 6501 Beacon Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64133-4676. All comments will become a matter of public record.

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection(s) of information contained in these proposed regulations between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

Signed at Washington, DC, on November 30, 2004.

James R. Little,

Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request Form FNS-648, WIC Local Agency Directory Report

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Nutrition Service's (FNS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection, the WIC Local Agency Directory Report.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 7, 2005.

ADDRESSES: 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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions 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 may be sent to: Patricia N. Daniels, Director, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 520, Alexandria, VA 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval, and will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection form and instructions should be directed to: Patricia N. Daniels, (703) 305-2749.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: WIC Local Agency Directory Report.

OMB Number: 0584-0431.

Expiration Date: 02-28-2005.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection Form.

Abstract: FNS administers the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) by awarding cash grants to State agencies (generally State health departments). The State agencies award subgrants to local agencies (generally local health departments and nonprofit organizations) to deliver program benefits and services to eligible participants. FNS maintains a WIC Local Agency Directory which lists the names and addresses of all WIC local agencies. WIC State and local agencies and FNS use the directory to refer individuals to the nearest source of WIC Program services and to maintain continuity of program services to migrant and other transient participants. It is also used as a mailing list to provide local agencies with technical assistance manuals and other information. State agencies complete the

WIC Local Agency Directory Report Form to inform FNS when a local agency is newly established, closed or changes its address. This data is needed to keep the directory current.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.17 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Respondents: Directors or Administrators of WIC State agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 88 respondents.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 14.96 hours.

Dated: December 2, 2004.

Jerome A. Lindsay,

Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

[04-AZ-A]

Opportunity for Designation To Provide Official Services in the Southwest Arizona Region

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Farwell Grain Inspection, Inc. (Farwell), has asked GIPSA to amend its designation to remove Maricopa, Pinal and Yuma Counties, Arizona, from their assigned geographic area. GIPSA has also identified the need for service in Santa Cruz County, Arizona. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in these Arizona counties to submit an application for designation.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked or sent by telecopier (fax) on or before January 7, 2005.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit applications and comments on this notice. You may submit applications and comments by any of the following methods:

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Deliver to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, Room 1647-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

- *Fax:* Send by facsimile transmission to (202) 690-2755, attention: Janet M. Hart.

- *E-mail:* Send via electronic mail to Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

- *Mail:* Send hardcopy to Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3604, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3604.

Read Applications and Comments: All applications and comments will be available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, at (202) 720-8525, e-mail Janet.M.Hart@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

Farwell has asked GIPSA to remove the southwest Arizona region from its assigned geographic area. The southwest Arizona region consists of the following geographic area, in the State of Arizona: Maricopa, Pinal, and Yuma Counties, Arizona. These counties, along with Santa Cruz County, Arizona, where GIPSA has determined a need for service, are open for designation.

Section 7(f)(1) of the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (USGSA), authorizes GIPSA Administrator, after determining that there is sufficient need for official services, to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is qualified and is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services. GIPSA is asking persons interested in providing official services in the Southwest Arizona region to submit an application for designation. The applicant selected for designation in the Southwest Arizona region will be assigned by GIPSA Administrator according to Section 7(f)(1) of the Act.

Interested persons are hereby given an opportunity to apply for designation to provide official services in the Southwest Arizona region under the provisions of Section 7(f) of the Act and section 800.196(d) of the regulations issued thereunder. Applications and other available information will be considered in determining which applicant will be designated.

Designation in the Southwest Arizona region is for the period beginning about April 1, 2005, and not to exceed 3 years