

such use on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, preparation of a supplemental draft EIS is not necessary at this time. We expect to issue a final EIS soon.

We welcome comments on our determination that it is not necessary to supplement the draft environmental impact statement before a final environmental impact statement is issued.

Done in Washington, DC, this 7th day of August 2002.

Peter Fernandez,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Announcement of the Quality Samples Program for Fiscal Year 2002

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Commodity Credit Corporation is extending the time for submission of proposals for the FY 2002 Quality Samples Program. Proposals will be reviewed, and funding decisions will be made, as proposals are received.

DATES: Proposals will be accepted until 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, September 16, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marketing Operations Staff, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4932-S, STOP 1042, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1042, (202) 720-4327.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

On January 8, 2002, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) announced in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 859) that proposals were being accepted for participation in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 Quality Samples Program (QSP). Based on its review of the proposals, CCC allocated approximately \$1.34 million in funding in June 2002. Because approximately \$1.16 million of the funds CCC made available in FY 2002 remain unallocated, CCC announces that it is extending the time period for submission of proposals to participate in the Fiscal Year 2002 Quality Samples Program (QSP).

The QSP is designed to encourage the development and expansion of export markets for U.S. agricultural

commodities by assisting U.S. entities in providing commodity samples to potential foreign importers to promote a better understanding and appreciation for the high quality of U.S. agricultural commodities. CCC will review all proposals it receives against the evaluation criteria contained herein and award unallocated FY 2002 QSP funds on a rolling basis. Financial assistance will be made available through grants on a reimbursement basis.

Under the QSP, CCC enters into agreements with those entities whose proposals have been accepted. The QSP agreement between CCC and the participant will include the maximum amount of CCC funds that are available to reimburse specific activity costs that have been approved by CCC. QSP participants will be responsible for procuring (or arranging for the procurement of) commodity samples, exporting the samples, and providing the technical assistance necessary to facilitate successful use of the samples by importers. A QSP participant will be reimbursed after CCC reviews its reimbursement claim and determines that the claim is complete. CCC will not reimburse the costs of providing technical assistance. QSP agreements are subject to review and verification by the Foreign Agricultural Service's (FAS) Compliance Review Staff. Upon request, a QSP participant shall provide to CCC the original documents which support the participant's reimbursement claims. CCC may deny a claim for reimbursement if the claim is not supported by adequate documentation. Cash advances will not be made available to any QSP participant.

The QSP is administered by FAS personnel. This notice supersedes any prior notices concerning the QSP.

Authority

The QSP is authorized under Section 5(f) of the CCC Charter Act, 15 U.S.C. 714c(f).

Available Funds

\$1.16 million of cost-share assistance may be obligated under this announcement.

General Scope of QSP Projects

QSP projects are the activities undertaken by a QSP participant to provide an appropriate sample of a U.S. agricultural commodity to a foreign importer, in a given market. The purpose of the project is to provide information to an appropriate target audience regarding the attributes, characteristics, and proper use of the U.S. commodity. A QSP project addresses a single market/commodity

combination. As a general matter, QSP projects should conform to the following guidelines:

- Projects should benefit the represented U.S. industry and not a specific company or brand;
 - Projects should develop a new market for a U.S. product, promote a new U.S. product, or promote a new use for a U.S. product, rather than promote the substitution of one established U.S. product for another;
 - Sample commodities provided under a QSP project must be in sufficient supply and available on a commercial basis;
 - The QSP project must either subject the commodity sample to further processing or substantial transformation in the importing country, or the sample must be used in technical seminars designed to demonstrate to an appropriate target audience the proper preparation or use of the sample in the creation of an end product;
 - Samples provided in a QSP project shall not be directly used as part of a retail promotion or supplied directly to consumers; and
 - Samples shall be in quantities less than a typical commercial sale and limited to the amount sufficient to achieve the project goal (e.g., not more than a full commercial mill run in the destination country).
- QSP projects shall target foreign importers and target audiences who:
- Have not previously purchased the U.S. commodity which will be shipped under the QSP;
 - Are unfamiliar with the variety, quality attribute, or end-use characteristic of the U.S. commodity which will be shipped under the QSP;
 - Have been unsuccessful in previous attempts to import, process, and market the U.S. commodity which will be shipped under the QSP (e.g., because of improper specification, blending, or formulation; or sanitary or phytosanitary (SPS) issues);
 - Are interested in testing or demonstrating the benefits of the U.S. commodity which will be shipped under the QSP; or
 - Need technical assistance in processing or using the U.S. commodity which will be shipped under the QSP.

Features of the FY 2002 Program

Under this announcement, the number of projects per participant will not be limited; however, each specific project will be limited to \$60,000 of QSP reimbursement. Projects comprised of technical preparation seminars; that is, projects that do not include further processing or substantial transformation; will remain limited to

\$10,000 of QSP reimbursement, as these projects require smaller samples. Under the QSP, participants may be reimbursed for certain costs of purchasing and transporting commodity samples. Although providing technical assistance is required for all projects, costs of providing the actual technical assistance will not be reimbursed under the QSP.

Proposal Process

In order to be considered for participation in the QSP, interested parties should submit proposals to FAS as described in this notice. QSP proposals must contain complete information about the proposed projects. Applicants should follow the application procedures contained in this notice.

Entities interested in participating in the QSP are not required to submit proposals in any specific format; however, FAS recommends that proposals contain, at a minimum, the following: (a) Organizational information, including:

- Organization's name, address, Chief Executive Officer (or designee), and Federal Tax Identification Number (TIN);

- Type of organization;
- Name, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address of the primary contact person;
- A description of the organization and its membership;
- A description of the organization's prior export promotion experience; and
- A description of the organization's experience in implementing an appropriate trade/technical assistance component;

(b) Market information, including:

- An assessment of the market;
- A long-term strategy in the market; and

- U.S. export value/volume and market share (historic and goals) for 1998–2004;

(c) Project information, including:

- A brief project title;
- Amount of funding requested;
- A brief description of the specific market development trade constraint or opportunity to be addressed by the project, performance measures for the years 2002–2004 which will be used to measure the effectiveness of the project, a benchmark performance measure for 2001, the viability of long term sales to this market, the goals of the project, and the expected benefits to the represented industry;

- A description of the activities planned to address the constraint or opportunity, including how the sample will be used in the end-use performance

trial, the attributes of the sample to be demonstrated and their end-use benefit, and details of the trade/technical servicing component (including who will provide and who will fund this component);

- A sample description (*i.e.*, commodity, quantity, quality, type, and grade), including a justification for selecting a sample with such characteristics (this justification should explain in detail why the project could not be effective with a smaller sample);

- An itemized list of all estimated costs associated with the project for which reimbursement will be sought; and

- The importer's role in the project regarding handling and processing the commodity sample;

(d) Information indicating all funding sources and amounts to be contributed by each entity that will supplement implementation of the proposed project. This may include the organization that submitted the proposal, private industry entities, host governments, foreign third parties, CCC, FAS, or other Federal agencies. Contributed resources may include cash, goods, and services.

Review Process

Proposals will be evaluated by the applicable FAS commodity division. The divisions will review each proposal against the factors described below. The purpose of this review is to identify meritorious proposals, recommend an appropriate funding level for each proposal based upon these factors, and submit the proposals and funding recommendations to the Deputy Administrator, Commodity and Marketing Programs.

FAS will use the following criteria in evaluating proposals:

- The ability of the organization to provide an experienced staff with the requisite technical and trade experience to execute the proposal;

- The extent to which the proposal is targeted to a market in which the United States is generally competitive;

- The potential for expanding commercial sales in the proposed market;

- The nature of the specific market constraint or opportunity involved and how well it is addressed by the proposal;

- The extent to which the importer's contribution in terms of handling and processing enhances the potential outcome of the project;

- The amount of reimbursement requested and the organization's willingness to contribute resources, including cash and goods and services

of the U.S. industry and foreign third parties; and

- How well the proposed technical assistance component assures that performance trials will effectively demonstrate the intended end-use benefit.

Highest priority for funding under this announcement will be given to meritorious proposals which target countries which meet either of the following criteria:

- Per capita income less than \$9,265 (the ceiling on upper middle income economies as determined by the World Bank [World Development Indicators 2001]); and population greater than 1 million. Proposals may address suitable regional groupings, for example, the islands of the Caribbean Basin; or
- U.S. market share of imports of the commodity identified in the proposal of 10 percent or less.

Agreements

Following approval of a proposal, CCC will enter into an agreement with the organization that submitted the proposal. Agreements will incorporate the details of each project as approved by FAS. Each agreement will identify terms and conditions pursuant to which CCC will reimburse certain costs of each project. Agreements will also outline the responsibilities of the participant, including, but not limited to, procurement (or arranging for procurement) of the commodity sample at a fair market price, arranging for shipment of the commodity sample within the time limit specified in the agreement (organizations should endeavor to ship commodities within 6 months of effective date of agreement), compliance with cargo preference requirements (shipment on United States flag vessels, as required), compliance with the Fly American Act requirements (shipment on United States air carriers, as required), timely and effective implementation of technical assistance, and submission of a written evaluation report within 90 days of expiration of the agreement. Evaluation reports should address all performance measures that were presented in the proposal.

Closing Date for Proposals

To be considered for participation in the QSP, interested parties should submit, via a commercial delivery service (including FedEx, DHL, etc.), proposals to: Director, Marketing Operations Staff, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 4932–S, Stop 1042, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–1042. All

proposals must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, September 16, 2002.

Dated: July 23, 2002.

A. Ellen Terpstra,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, and Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Information Collection for the Special Milk Program for Children

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Food and Nutrition Service announces its intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) to extend approval of the information collection for the Special Milk Program for Children.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received or postmarked by October 8, 2002.

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 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 and requests for copies of this information collection may be sent to Mr. Terry Hallberg, Chief, Program Analysis and Monitoring Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 640, Alexandria, Virginia 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: Mr. Terry Hallberg at (703) 305-2600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Special Milk Program.

OMB Numbers: 0584-0005.

Expiration Date: 8/31/02.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 3 of the Child Nutrition Act (CNA) of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-642, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 1772) authorizes the Special Milk Program (SMP). It provides for the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary to enable the Secretary of Agriculture, under such rules and regulations as she may deem in the public interest, to encourage the consumption of fluid milk by children in the United States in (1) nonprofit schools of high school grade and under, and (2) nonprofit nursery schools, child care centers, settlement houses, summer camps, and similar nonprofit institutions devoted to the care and training of children, which do not participate in a food service program authorized under the CNA or the National School Lunch Act.

Section 10 of the CNA requires the Secretary of Agriculture to "prescribe such regulations as she may deem necessary to carry out this Act and the National School Lunch Act. Pursuant to that provision, the Secretary has issued 7 CFR Part 215, which sets forth policies and procedures for the administration and operation of the SMP. State and local operators of the SMP are required to meet Federal reporting and accountability requirements. The vast majority of reporting relates to information regarding eligibility determinations of the children, the number of milk servings, and revenues received from milk sales. State and local operators are also required to maintain records regarding eligibility to operate the program, review results, and accounts of revenues and expenditures.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 1772.

Respondents: The respondents are State agencies, school food authorities, schools, childcare institutions, and camps.

Number of Respondents: 58 State agencies, 6,762 School food authorities/ Sponsors, 1,269 camps, and 6,695 Schools.

Total Respondents: 14,784.

Number of Responses per

Respondent: The number of responses is estimated to be 4 responses per year.

Estimated Annual Responses: (4 × 14,784) = 59,136.

Estimated Hours per Response: 3.327 Hours.

Estimated Total Annual Reporting Burden: (59,136 × 3.327) = 196,745 Hours.

Number of Recordkeepers: 14,784.
Estimated Number of Recordkeeping: 59,136.

Estimated Time per Recordkeeping: 8.995 Hours.

Estimated Total Annual Recordkeeping Burden: (59,136 × 8.995) = 531,928 Hours.

Total Request Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: 728,673 Hours.

Dated: August 5, 2002.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; National Forest Recreation Use

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to extend a previously approved information collection. The information collection is composed of two forms. The Forest Service uses these forms to estimate the amount and type of recreational use that occurs on National Forest System lands, to assess customer satisfaction and agency performance in meeting customer needs, and to evaluate the economic impact and value of recreation use of National Forest System lands. The collection also will help the Forest Service meet the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 and the National Forest Management Act of 1976. Information will be collected from people who visit National Forest System lands for recreational activities.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before October 8, 2002.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Donald B.K. English, Research Social Scientist, Forestry Sciences Laboratory, Forest Service, USDA, 320 Green St., Athens, GA 30602, or e-mail denglish@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments at the offices of Donald English, Research Work Unit SRS-4901, Forest Service, USDA, 320 Green St., Athens, GA. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead, (706) 559-4268, to facilitate entry to the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald B.K. English, Forest Service