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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to OMB for Review

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has submitted the following information collection to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for USAID, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington DC 20503. Copies of submission may be obtained by calling (202) 712-1365.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: OMB 0412-0011.

Form Number: AID 1010-2.

Title: Application for Assistance—American Schools and Hospitals Abroad.

Type of Submission: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: USAID finances grant assistance to U.S. founders or sponsors who apply for grant assistance from ASHA on behalf of their institutions overseas. ASHA is a competitive grants program. The office of ASHA is charged with judging which applicants may be eligible for consideration and receive what amounts of funding for what purposes. To aid in such determination, the office of ASHA has established guidelines as the basis for deciding upon the eligibility of the applicants and the resolution on annual grant awards. These guidelines are published in the **Federal Register**, Doc. 79-36221.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 85.

Total annual responses: 85

Total annual hours requested: 1,020 hours.

Dated: August 18, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Beginning Farmer and Rancher Land Contract Guarantee Pilot Program—Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA)

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of funding to implement the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Land Contract Guarantee Pilot Program as required by section 310 F of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (Act). This section directs the Secretary to establish a pilot program to provide guarantees of loans made by private sellers of a farm or ranch on a contract land sale basis to qualified beginning farmers or ranchers.

This notice describes the eligibility and application requirements for the pilot program and the criteria that the Farm Service Agency (FSA) will consider in evaluating requests for guarantees under the program. The notice also describes actions that FSA will take if a buyer fails to pay on the contract.

DATES: FSA will begin accepting applications on September 4, 2003. Comments on the information collection associated with this notice must be received on or before November 3, 2003, to be given full consideration.

ADDRESSES: General information and the application form may be obtained from the FSA Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov> or the USDA, FSA office listed in your local telephone directory.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Zeidler, Senior Loan Officer, or Galen VanVleet, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs Loan Making Division, STOP 0522, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0522; telephone (202) 720-5199; e-mail: kathy_zeidler@usda.gov or

galen.vanvleet@usda.gov. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA Target Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12372

This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.

Environmental Review

The environmental impacts of this notice have been considered in accordance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*, the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and the FSA regulations for compliance with NEPA, 7 CFR parts 799, and 1940, subpart G. FSA has completed an environmental evaluation and concluded that the notice requires no further environmental review. No extraordinary circumstances or other unforeseeable factors exist which would require preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement. A copy of the environmental evaluation is available for inspection and review upon request.

Paperwork Reduction Act

A request for emergency clearance of the information collections associated with this notice was submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) per 5 CFR 1320.13(a)(2)(iii). The Agency's information collection requirements, currently approved under OMB control numbers 0560-0154, 0560-0155, 0560-0166, 0560-0178, and 0575-0147, are not affected by this notice.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FSA will provide a regular submission of the information collection package to OMB at the end of the comment period announced in this notice:

Title: Beginning Farmer and Rancher Land Contract Guarantee Pilot Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-NEW.

Type of Request: New Information Collection.

Abstract: The collection of the information required by this notice is necessary to certify that applicants for