

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lon Burke, Risk Management Education Division, USDA/RMA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0808, Washington, DC 20250-0808, telephone (202) 720-5265. Comments may also be submitted electronically to: *RMA.Risk-Ed@rma.usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Risk Management and Crop Insurance Education; Request for Applications.

OMB Number: 0563-0067.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Federal Crop Insurance Act directs the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. Corporation operating through RMA, to (a) establish crop insurance education and information programs in States that have been historically underserved by the Federal crop insurance program [7 U.S.C. 1524(a)(2)]; and (b) provide agricultural producers with training opportunities in risk management, with a priority given to producers of specialty crops and underserved commodities [7 U.S.C. 1522(d)(3)(F)]. With this submission, RMA seeks to obtain OMB's approval for an information collection project that will assist RMA in operating and evaluating these programs. The information collection project is a Request for Applications. The primary objective of the information collection projects is to enable RMA to better evaluate the performance capacity and plans of organizations that are applying for funds for cooperative and partnership agreements for risk management education programs and crop insurance education programs.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average: 15 hours, 45 minutes per response for the Commodity Partnerships Program and Targeted States Program for agribusiness professionals, and 4 hours, 45 minutes per response for the Commodity Partnerships Small Sessions Program for a total of 2,255 hours.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Agribusiness professionals.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 220 respondents.

Estimated annual number of responses: 220 responses or 1 per respondent.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 523 hours.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the

agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection technologies, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments may be sent to Lon Burke, Risk Management Education Division, USDA/RMA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Stop 0808, Washington, DC 20250-0808. All comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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

Signed in Washington, DC, on June 2, 2005.

R.J. Davidson, Jr.,

Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Risk Management Agency

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Risk Management Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C Chapter 35) this notice announces the Risk Management Agency's intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection for Request for Applications for Research Partnerships.

DATES: Comments on this notice will be accepted until close of business, August 8, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Virginia Guzman, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Research and Evaluation Division, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, 6501 Beacon Drive, Mail Stop 813, Kansas City, MO 64133, telephone (816) 926-6343. Comments may also be submitted electronically to: *RMARED_PRA@rm.fcic.usda.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Research and Development, Request for Applications.

OMB Number: 0563-0065.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Risk Management Agency intends to seek information in order to fulfill its mission to fund the development of non-insurance risk management tools that will be utilized by agricultural producers to assist them in mitigating the risks inherent in agricultural production and to improve the economic stability of agriculture through the maintenance and development of risk management tools. The Risk Management Agency (RMA), on behalf of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), is committed to meeting the risk management needs and improving or developing risk management tools for the nation's farmers and ranchers. The Risk Management Agency proposes to publish Requests for Applications (RFA) to announce the availability of funds and solicit proposals requesting funding for the development of risk management tools. The information collections will be limited to the request for applications and status reports. Information collections are necessary to evaluate proposals and award funds based on a competitive process and to obtain the information necessary for the development of partnership agreements and to obtain information on the status of research agreements and projects.

Estimate of Burden: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2,400 minutes per response for a total burden of 6,000 hours.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Applications for funding are invited from qualified public and private entities. Eligible applicants include colleges and universities, Federal, State, and local agencies, Native American tribal organizations, non-profit and for-profit private organizations or corporations, and other entities. Individuals are not eligible applicants.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 150.

Estimated annual number of responses: 150.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 6,000.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection information; (3)

ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through use, as appropriate, of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection technologies, *e.g.* permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments may be sent to Virginia Guzman, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Research and Evaluation Division, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Risk Management Agency, 6501 Beacon Drive, Mail Stop 813, Kansas City, MO 64133. All comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

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

Signed in Washington, DC, on June 2, 2005.

R.J. Davidson, Jr.,
Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 8, 2005 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, Specialty Lenders Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 3225, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-3225, Telephone (202) 720-1400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program.

OMB Number: 0570-0035.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: Under this program, loans and grants are provided to electric and telecommunications utilities that have borrowed funds from RUS. The purpose of the program is to encourage these electric and telecommunications utilities to promote rural economic development and job creation projects such as business start-up costs, business expansion, community development, and business incubator projects. The utilities must use program loan funds to make a pass-through loan to an ultimate recipient such as a business. The utility is responsible for fully repaying its loan to the government even if the ultimate recipient does not repay its loan. The intermediary must use program grant funds, along with its required contribution, to create a revolving loan fund that the utility will operate and administer. Loans to the ultimate recipient are made from the revolving loan fund for a variety of community development projects.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response.

Respondents: Rural Utilities Service Electric and Telecommunications Borrowers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 120.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 12.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,440.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,143.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0043.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of USDA, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of USDA'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 Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and

Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 27, 2005.

Peter J. Thomas,
Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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ANTITRUST MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing

AGENCY: Antitrust Modernization Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Antitrust Modernization Commission will hold a public hearing on June 27, 2005. The topic of the hearing is indirect purchaser litigation.

DATES: June 27, 2005, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Interested members of the public may attend. Registration is not required.

ADDRESSES: Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 432, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew J. Heimert, Executive Director & General Counsel, Antitrust Modernization Commission: telephone: (202) 233-0701; e-mail: info@amc.gov. Mr. Heimert is also the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Antitrust Modernization Commission.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this hearing is for the Antitrust Modernization Commission to take testimony and receive evidence regarding indirect purchaser litigation. The hearing will consist of two panels. The first panel will run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and the second panel will run from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Materials relating to the meeting, including a list of witnesses and the prepared statements of the witnesses, will be made available on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.amc.gov>) in advance of the hearing.

Interested members of the public may submit written testimony on the subject of the hearing in the form of comments, pursuant to the Commission's request for comments. See 70 Fed. Reg. 28,902 (May 19, 2005). Members of the public will not be provided with an