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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 collections 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 sent via email to David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov or fax to 202-395-7285. Copies of submission may be obtained by calling (202) 712-1365.

Supplementary Information:

OMB Number: OMB 0412-NEW.

Form Number: N/A.

Title: Minority Serving Institution Database.

Type of Submission: New Information Collection.

Purpose: The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) requests comment on its proposal to expand its existing automated Extranet database to include voluntary registration of U.S. Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs). The existing application, the Small Business Resource Database (SBRD) was placed into production at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2004. Small and Disadvantaged Business interested in pursuing contracts with USAID may register with the Agency on a voluntary basis. These data are then made available via a secure Extranet conduit to Agency Program, Technical and Contact Officers worldwide. The Agency experienced a significant improvement in the amount of contracting with these entities in Fiscal Year 2004, versus USAID's performance in 2003, and in comparison to the

averages for the Executive Branch of the Federal government. The Agency's performance in this regard is published at the following URL: <http://www.sba.gov/GC/goals/Goaling-Report-08-21-2005.pdf>.

USAID proposes to capture the voluntary registration of Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), who may be interested in pursuing grants with USAID in furtherance of the Agency's international development initiatives. The existing SBRD application, and the Extranet conduit for disseminating these data within USAID would be utilized for this purpose. This action would further the grant-making process and potentially benefit several of the three hundred and fifty-one U.S. MSIs. Additional information regarding the SBRD, which is presently in production, without the proposed expanded registration capability, may be reviewed at the following URL: http://www.usaid.gov/business/small_business/vendorsdb.html.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 351.

Total annual responses: 351.

Total annual hours requested: 87.75 hours.

Dated: January 11, 2006.

Joanne Paskar,

Chief, Information and Records Division,
Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for Management.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the U.S. Agency for International Development: Comments Requested

Summary: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed or continuing collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have

practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dates: Submit comments on or before March 20, 2006.

For Further Information Contact:

Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07-106, RRB, Washington, DC 20523, (202) 712-1365 or via e-mail bjohnson@usaid.gov.

Supplementary Information:

OMB No.: OMB 412-NEW.

Form No.: N/A.

Title: Mentor-Protégé Program Application.

Type of Review: New Information Collection.

Purpose: The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) requests comment on its Mentor-Protégé Program Application. The form will be used to apply for participation in the USAID Mentor-Protégé Program. Firms interested in becoming a mentor firm must apply in writing to the USAID/OSDBU. The application shall be evaluated by the nature and extent of technical and managerial support proposed as well as the extent of financial assistance in the form of equity investment, loans, joint-venture support, and traditional subcontracting support proposed.

The Mentor-Protégé agreement contains:

(1) Name, address, phone, and E-mail of mentor and protégé firm(s) and a point of contact within both firms who will oversee the agreement;

(2) Procedures for the mentor's voluntary withdrawal from the program including notification of the protégé firm and the USAID OSDBU.

Withdrawal notification must be in writing, at least 30 days in advance of the mentor's intent to withdraw.

(3) Procedures for a protégé's voluntary withdrawal from the program. The protégé shall notify the mentor firm in writing at least 30 days in advance of the protégé firm's intent to voluntarily terminate the Mentor-Protégé agreement. The mentor shall notify

OSDBU and the contracting officer immediately upon receipt of notice from the protégé;

(4) A description of the type of developmental program that will be provided by the mentor firm to the protégé firm, to include a description of the subcontract work, a schedule for providing assistance, and criteria for evaluation of the protégé's developmental success;

(5) A listing of the number and types of subcontracts to be awarded to the protégé firm;

(6) Program participation term;

(7) Termination procedures;

(8) Plan for accomplishing work should the agreement be terminated; and

(9) Other terms and conditions, as appropriate.

Review of Agreement

(1) OSDBU will review the information to ensure the mentor and protégé are both eligible and the information that is required in this Mentor-Protégé Program Guide is included. OSDBU may consult with the Contracting Officer on the adequacy of the proposed mentor-protégé arrangement, and its review will be completed no later than 30 calendar days after receipt by OSDBU.

(2) Upon completion of the review, the mentor may implement the developmental assistance program.

(3) The agreement defines the relationship between the mentor and protégé firms only. The agreement itself does not create any privity of contract between the mentor or protégé and the USAID.

(a) An approved agreement will be incorporated into the mentor or protégé firm's contract with the USAID. It should be added to the subcontracting plan of the contract.

(b) If the application is disapproved, the mentor may provide additional information for reconsideration. OSDBU will complete review of any supplemental material no later than 30 days after receipt. Upon finding deficiencies the USAID considers correctable, OSDBU will notify the mentor and request information regarding correction of deficiencies to be provided within 30 days.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Total annual responses: 20.

Total annual hours requested: 5.

Dated: January 10, 2006.

Joanne Paskar,

Chief, Information and Records Division,
Office of Administrative Services, Bureau for
Management.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development, One Hundred and Forty-Sixth Meeting; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the one hundred and forty-sixth meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on February 2, 2006 in the ground floor meeting room of the National Association of State Universities & Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC), at 1307 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

The BIFAD will hear USAID's briefings on the status and future of USAID's Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade and on the Bureau for Africa's regional strategic framework; discussions on possible topics for policy papers to be commissioned by BIFAD; the status of portfolio of the Collaborative Research Support Programs (CRSPs), and other items of current interest.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact John Rifembark, the Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Write him in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Office of Agriculture, Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 2.11-085, Washington, DC 20523-2110 or telephone him at (202) 712-0163 or fax (202) 216-3010.

John T. Rifembark,

USAID Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD,
Office of Agriculture, Bureau for Economic
Growth, Agriculture & Trade, U.S. Agency
for International Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 04-105-2]

Melaleuca; Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact have been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to the issuance of a permit for the environmental release of the nonindigenous fly *Fergusonina turneri* Taylor and its obligate nematode *Fergusonia quinqueriviae* Davies and Giblin-Davis, which are potential biological control agents of *Melaleuca quinqueriviae*. The environmental assessment documents our review and analysis of environmental impacts associated with, and alternatives to, issuing a permit for the environmental release of the fly and its obligate nematode in the continental United States. Based on its finding of no significant impact, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact are available for public inspection in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

The environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact are also available on the Regulations.gov Web site. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, click on the "Advanced Search" tab, and select "Docket Search." In the Docket ID field, enter APHIS-2005-0120 then click on "Submit" to view the documents.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. L. Joseph Vorgetts, Permits Evaluation Specialist, Plant Health Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 133, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-5405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Australian broad-leaved paperbark tree, *Melaleuca quinqueriviae*, commonly called melaleuca, has become a successful invasive weed in southern Florida because of its ability to produce large quantities of seed. Individual trees bear up to 100 million seeds. Massive, simultaneous seed release occurs after fire or when some other event causes drying of the seed capsules, but a steady seed rain occurs even without such an event. Densities of seedlings may be as