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MILITARY COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

Solicitation of Written Comments by the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission

AGENCY: Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission.

ACTION: Notice seeking comments.

SUMMARY: The Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (MCRMC) was established by the National Defense Authorization Act FY 2013. Pursuant to the Act, the Commission is seeking written comments from the general public and interested parties on measures to modernize the military compensation and retirement systems.

DATES: Submit comments by November 1, 2013. Pursuant to the Act, the Secretary of Defense will transmit recommendations on the modernization of the military compensation and retirement systems to the Commission. After the Commission has received the Secretary's recommendations it will reopen the period for public comment by notice in the **Federal Register** and on the internet Web site of the Commission. www.mcrmc.gov.

ADDRESSES: Electronic responses are preferred and may be addressed to www.mcrmc.gov. Written responses should be addressed to Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, P.O. Box 13170, Arlington VA 22209. Email responses may be addressed to response@mcrmc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Nuneviller, Associate Director, Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, P.O. Box 13170, Arlington, VA 22209, telephone 703-697-2080, fax 703-697-8330, email christopher.nuneviller@mcrmc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (MCRMC) was established by the National Defense Authorization Act FY 2013, Public Law 112-239, 126 Stat. 1787 (2013). Pursuant to the Act, the Secretary of Defense will transmit recommendations on the modernization of the military compensation and retirement systems to the Commission and Congress. The Commission is required to seek written comment from the general public and interested parties, to hold public hearings on the recommendations of the Secretary and to transmit to the President a report containing the findings and conclusions of the Commission together with legislative language to implement its recommendations by May 1, 2014.

Under the Act, the Commission will make its recommendations only after it examines all laws, policies and practices of the Federal Government that result in any direct payment of authorized or appropriated funds to current and former members (veteran and retired) of the uniformed services, including the reserve components of those services, as well as the spouses, family members, children, survivors, and other persons authorized to receive such payments as a result of their connection to the members of these uniformed services. See § 671(b)(1)(A).

The Commission will also examine all laws, policies, and practices of the Federal Government that result in any expenditure of authorized or appropriated funds to support the persons named in § 671(b)(1)(A) and their quality of life, including:

- Health, disability, survivor, education, and dependent support programs of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, including outlays from the various Federal trust funds supporting those programs;

- Department of Education impact aid;
- Support or funding provided to States, territories, colleges and universities;
- Department of Defense morale, recreation, and welfare programs, the resale programs (military exchanges and commissaries), and dependent school systems;
- The tax treatment of military compensation and benefits; and military family housing. See, § 671 (b)(1)(B).

In addition, the Act allows the Commission to examine such other matters as it considers appropriate. See, § 671 (b)(1)(C).

To begin its task the Commission will take comments from the public on measures to modernize the military compensation and retirement systems. After the Commission receives the recommendations of the Secretary of Defense, it will take further comment from the public and hold hearings on the recommendations of the Secretary.

It is the policy of the MCRMC to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make them available on its Web site including any personal information provided unless comments include information claimed and identified as confidential business information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

Christopher Nuneviller,
Associate Director, Administration and Operations.

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MORRIS K. UDALL AND STEWART L. UDALL FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, October 10, 2013.

PLACE: The offices of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation, 130 South Scott Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701.

STATUS: This meeting of the Board of Trustees will be open to the public, unless it is necessary for the Board to consider items in executive session.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: (1) Minutes of the June 10-11, 2013, Board of Trustees Meeting and resolution conferring upon David J. Hayes the position of Trustee Emeritus of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation; (2) Appropriations Update; (3) Financial and Management Report and resolution to ratify the Executive Committee vote approving the new Udall Foundation Senior Management structure; (4) Ethics Training Update and General Counsel's Report; (5) U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution Report; (6) Education Programs Report and resolution to elect G. Stephen Mason to the Board of

Directors of Parks in Focus Fund, Inc.; (7) Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, Native Nations Institute, and Udall Archives Report & Work Plan and resolutions regarding allocation and transfer of funds; and (8) personnel matters.

PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: All agenda items except as noted below.

PORTIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

Executive session to review personnel matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Philip J. Lemanski, Executive Director, 130 South Scott Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85701, (520) 901-8500.

Dated: September 23, 2013.

Elizabeth E. Monroe,

Executive Assistant, Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation, and Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 25, 2013.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (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 to be collected; (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 should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, 725-17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these

information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Utility Service

Title: Servicing of Water Programs Loans and Grants.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0137.

Summary of Collection: Authority for servicing of Water Programs Loan and Grants is contained in Section 306e of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended. The information collected covers loan and grant servicing regulations, 7 CFR part 1782, which prescribes policies and responsibilities for servicing actions necessary in connection with Water and Environmental Programs (WEP) loans and grants. WEP provides loans, guaranteed loans and grants for water, sewer, storm water, and solid waste disposal facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 10,000 people.

Need and Use of the Information: The Rural Utilities Service will collect information using various forms. The collected information for the most part is financial in nature and needed by the Agency to determine if borrowers, based on their individual situations, qualify for the various servicing authorities. Servicing actions become necessary due to the development of financial or other problems and may be initiated by either a recipient which recognizes that a problem exists and wished to resolve it, or by the Agency. If a problem exists, a recipient must furnish financial information which is used to aid in resolving the problem through re-amortization, sale, transfer, debt restructuring, liquidation, or other means provided in the regulations.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; non-profit institutions; State and local governments.

Number of Respondents: 493.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 651.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: Broadband Initiatives Program—Rural Libraries, Technical Assistance and Satellite Grants.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0145.

Summary of Collection: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated \$2.5 billion of budget authority for establishing the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP), 2 CFR part 176, which may extend loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announced the application window for funding Rural Libraries, Technical Assistance and Satellite grants under the Broadband Initiatives Program on May 7, 2010. Applications for the three funding opportunities were reviewed and awards were made for Satellite and Technical Assistance funding. No awards were made for the Rural Libraries funding opportunity.

Need and Use of the Information: Collection of information is being extended to retain compliance with the Recovery Act. Information collected includes the burden associated with post-application requirements as well as other associated reporting requirements. The Recovery Act directs RUS to monitor recipients' progress through periodic reports, including through a quarterly reporting requirement.

Recipients of grants will need to submit a detailed list of all projects or activities for which Recovery Act funds were expended or obligated, including (a) the name of the project or activity; (b) a description of the project or activity; (c) an evaluation of the completion status of the project or activity; (d) an estimate of the number of jobs created and the number of jobs retained by the project or activity; and (e) for infrastructure investments made by State and local governments, the purpose, total cost, and rationale of the agency for funding the infrastructure investment with Recovery Act funds. In addition, detailed information on any subcontracts or sub-grants awarded by the recipient are to include the data elements required to comply with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 22.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping: Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly.