

- Fax: Send comments by facsimile transmission to (202) 690-2755.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: Deliver comments to: Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1647-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.

Instructions: All comments should make reference to the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Background Documents: Information collection package and other documents relating to this action will be available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours.

Read Comments: All comments will be available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the collection and use of this information, contact Martin Begley at telephone (202) 720-0277, or via e-mail martin.a.begley@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is responsible for inspecting plants and plant products offered for export, and certifying their freedom from plant pests in accordance with the phytosanitary requirements of foreign countries. To help shippers and other interested parties obtain phytosanitary inspection services at export port locations, GIPSA and APHIS entered into an agreement under which official inspection personnel transmit grain inspection information to APHIS. The agreement, procedures, and requirements are outlined in FGIS Directive 9180.35, dated May 1, 1997, <http://151.121.3.117/reference-library/directives/9180-35.pdf>.

To facilitate the issuance of phytosanitary certificates for export grain loaded into trucks, railcars, and containers at interior locations, APHIS and GIPSA expanded the existing agreement to permit official agencies, authorized by GIPSA to perform USDA recognized grain inspection services, to transmit grain inspection information to APHIS for phytosanitary certification purposes. The agreement is outlined in FGIS Directive 9180.34, dated May 24, 2005, which is available at: <http://151.121.3.117/reference-library/directives/9180-34.pdf>. Under the new agreement, FGIS Form 921-2 would be used by designated official agencies to transmit grain inspection information to APHIS for export grain loaded at interior shipping points.

Title: Inspection Report—Insects in Grain.

OMB Number: 0580—New.

Expiration Date of Approval: New.
Type of Request: New information collection.

Abstract: The United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*) and the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*) provide that USDA inspect, certify and identify the class, quality, quantity and condition of grain and other agricultural products shipped or received in interstate and foreign commerce.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response.

Respondents: Official grain inspection agencies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 35.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 62.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 180 hours.

Upon OMB approval, this package will be merged into package 0580-0013.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the information collection 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 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 forms of information technology. 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.

James E. Link,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 14, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michele Brooks, Deputy Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Room 5159 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-1078. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RUS is submitting to OMB for revision.

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 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 Michele Brooks, Deputy Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. Fax: (202) 720-4120.

Title: RUS Form 479, "Financial and Statistical Report for

Telecommunications Borrowers."

OMB Control Number: 0572-0031.

Type of Request: Revision of an existing information collection package.

Abstract: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). It makes mortgage loans and loan guarantees to finance electric, broadband, telecommunications and

water and waste facilities in rural areas. In addition to providing loans and loan guarantees, one of RUS' main objectives is to safeguard loan security until the loan is repaid.

This collection of information previously covered RUS Form 479, "Financial and Statistical Report for Telecommunications Borrowers." The data collected on the Form 479 is known as Operating Report data. The agency has developed the USDA Data Collection System which is an electronic system for collecting Operating Report Data for Electric, Telecommunications, and Broadband borrowers. As the agency is moving from a form-based collection to an electronic system for data collection, the name of this information collection will be revised to Operating Reports for Telecommunications and Broadband Borrowers. The purposes for collecting the data remain unchanged, which is to provide RUS with vital financial information needed to ensure the maintenance of the security for the Government's loans; and statistical data which enables RUS to ensure the provision of quality telecommunications and broadband service as mandated by the Rural Electrification Act (RE Act) of 1936. The primary purpose of the RUS Form 479 was to provide RUS with financial information to ensure loan security consistent with due diligence. Secondary to this purpose was the use of the form for a variety of financial and statistical based studies performed throughout the year. These functions are essential to protect loan security and to achieve objectives of the RE Act. New to this collection is the requirement for Broadband Borrowers to submit Operating Report Data. Both the Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers and the Operating Report for Broadband Borrowers are required by the loan contract and provide RUS with vital financial information needed to ensure the maintenance of the security for the Government's loans and service data which enables RUS to ensure the provision of quality telecommunications and broadband service as mandated by the RE Act of 1936.

Also added to this collection is the use of a new RUS Form 674, "Certificate of Authority to Submit or Grant Access to Data." This form has been developed for use in collecting information that will allow RUS Electric, Telecommunications, and Broadband program borrowers to file electronic Operating Reports with the agency using the new USDA Data Collection System. RUS Form 674, accompanied by a Board Resolution, will identify the name and

USDA eAuthentication ID for a certifier and security administrator that will have access to the USDA Data Collection System for purposes of filing electronic Operating Reports.

Estimate of Burden: This collection of information is estimated to average 1.72 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,290.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.64.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 3,643.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Michele Brooks, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 690-1078. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

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: January 5, 2006.

James M. Andrew,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List product and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Comments Must Be Received on or Before: February 12, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

For Further Information or to Submit Comments Contact: Sheryl D. Kennerly, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail SKennerly@jwod.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in the notice for each product or service will be required to procure the product and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the product and services to the Government.

2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the product and services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the product and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

End of Certification

The following product and services are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Product

Product/NSN: Battery Nonrechargeable.

NSN: 6135-01-521-0378—AAA Lithium.

NPA: Eastern Carolina Vocational Center, Inc., Greenville, NC.

Contracting Activity: Defense Supply Center Richmond, Richmond, VA.

Services

Service Type/Location: Janitorial/Custodial, Grand Prairie Reserve Center Complex, Bldgs. 301, 348, 355, 8001, and 8003, 310 Army Drive, Grand Prairie, TX.

NPA: Goodwill Industries of Fort Worth, Inc., Fort Worth, TX.

Contracting Activity: 90th Regional Readiness Command, North Little Rock, AR.

Service Type/Location: Janitorial/Custodial, Social Security Administration, 4020 Durand Avenue, Racine, WI.