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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 e-mail 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 0412-0012.

Form Number: 282.

Title: Supplier's Certificate Agreement with the U.S. Agency for International Development Invoice-and-Contract Abstract.

Type of Submission: Renewal of information collection.

Purpose: The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) finances goods and related services under its Commodity Import Program which are contracted for by public and private entities in the countries receiving the USAID Assistance. Since USAID is not a party to these contracts, USAID needs some means to collect information directly from the suppliers of the goods and related services and to enable USAID to take an appropriate action against them in the event they do not comply with the applicable regulations. USAID does this by securing from the suppliers, as a condition for the disbursement of funds a certificate and agreement with USAID which contains appropriate representations by the suppliers.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 800.

Total annual responses: 2,400.

Total annual hours requested: 1,200 hours (½hour per response).

Dated: June 1, 2004.

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Office of Administrative Services, Bureau of
Management.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Sheep Industry Improvement Center; Inviting Grant Proposals for the Sheep and Goat Industry Grant Initiative

AGENCY: National Sheep Industry Improvement Center, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Sheep Industry Improvement Center (NSIIC) announces the availability of approximately \$300,000 in competitive grants for product or business development, producer information or education, marketing and promotion for sheep or goats or their products, genetic retention, and animal health. Eligible applicants, including many business structures but excluding individuals (see section III), may apply for up to \$50,000 in Federal Funds per proposal. The intent is to fund a variety of proposals that will benefit the U.S. sheep and goat industries.

DATES: Applications shall be considered as meeting the announced deadline if they are received on or before 5 p.m. e.s.t., October 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submissions should be sent to: USDA—National Sheep Industry Improvement Center, P.O. Box 23483, Washington, DC 20026, if you are using the U.S. Postal Service or USDA—National Sheep Industry Improvement Center, South Building, Room 2117, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250, if using any other courier or delivery service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jay B. Wilson, Executive Director/CEO, P.O. Box 23483, Washington, DC 20026, if you are using the U.S. Postal Service or USDA—National Sheep Industry Improvement Center, South Building, Room 2117, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250, if using

any other courier or delivery service. 202-690-0632 or 207-236-6567.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Overview

Agency: National Sheep Industry Improvement Center.

Title: Sheep and Goat Industry Grant Initiative.

Type: Initial announcement for funding availability.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: 10.774.

Dates: Applications must be received by October 15, 2004, for projects that will be completed on or before September 30, 2006.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

The National Sheep Industry Improvement Center (NSIIC) is authorized under 7 U.S.C. 2008j. NSIIC is a fund established in the Treasury, without fiscal year limitation, to provide seed-money for a revolving fund that will provide financial assistance through a variety of mechanisms for the enhancement and marketing of sheep or goat products in the United States with an emphasis on infrastructure development. The NSIIC is a unique pilot program with the management vested in a Board of Directors that is appointed by, and reports to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Board of Directors consists of 7 voting members chosen from the sheep and goat industries. The respective Under Secretaries for Rural Development (RD) and Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) also serve as non-voting members of the Board of Directors. The mission of the NSIIC is "To assist the U.S. Sheep and Goat Industries by strengthening and enhancing the production and marketing of sheep, goats, and their products in the United States." The NSIIC Board of Directors has made low interest loans available through an intermediary arrangement with the National Livestock Producers Association since 2000 and has conducted the National Sheep Industry Grant Initiative in each of the past fiscal years since Fiscal Year (FY) 2002. The Board is making this grant initiative of up to \$300,000 available for FY 2005.

Projects that are submitted in the proposals should be completed in a timely fashion as provided in the proposal, with a final completion date