

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Community Facilities Grant Program.

OMB Number: 0575-0173.

Expiration Date of Approval:

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

Abstract: Community Programs, a division of the Rural Housing Service (RHS), is part of the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development mission area. The Agency is authorized by Section 306(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926), as amended, to make grants to public agencies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes to develop essential community facilities and services for public use in rural areas. These facilities include schools, libraries, child care, hospitals, clinics, assisted-living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings, and transportation. Through its Community Programs, the Department of Agriculture is striving to ensure that such facilities are readily available to all rural communities.

Information will be collected by the field offices from applicants, consultants, lenders, and public entities. The collection of information is considered the minimum necessary to effectively evaluate the overall scope of the project.

Failure to collect information could have an adverse impact on effectively carrying out the mission, administration, processing, and program requirements.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.02 hours per response.

Respondents: Public bodies, nonprofit corporations and associations, and federally recognized Indian tribes.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 895.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.17.

Estimated Number of Responses: 2,844.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5,759 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0035. 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 Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, 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: April 4, 2007.

Russell T. Davis,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletion

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

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletion from procurement list.

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

Comments Must be Received on or Before: May 13, 2007.

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

For Further Information or to Submit Comments Contact: Kimberly M. Zeich, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail CMTEFedReg@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.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice for each service will be required to procure the 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 products and services to the Government.

2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products 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 products 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 services are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Services

Service Type/Location: Catering Service, Seattle Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS), 4735 E. Marginal Way South, Seattle, WA.

NPA: Northwest Center, Seattle, WA.

Contracting Activity: ARMY-KNOX, U.S. Army Armor Center and Ft. Knox, Fort Knox, KY.

Service Type/Location: Custodial Services, Juneau SSC, 9341 Glacier Highway, Juneau, AK.

NPA: REACH, Inc., Juneau, AK.

Contracting Activity: Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration-ALASKA, Anchorage, AK.

Service Type/Location: Custodial Services, USDA, Farm Service Agency (Delaware County Office), 557 Sunbury Road, Suite C, Delaware, OH.

NPA: Alpha Group of Delaware, Inc., Delaware, OH.

Contracting Activity: USDA Farm Service Agency Acquisition Management Division, Kansas City, MO.

Deletion*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 may result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.
2. If approved, the action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products 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 products proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

The following product is proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Product**Inkjet Cartridge**

NSN: 7510-01-544-0834—Use in Canon printers BJC-30/50/55/70/80/85/85W.

NPA: Alabama Industries for the Blind, Talladega, AL.

Contracting Activity: Office Supplies & Paper Products Acquisition Ctr, New York, NY.

Kimberly M. Zeich,

Director, Program Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Economics and Statistics Administration****Innovation Measurement**

AGENCY: Economics and Statistics Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is seeking public comment on issues related to the measurement of innovation. This request supports efforts of the Measuring Innovation in the 21st Century Economy Advisory Committee to collect seek advice from the public as it prepares recommendations for the Secretary of Commerce on new or improved measures of business innovation.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be submitted on or before May 11, 2007. Please note that all comments will be made public and published on the

Committee's Web site at:
www.innovationmetrics.gov.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

E-mail: innovationmetrics@doc.gov.

Fax: (202) 482-2889 (Attn.: Elizabeth "E.R." Anderson).

Mail or Hand Delivery/Courier: Elizabeth "E.R." Anderson, Room 4836 U.S. Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Because we continue to experience delays in receiving mail, respondents are encouraged to submit comments by mail early, or to transmit them electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on the submission of comments, contact Elizabeth "E.R." Anderson.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The charter establishing the Measuring Innovation in the 21st Century Advisory Committee (the Committee) calls for the Committee to make recommendations to the Secretary of Commerce on ways that will permit better measurement of innovation and its impact on the U.S. economy.

The Committee is charged with developing innovation metrics that inform policy decisions and enable policymakers and the business community to better monitor innovation. Among other things, the Committee's work should build on the way firms assess the effectiveness of their own innovative activities. The recommendations should not only focus on measuring innovation activities and inputs, but should also focus on the results and output of innovation. Furthermore, the recommendations should allow for analysis at industry, sector, national, and international levels.

The type of innovation for which measurement improvement is sought is defined as:

The design, invention, development and/or implementation of new or altered products, services, processes, systems, organizational structures, or business models for the purpose of creating new value for customers and financial returns for the firm."

The recommendations will cover the following four major categories identified by the participants during the initial meeting of the Advisory Committee:

1. Improvement of the underlying architecture of the U.S. System of National Accounts to facilitate development of improved and more granular measures of innovation and productivity;

2. Identification of appropriate economy-wide and sector-specific statistical series or other indicators that could be used to quantify innovation and/or its impacts;

3. Identification of firm-specific data items that could enable comparisons and aggregation; and

4. Identification of specific "holes" in the current data collection system that limit our ability to measure innovation.

Comments are solicited to address new and/or improved innovation measures in each of the above categories. Following are some specific issues and suggestions raised by Advisory Committee members, grouped according to the measurement categories listed above, on which the Committee specifically invites comment. Comments need not be limited to these issues and suggestions, but should address the specific data categories.

1. *Improvement of the underlying architecture of the U.S. System of National Accounts to facilitate development of improved and more granular measures of innovation and productivity.* Our national accounts are the main source of information about the growth of our national output, usually measured by the gross domestic product or GDP. Total Factor Productivity (TFP) which measures growth of output per unit of input for the economy as a whole and for individual industries is not included in the national accounts. Is the concept of TFP sufficiently related to innovation to warrant the inclusion of economy-wide and industry level TFP in the system of national accounts? If so, what is the most effective way to incorporate the concept into the national accounts? Are there ways to disaggregate the innovation component of TFP to differentiate innovation from other productivity drivers?

2. *Identification of appropriate economy-wide and sector-specific indicators that could be used to quantify innovation and/or its impacts.* Are there measures that accommodate economy-wide (or macro-economic) and sector-specific notions of innovation? What elements of innovation could serve as a foundation for statistical series? To what extent would the collection of better data on service sector outputs and services inputs used by all firms improve innovation measurement? Is market share growth a good indicator of innovation? If so, would estimates in the change in U.S. firms' shares of regional, national, and global markets be useful innovation measures? Could/should collaborative connections between entities be captured? Since a characteristic of markets is that the