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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

May 8, 2012.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to 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 (OMB), 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) 720-8958.

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.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: Health Certificate for the Export of Live Crustaceans, Finfish, Mollusks, and Related Products.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0278.

Summary Of Collection: The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, or eradicate pests or diseases of livestock or poultry. The AHPA is contained in Title X, Subtitle E, Sections 10401-18 of Public Law 107-171, May 13, 2002, the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) maintains information regarding the import health requirements of other countries for animals and animal products exported from the United States.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS requires U.S. exporters to complete an export health certificate before exporting any live crustaceans and their gametes, live finfish, and their gametes, or live mollusks and their gametes, if requested by the importing country. The certificate will be completed by an accredited veterinarian with assistance from the producer, and must be signed by the accredited veterinarian and endorsed by APHIS as the competent Federal authority who certifies the health status of the shipment being exported. The health certificate identifies the names of the species being exported from the U.S., their age and weights, and whether they are cultured stock or wild stock; their place of origin, their country of destination and the date and method of transport. If this information were not collected, or collected less frequently, export trade would decrease. These certificates allow APHIS to address the increasing health attestations of importing countries with minimal burden to the public.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 69.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 1,020.

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*Departmental Information Collection
Clearance Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—An Assessment of the Roles and Effectiveness of Community-Based Organizations in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection. This is a new collection for the Food and Nutrition Service to describe the roles of community-based organizations (CBOs) in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and to assess if, and how, the use of CBOs to conduct SNAP applicant interviews has impacted SNAP program outcomes such as timeliness, payment error rates, access, and client satisfaction.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received on or before July 13, 2012.

ADDRESSES: 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 burden estimate for the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (c) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, and (d) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected.

Written comments may be sent to: Steven Carlson, Office of Research and Analysis, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Steven Carlson at (703) 305-2576 or via email to

Steve.Carlson@fns.usda.gov. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Steven Carlson at 703-305-2017. Information requests submitted through email should refer to the title of this proposal.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: An Assessment of the Roles and Effectiveness of Community-based Organizations in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

OMB Number: 0584-NEW.

Form Number: Not Applicable.

Expiration Date: Not yet determined.

Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: To provide more timely and efficient services to the growing number of applicants to SNAP, State and local SNAP offices are partnering with CBOs that have the capacity to provide application assistance and conduct applicant interviews for SNAP. FNS has approved these partnerships as part of a demonstration of "Community Partner Interviewer Projects." Although these projects have existed for several years, they have never been fully evaluated. To assess the impact of these SNAP-CBO partnerships on SNAP program outcomes, FNS is seeking to collect data from the five States that are participating in the demonstration.

The overarching goal of this study is to determine whether the use of CBOs to conduct SNAP applicant interviews has an impact on SNAP program performance, and if so, what the nature of that impact is. Specific program outcomes of interest include efficiency, payment accuracy and client

satisfaction. Additionally, FNS is interested in gathering information about variations among the partnering CBOs in terms of who they serve, what services they offer, how they provide SNAP related services, and the nature of their partnerships with local SNAP offices. To address these questions, FNS has specified the following objectives:

1. Describe the CBOs conducting SNAP interviews and the nature of their partnerships with State and local SNAP agencies.

2. Describe the response of State SNAP staff to the involvement of CBOs in conducting applicant interviews.

3. Describe the response of CBO interviewers to their involvement with SNAP.

4. Describe how the experiences of SNAP applicants who are interviewed by CBO staff compare to the experiences of SNAP applicants who are interviewed by SNAP staff.

5. Describe the services that the CBOs offer.

6. Document the impacts of CBOs conducting SNAP interviews on program outcomes.

The information collection plan for this study includes interviews with: (1) State SNAP directors; (2) CBO directors; (3) local SNAP office directors and SNAP staff who train or supervise CBO partners on SNAP policies and application procedures; (4) CBO site directors and staff who are responsible for conducting SNAP applicant interviews; and (5) SNAP participants who were interviewed by SNAP or CBO staff at the time of application or recertification for SNAP. FNS will use the information collected from these sources to evaluate whether the Community Partner Interviewer Projects have helped to improve SNAP access and performance, as well as to document the ways in which the projects have been implemented in different States (e.g., with specific populations or in specific types of partners).

FNS' data collection strategy aims to maximize both efficiency and data quality. The interviews with State SNAP Directors and CBO Directors will be conducted by telephone and will last no more than 1 hour. Following the telephone interviews, FNS seeks to conduct site visits to local SNAP offices and nearby CBO locations in each State. The site visits will provide the opportunity to conduct in-person interviews with local SNAP office directors, SNAP staff, local CBO site directors and CBO staff who have been trained to conduct SNAP applicant interviews.

In addition to the telephone and in-person interviews, FNS will request two administrative files from each State. One file will be used to analyze program outcomes such as timeliness and payment error rates. The other file will include records of SNAP participants who were interviewed at a local SNAP office or a partner CBO within the timeframe of the demonstration project. This file will be used to select the sample for a client satisfaction survey.

Affected Public: State and local government; business-not-for-profit institutions; individuals or households. Respondent groups identified include: (1) State SNAP Directors; (2) employees from selected local SNAP offices; (3) CBO Directors; (4) CBO staff; and (5) SNAP participants.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

The total estimated number of respondents is 2,620 across all 5 States. This estimate includes: Completed telephone surveys with 2,500 SNAP participants (500 per State, but will recruit 750 per State to account for nonrespondents and ensure the targeted number is obtained); 5 telephone interviews with SNAP Directors (1 per State); 10 telephone interviews with CBO Directors (2 per State); 20 in-person interviews with local SNAP office directors (1 per office, with 4 offices per State); 20 in-person interviews with employees of local SNAP offices (1 per office, with 4 offices per State); 20 in-person interviews with local CBO site directors; 40 interviews with local CBO site staff/interviewers (2 per office, 4 offices per State); and requests for administrative data from 5 State SNAP personnel in charge of information technology (IT)/data (1 per State).

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: Each respondent will be asked to respond once.

Estimated Time per Respondent: The burden estimate for State SNAP Directors is 1.25 hours, and the burden estimate for CBO directors is 1.0 hour, including time to prepare for and complete the interview. For local SNAP office directors and local CBO site directors, the burden estimate is 1.5 hours, including time for scheduling the site visit, completing the interview, and coordinating the schedules of office staff to be interviewed. For SNAP office and CBO site staff, the burden estimate is 1.0 hour each. The burden estimate for SNAP participants to complete a survey is 0.3 hours (20 minutes), including time to review the advance letter, schedule an appointment, and complete the interview.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: The total estimated

burden on respondents is 750 hours for the SNAP participant surveys, 130 hours for State and CBO directors and staff members, and 45 hours for State SNAP IT staff (for providing

administrative data files) for a total of 925 hours. See table below for a complete breakdown of burden hours. In addition, we estimate that 625 SNAP participants will be contacted but will

decline participation in the survey. The burden estimate associated with these non-respondents, not shown in the table, is .08 hours each, for a total of 50 hours of burden on non-respondents.

BURDEN ESTIMATES FOR RESPONDENTS

Type of respondent	Type of instrument	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
State SNAP Director ..	Telephone interview ...	5	1	5	1.25	6.25
Local SNAP Agency Director.	In person interview	20 (1 per office, 4 offices per State, 5 states).	1	20	1.5	30
Local SNAP Agency Staff.	In person interview	20 (1 per office, 4 offices per State, 5 States).	1	20	1	20
CBO Director	Telephone interview ...	10 (2 per State, 5 States).	1	10	1	10
Local CBO Site Director.	In person interview	20 (1 per office, 4 offices per State, 5 states).	1	20	1.5	30
Local CBO Staff	In person interview	40 (2 per office, 4 offices per State, 5 States).	1	40	1	40
Adults (18+ years of age).	Telephone survey questionnaire.	2,500 (500 per State) (completed).	1	2,500	.3	750
Adults (18+ years of age).	Telephone survey questionnaire.	1,250 (250 per State) (Nonrespondent).	1	1,250	.05	1.04
State SNAP IT Staff ...	Administrative data file	5	3	15	5	45
Total	3,870	3,880	926.04

Dated: May 8, 2012.

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Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Study of the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on proposed information collections. This is a new information collection in which Food and Nutrition Service seeks an updated description of Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) participants and programs, and a better understanding of why FDPIR participation has been declining. This study will provide

national estimates of participating households as well as estimates for large subgroups, such as households with elderly participants. For a sample of Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs) or State-administered FDPIR programs, participating households will be selected for data collection. Data collection will consist of case record reviews (abstracting standard eligibility information for all household members) and, for each selected household, interviews with the person who applied for FDPIR assistance (noted as the Head of Household on some forms) or his/her proxy. Site visits will be conducted to a subset of the ITOs or State-administered programs to obtain qualitative information on program operations and experiences of FDPIR participants and eligible nonparticipants. Site visit data collection will include interviews with Tribal leaders, FDPIR administrators and staff, and other service providers; visits to FDPIR enrollment sites, warehouses, and distribution sites; and discussion groups with FDPIR participants and eligible nonparticipants. Information obtained will provide updated information on FDPIR participants and program operations and will be used by FNS to inform decisions regarding program

administration and to identify ways to make the program more beneficial to participants.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before July 13, 2012.

ADDRESSES: 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 shall 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 use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments, identified by the title of the information activity, may be sent to Steven Carlson, Office of Research and Analysis, Food and Nutrition Service/USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Steven Carlson at 703-305-2576 or via email to Steve.Carlson@fns.usda.gov. Comments will also be