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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Food Aid Quality Improvement Report

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is making available the Food Aid Quality Project report prepared by Sharing Science and Technology to Aid in the Improvement of Nutrition (SUSTAIN). The report contains recommendations for improvements in the specifications, micronutrient composition, commodity sampling, and testing regimes for commodities procured by FSA for the U.S. international food assistance programs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Howard Froehlich, Export Program Manager, phone: (202) 720-7398; mail: Farm Service Agency, USDA, ATTN: Howard Froehlich, Export Program Manager, Commodity Operations Divisions, STOP 0553, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0553; e-mail: Howard.Froehlich@wdc.fsa.usda.gov; fax: (202) 690-3123. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this notice is to announce the availability of the Food Aid Quality Project report. The Food Aid Quality Project Report was undertaken to meet the objectives established jointly by USDA and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to improve and ensure the quality, safety, nutrient delivery and shelf life of international food assistance provided by the U.S. Government to 56 countries worldwide. SUSTAIN, a nonprofit organization, conducted the project and provided the report that contains their findings and recommendations to USDA.

The public can access the published report through the Commodity Operations Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=coop&topic=landing>.

USDA will continue to review the report and evaluate the

recommendations submitted by SUSTAIN and will consult with the Food Aid Consultative Group before actions are taken in response to the findings.

Signed at Washington, DC, on August 17, 2009.

Jonathan Coppess,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Funds Availability Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 2009; Correction

AGENCIES: Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), and Rural Utilities Service (RUS) published a document in the Federal Register on July 23, 2009, at 74 FR 36448. The document did not provide a date for the comment period for the collection of information under the **DATES** section or the "Comments" under the Paperwork Reduction Act section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information regarding this correction should be directed to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, 202-692-0043.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of July 23, 2009, in FR Doc. E9-17512, the corrections are as follows:

1. On page 36448, in the first column, at the end of the paragraph under **DATES**, add the following paragraph:

The comment period for information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 continues through September 21, 2009. Comments on the paperwork burden must be received by this date to be assured of consideration.

2. On page 36450, in the second column, at the end of the paragraph under "Paperwork Reduction Act", add the following paragraph:

Comments

Comments are invited regarding: (a) Whether the proposed collection of

information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Rural Development, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Rural Development'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 Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250. All responses to this Notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also be a matter of public record.

Dated: August 18, 2009.

Dallas Tonsager,

Under Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Request for Proposals: Fiscal Year 2009 Funding Opportunity for Research on the Economic Impact of Cooperatives

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Initial notice of request for proposals.

SUMMARY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service programs are administered through USDA Rural Development. USDA Rural Development announces the availability of \$300,000 in competitive cooperative agreement funds for fiscal year (FY) 2009 to conduct research on the national economic impact of all types of cooperatives. USDA Rural Development hereby requests proposals from institutions of higher education interested in applying for a competitively awarded cooperative research agreement. This funding is a follow through on to funding awarded in FY 2006, FY 2007 and FY 2008, the intent of which was to encourage research on the critical issue of the