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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-TM-23-0066]

Notice of Availability of the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for AMS Local Meat Capacity Grant Program

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announces the availability of the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the AMS Local Meat Capacity Grant Program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Betsy Rakola, Associate Deputy Administrator, Transportation and Marketing Program; Telephone: (202) 690-1300; Email: LocalMCap@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Final PEA and FONSI analyze and disclose the potential environmental impacts associated with the establishment of the Local Meat Capacity Grant Program (Local MCap). The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) AMS has proposed to fund grants to support independently owned meat and poultry processing businesses. These grants will help them provide additional and more efficient processing options for local livestock producers by modernizing, increasing, diversifying, and decentralizing meat and poultry processing capacity, including support for rendering.

This program will expand processing capacity for small and mid-sized meat and poultry processors, which are particularly vulnerable to disruption. It will also increase capacity and promote

competition in the meat and poultry processing sector. Based on public input, USDA identified an urgent need to expand and diversify meat and poultry processing capacity.

The Local MCap Program is authorized by section 1001 (b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (Pub. L. 117-2), which funds “loans and grants and other assistance to maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency.” Recipients of funding from this proposed program would be allowed 36 months to complete work funded by the grant awards.

The environmental impacts of funding projects to enhance existing meat and poultry processing facilities have been considered in a manner consistent with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, Public Law 91-190, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, as amended.

A Final PEA and FONSI have been prepared, and based on this analysis, AMS has determined there will not be a significant impact to the human environment. As a result, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has not been initiated (40 CFR 1501.6). AMS intends for this PEA to create efficiencies by establishing a framework that can be used for “tiering,” where appropriate, to project-specific actions that require additional analysis. As decisions on specific applications are made, to the extent additional NEPA analysis is required, environmental review will be conducted to supplement the analysis set forth in this PEA.

The Final PEA and FONSI are available for review online at the program website: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/localmcap>.

Comments

AMS published a Draft PEA for public comment on October 31, 2023. The public comment period ended on November 30, 2023. One non-substantive comment was received and is therefore excluded from consideration in the Final PEA and FONSI. Consistent with 40 CFR 1503.4(b), all substantive comments would have received a response. AMS is not required to respond to non-substantive comments. Comments are carefully considered and reviewed; non-substantive comments do not receive a detailed response. A non-substantive comment is categorized as one of the following:

- General comment, opinion, or position statement
- Concern is outside the scope or irrelevant to the proposed action and decision
- Means of addressing the concern are already decided by law, regulation, or policy
- Concern can be better addressed through another decision process (e.g., project level analysis)
- Concern requests action that has already been considered in an alternative

Melissa Bailey,

Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Delaware Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Delaware Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a business meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The purpose of the meeting is for the committee to discuss the progress of their report on the COVID-19 impact on people of color in Delaware.

DATES: Wednesday, January 24, 2024; 1:00 p.m. (ET)

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via Zoom.

Registration Link (Audio/Visual):

<https://tinyurl.com/bdeax2vv>;
passcode: USCCR-DE

Join by Phone (Audio Only): 1-833-435-1820 USA Toll-Free; Meeting ID: 160 070 5129#

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ivy Davis, Designated Federal Official at idavis@usccr.gov or 202-381-8915.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This committee meeting is available to the public through the link above. Any

interested member of the public may listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Per the Federal Advisory Committee Act, public minutes of the meeting will include a list of persons who are present at the meeting. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Closed captioning will be available for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or who have certain cognitive or learning impairments. To request additional accommodations, please email ebohor@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Ivy Davis at idavis@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at 1-312-353-8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meetings will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Delaware Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at ebohor@usccr.gov.

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Roll Call
- II. Project Planning, Report Discussion, and Potential Report Vote
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Discuss Next Steps
- V. Adjournment

Exceptional Circumstance: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150, the notice for this meeting is given less than 15 calendar days prior to the meeting because of the exceptional circumstances of staffing limitations during the holiday season.

Dated: January 9, 2024.

David Mussatt,
Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

[Docket Number: 231218-0307]

RIN 0607-XC073

Draft Plan for Providing Public Access to the Results of Federally Funded Research

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Census Bureau seeks comments on the Draft U.S. Census Bureau Plan for Providing Public Access to Results of Federally Funded Research. The Census Bureau is taking steps to make its scientific data and publications more readily available and accessible by the public, as directed in an August 2022 Memorandum from the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). The Census Bureau's Public Access Plan applies to the results of research funded wholly or in part by the Census Bureau, presented in peer-reviewed scholarly publications including book chapters and peer-reviewed conference proceedings as appropriate, and scientific data as defined in the OSTP Memo. The document outlines the Census Bureau's plan for implementing new requirements to manage the public access of scientific data and publications. Public comments received on the Public Access Plan will inform Census Bureau as it develops policies and procedures to implement the Plan.

DATES: Responses must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on March 12, 2024 to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by either of the following methods:

- **Electronic submission:** Submit electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal.
 1. Go to www.regulations.gov and enter Docket Number USBC-2023-0015 in the search field.
 2. Click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields.
 3. Enter or attach your comments.
- **By email:** Comments in electronic form may also be sent to pco.policy.office@census.gov in any of the following formats: HTML, ASCII, Word, RTF, or PDF.

Please submit comments only and include your name, organization's name (if any), and cite "Census Bureau Public Access Plan" in all correspondence. Comments containing references, studies, research, and other empirical

data that are not widely published should include copies of the referenced materials.

All comments responding to this document will be a matter of public record. Relevant comments will generally be available on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.Regulations.gov>.

The Census Bureau will not accept comments accompanied by a request that part or all of the material be treated confidentially because of its business proprietary nature or for any other reason. Therefore, do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive, protected, or personal information, such as account numbers, Social Security numbers, or names of other individuals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice contact: Mike Castro, email address michael.castro@census.gov, (301) 763-6280. Please direct media inquiries to the Census Bureau's Public Information office at 301-763-3030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Census Bureau (Census Bureau) mission is to serve as the nation's leading provider of quality data about its people and economy. This can be accomplished in part through equitable delivery of federally funded research results and data.

The Census Bureau publishes this notice to seek comments on the *Draft U.S. Census Bureau Plan for Providing Public Access to Results of Federally Funded Research*, posted at www.census.gov/open. The Census Bureau developed this Public Access Plan in response to a public access memorandum, *Ensuring Free, Immediate, and Equitable Access to Federally Funded Research* issued by the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) on August 25, 2022 which expanded on the February 22, 2013, memorandum *Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Scientific Research* and brought the Census Bureau's research activities in scope.

The *Draft U.S. Census Bureau Plan for Providing Public Access to Results of Federally Funded Research* applies to the results of research funded wholly or in part by the Census Bureau, presented in peer-reviewed scholarly publications including book chapters and peer-reviewed conference proceedings as appropriate, and "scientific data" as defined in the OSTP memorandum. This Public Access Plan, promotes the following objectives:

- Fulfill the requirement in the Office of Science and Technology Policy