

recordkeeping requirements under the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended and supplemented (P&S Act). This approval is required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by December 2, 2013.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Internet: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- Hardcopy: Mail, hand deliver, or courier to Dexter Thomas, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 2530-S, Washington, DC 20250-3604.

- Fax: (202) 690-2173.

Instructions: All comments should refer to the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. The comments and other documents relating to this action will be available for public inspection during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Catherine M. Grasso, Program Analyst, Policy and Litigation Division at (202) 720-7201 or Catherine.M.Grasso@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GIPSA administers and enforces the P&S Act (7 U.S.C. 181-229, 229c). The P&S Act prohibits unfair, deceptive, and fraudulent practices by livestock market agencies, dealers, stockyard owners, meat packers, swine contractors, and live poultry dealers in the livestock, poultry, and meatpacking industries.

Title: Packers and Stockyards Program Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements.

OMB Number: 0580-0015.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 2014.

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

Abstract: The P&S Act and the regulations issued under the P&S Act authorize the collection of information for the purpose of enforcing the P&S Act and regulations and for conducting studies requested by Congress. Through the forms in this information collection, GIPSA's Packers and Stockyards Program (P&SP) gathers information that keeps P&SP current on the ownership and operations of regulated entities which permit P&SP oversight of the regulated entities. For example, P&SP gathers information regarding the number of head of livestock purchased and the cost of the livestock to

determine if the entity is adequately bonded to protect the livestock sellers. The information regarding the amount of livestock purchased is also consolidated for public reporting in GIPSA's annual report. Other financial information is gathered to determine if the regulated entities are operating while solvent as required by the P&S Act. This information collection is necessary for GIPSA to monitor and examine financial, competitive, and trade practices in the livestock, meat packing, and poultry industries. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public concerning GIPSA's information collection.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.73 hours per response.

Respondents (Affected Public): Livestock auction markets, livestock dealers, packer buyers, meat packers, and live poultry dealers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 22,900.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.2.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 348,328 hours.

As required by the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) and its implementing regulations (5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(i)), GIPSA specifically requests comments on: (1) 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; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506 and 5 CFR 1320.8.

Larry Mitchell,

Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection Under the Clear Title Program

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration's (GIPSA) intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for an extension of a currently approved information collection in support of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements under the "Clear Title" regulations as authorized by Section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended (Act). This approval is required under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA).

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by December 2, 2013.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Internet: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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Instructions: All comments should refer the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. The comments and other documents relating to this action will be available for public inspection during regular business hours.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GIPSA administers the Clear Title Program under the Act (7 U.S.C. 1631) for the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary). Regulations implementing the Clear Title Program require that States implementing central filing system for notification of liens on farm products have such systems certified by the Secretary. These regulations are contained in 9 CFR 205, "Clear Title—

Protection for Purchasers of Farm Products.” Nineteen States have certified central filing systems currently.

Title: “Clear Title” Regulations to implement section 1324 of the Food Security Act of 1985.

OMB Number: 0580–0016.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2014.

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

Abstract: The information is needed to carry out the Secretary’s responsibility for certifying a State’s central filing system under section 1324 of the Act. Section 1324 of the Act enables States to establish central filing systems to notify potential buyers, commission merchants, and selling agents of security interests (liens) against farm products. The Secretary has delegated authority to GIPSA for certifying these systems. Currently, 19 States have certified central filing systems. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public concerning our information collection.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to be 5 to 40 hours per response (amendments to certified systems require less time, new certifications require more time).

Respondents (Affected Public): States seeking certification of central filing systems to notify buyers of farm products of any mortgages or liens on the products.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Less than 1 per year. However, since the enactment of the Food Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, otherwise known as the 2008 Farm Bill, which amended the Act to allow States to maintain master debtor lists with Social Security numbers or taxpayer identification numbers that are encrypted for security purposes, we have had 3 requests for amendments.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5–40 hours.

As required by the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) and its implementing regulations (5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1)(i)), GIPSA specifically requests comments on: (1) 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; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility,

and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506 and 5 CFR 1320.8.

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Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Funding Availability for the Biorefinery Assistance Program

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the acceptance of applications for funds available under the Biorefinery Assistance Program (the “Program”) to provide guaranteed loans for the development and construction of commercial-scale biorefineries or for the retrofitting of existing facilities using eligible technology for the development of advanced biofuels. This Notice announces approximately \$76 million in carry over budget authority that will support a program level of approximately \$181 million.

DATES: Applications must be received in the USDA Rural Development National Office no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on January 30, 2014, to compete for program funds. Any application received after 4:30 p.m. local time on January 30, 2014, regardless of the application’s postmark, will not be considered under this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Applications and forms may be obtained from:

- USDA, Rural Development, Business Programs, Energy Division, Attention: Biorefinery Assistance Program, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 3225, Washington, DC 20250–3225.

- Agency Web site: <http://forms.sc.egov.usda.gov/eForms>. Follow instructions for obtaining the application and forms.

Submit an original completed application with two copies to USDA’s Rural Development National Office, Business Programs, Energy Division, Attention: Biorefinery Assistance Program, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., STOP 3225, Washington, DC 20250–3225.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd Hubbell, Rural Development, Business Programs, Energy Division, Biorefinery Assistance Program, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Mail Stop 3225, Washington, DC 20250–3225. Telephone: 202–690–2516. Email: Todd.Hubbell@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the information collection requirements associated with the Program, as covered in this Notice, has been approved by the Office of Management Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0570–0065.

Overview

Federal Agency Name: Rural Business-Cooperative Service (an Agency of USDA in the Rural Development mission area).

Solicitation Opportunity Title: Biorefinery Assistance Program.

Announcement Type: Initial announcement. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: The CFDA number for this Notice is 10.865.

Dates: Complete applications must be received in the USDA Rural Development National Office no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on January 30, 2014, in order to be considered for funds made available under this Notice. Any application received after 4:30 p.m. local time on January 30, 2014, regardless of the application’s postmark, will not be considered.

Availability of Notice and Rule: This Notice and the interim rule for the Program are available on the USDA Rural Development Web site at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_Biorefinery.html.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Purpose of the Program. The purpose of this Program is to assist in the development and construction of commercial-scale biorefineries and the retrofitting of existing facilities using eligible technology for the development of advanced biofuels. The Agency will make guarantees available on loans for eligible projects that will provide for the development, construction, and/or retrofitting of commercial biorefineries