

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS or Agency), an agency within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Development (RD), announces its intention to request a revision to a currently approved information collection package for Rural Development Cooperative Agreements (RDCA) Program. The Agency invites comments on this information collection for which it intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 18, 2025 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). In the “Search for dockets and documents on agency actions” box, enter the docket number “RBS–24–CO–OP–0018,” and click the “Search” button. From the search results: click on or locate the document title: “60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: “Rural Development Cooperative Agreements (RDCA) Program” and select the “Comment” button. Before inputting comments, commenters may review the “Commenter’s Checklist” (optional). To submit a comment: Insert comments under the “Comment” title, click “Browse” to attach files (if available), input email address, select box to opt to receive email confirmation of submission and tracking (optional), select the box “I’m not a robot,” and then select “Submit Comment.” Information on using [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site’s “FAQ” link.

All comments will be available for public inspection online at the Federal eRulemaking Portal (<https://www.regulations.gov>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MaryPat Daskal, Rural Development Innovation Center-Regulations Management Division, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4227, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 720–7853. Email: MaryPat.Daskal@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) requires that interested members of the public and affected

agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that the Agency is submitting to OMB for a revision.

Title: Rural Development Cooperative Agreements (RDCA) Program.

OMB Control Number: 0570–0074.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2025.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.65 hours per response.

Respondents: Regional consortia of higher education, academic health and research institutes, or economic development entities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 64.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Number of Responses: 640.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,056 hours.

Abstract: Pursuant to the Federal Agricultural Improvement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–127), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) received authorization from Congress under 7 U.S.C. 2204b(b)(4) to enter into cooperative agreements for the purpose of improving the coordination and effectiveness of programs that benefit rural areas. This authority is referred to as the Rural Development Cooperative Agreement (RDCA) program. There are three agencies within USDA that administer programs that specifically target rural areas: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RB–CS), the Rural Housing Service (RHS), and the Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

Each year, USDA receives proposals from the public that are not in response to a specific program announcement. These proposals are called unsolicited proposals. If a proposal is related to one or more programs, it will be routed to the appropriated RD agency for review and possible consideration for a cooperative agreement using the RDCA authority. If the proposal is unique or innovative, then RD has authority to enter into a cooperative agreement without competition (see 2 CFR 415.1(d)(6)). Alternatively, USDA may issue an invitation to submit applications for a cooperative agreement using the RDCA authority. These proposals are called solicited proposals. Solicited proposals would typically be announced via a **Federal Register** Notice.

Information will be collected by the field offices from applicants. 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.

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 respondents, including through 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.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Lisa Day, Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, at (971) 313.4750. Email: Lisa.Day@USDA.GOV.

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.

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Chief Innovation Officer, Innovation Center, USDA Rural Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

[Docket #: RBS–24–Business–0019]

Notice of Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS or Agency), an agency within the United States Department of Agriculture

(USDA), Rural Development (RD), announces its intention to request a revision to a currently approved information collection package for Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) program. The Agency invites comments on this information collection for which it intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 18, 2025 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Katherine Anne Mathis, RD Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: 202-713-7565, email: Katherine.mathis@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that the Agency is submitting to OMB for extension.

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 submitted electronically by the Federal eRulemaking Portal, [regulations.gov/](https://www.regulations.gov/). In the "Search for dockets and documents on agency actions" box enter the Docket No. RBS-24-BUSINESS-0019 and click the "Search" button. From the search results, click on or locate the document title: "Notice of Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection" and select the "Comment" button. Before inputting comments, commenters may review the "Commenter's Checklist" (optional). To submit a comment: Insert comments under the "Comment" title,

click "Browse" to attach files (if available), input email address, select box to opt to receive email confirmation of submission and tracking (optional), select the box "I'm not a robot," and then select "Submit Comment." Information on using [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov/), including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "FAQ" link. All comments will be available for public inspection online at the Federal eRulemaking Portal ([regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov/)).

A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. Data furnished by the applicants will be used to determine eligibility for program benefits. Furnishing the data is voluntary; however, failure to provide data could result in program benefits being withheld or denied.

Title: Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) program.

OMB Control Number: 0570-0075.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection under 7 CFR part 4284, subpart L.

Abstract: The primary purpose of RISE is to create and enhance jobs and support industry clusters in low-income rural areas. This is achieved through grants awarded to a rural jobs accelerator partnerships consisting of non-profit entities, Tribal entities, institutions of higher education and public bodies with expertise in delivering economic and job training programs. RISE grant funds can be used to build or support a business incubator facility, provide worker training to assist in either the creation of new jobs, upskilling the present work force to a high-wage job, or developing a base of skilled workers that will enhance the opportunities to enter a high-wage job within existing industry segments in the region.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.155 hours per response.

Respondents: Nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 14.22.

Estimated Number of Responses: 853.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,839 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Katherine Anne Mathis, RD Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, Telephone: 202-713-7565, email: Katherine.mathis@usda.gov.

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.

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Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA Rural Development.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

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

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice 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 Florida Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a public meeting via Zoom at 2 p.m. ET on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Committee's project, *Voting Rights in Florida*.

DATES: Wednesday, January 15, 2025, from 2 p.m.–3 p.m. eastern time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via Zoom Webinar.

Registration Link (Audio/Visual): https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_0P76qyFRluhrtZvFBhOMA.

Join by Phone (Audio Only): (833) 435-1820 USA Toll-Free; Meeting ID: 161 244 9568.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Wojnaroski, Designated Federal Officer, at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov or (202) 618-4158.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This committee meeting is available to the public through the registration 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