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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the U.S. Agency for International Development; Comments Requested

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act for 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) whether the proposed or continuing collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 7, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Room 2.07-106, RRB, Washington, DC, 20523, (202) 712-1365 or via e-mail bjohnson@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB No: OMB 0412-0552.

Form No.: N/A.

Title: Financial Status Report.

Type of Review: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: USAID wants to continue to require expanded financial reporting from recipients of grant and cooperative

agreements (CA) with places of performance covering multiple countries. Recipients would be required to provide financial reports with expenditure data by country. For assistance programs which cover programs in more than one country, USAID requires recipients to specify in the "remarks" section of SF-269 and SF-269A, or other applicable approved financial report form, by country, the amount of the total Federal Share which was expended for each country. USAID has sought a class deviation to the statute from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the 22 CFR 226.4. The information is being collected so that USAID may report to Congress, OMB, and other requestors per the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act and the Government Management Reporting Act. Also, the reporting requirements are necessary to ensure that USAID funds are expended in accordance with statutory requirements and USAID policies. USAID is seeking this waiver for a period of three years.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 118.

Total annual responses: 472.

Total annual hours requested: 800 hours.

Dated: March 1, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Agricultural Research,

Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, which represents 30 constituent categories, as specified in section 802 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-127), has scheduled a National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board meeting March 19-21, 2001.

On Monday, March 19 through Wednesday March 21, 2001, the Advisory Board will hold a general meeting in Washington, DC. A general business session of the Advisory Board will be held on March 19, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, and will include a morning session to hear views on agricultural research from Congressional members and staff, a session on the ARS Peer Review Process for Intramural National Programs. The afternoon session will feature representatives from the office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics (REE) and its agencies, representatives and other outside invitees who represent a variety of interests regarding funding and policy strategies for research and education. The meeting will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. for the day.

A National Stakeholder Symposium is scheduled for March 20, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., with the theme of "Reinventing Agriculture in the 21st Century through Research and Education." The objective of the Stakeholder Symposium is to hear diverse views from stakeholders across the country on how we can best shape 21st century American agriculture through research and education and to initiate dialogue that will help shape future Farm Bill legislation as it relates to research and education opportunities. On Wednesday, March 21, 2001, the Advisory Board will focus on future efforts of the Board in addressing the transition in the Administration, and include discussions on increasing funding support for agricultural research and education. They will be articulating their findings from the meeting and the previous day's focus sessions into formal recommendations for the Secretary of Agriculture. They will also start focusing on their agenda for the coming year, which will include establishment of a rapport with the new administration on communicating high priority USDA research and education opportunities. Limited time will be