

Session for newly appointed Advisory Board members will be held, on Tuesday, October 30, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The afternoon session will include remarks by the Secretary of Agriculture (invited) and an opening address by the Honorable Clayton Yeutter, former Secretary of Agriculture and former U.S. Trade Representative. The theme of the afternoon's Focus Session is *Global Agricultural Trade and Policy: U.S. Research Implications*. From 2:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m., a panel will be held on international trade policies, which will consist of several international trade representatives to the United States including the European Union, Brazil, and China. An evening session from 6 p.m.–7:30 p.m. will have two guest speakers, who will talk about the National Coalition on Food and Agricultural Research (N-CFAR) and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGU) Food and Society Initiative.

On Wednesday, October 31, 2001, the Advisory Board will conduct general business, hear remarks from Dr. Joseph Jen, USDA Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, and continue with special panels throughout the day on *Global Agricultural Trade and Policy: U.S. Research Implications*. Topics will include an overview of U.S. trade in agriculture, understanding impediments to global trade, and World Bank perspectives on currency exchange issues and other economic factors. Congressional panels held in the afternoon will include Marketing U.S. Food and Agriculture and the implications for research and education.

On Thursday, November 1, 2001, from 8 a.m.–12 p.m., special reports of interest (e.g., results of the Blue Ribbon Panel study on USDA's National Agricultural Library; an update on the reorganization of USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; and Research, Education, and Economics agency updates) will be presented to the Advisory Board. Detailed discussion and wrap-up of the Focus Session will be addressed by Board members. Ambassador Allen Johnson, Chief Agriculture Negotiator for Office of the United States Trade Representative, has been invited to speak about "What's on the Horizon for Research on Agricultural World Trade." New members to the 9-member Executive Committee will be determined by Board vote. Limited time each day will be provided for comments from the public as noted in a forthcoming agenda. Also, written comments will be accepted for

public record up to two weeks following the Advisory Board meeting. The findings of the Focus Session, based on input from speakers and other stakeholders, will be consolidated into recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture.

Dates:

- October 30, 2001, 9 a.m.–12 p.m., Orientation for New Board members
- October 30, 2001, 1 p.m.–5:30 p.m., Focus Session
- October 30, 2001, 6 p.m.–7:30 p.m., Working Reception with Guest Speaker
- October 31, 2001, 8 a.m.–6 p.m., Advisory Board Meeting and Focus Session
- October 31, 2001, 12 p.m.–1:30 p.m., Working Lunch with Speaker
- November 1, 2001, 8 a.m.–12 p.m., Focus Session, Special Reports of Interest, Discussion, and Wrap-up

Place: Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW.; Washington, DC; Atrium Ballroom and Executive Room (Reception Only).

Type of Meeting: Open to the Public.

Comments: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting (up to two weeks after the meeting) with the contact person. All statements will become part of the official records of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board and will be kept on file for public review in the Office of the Advisory Board; Research, Education, and Economics; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Washington, DC 20250–2255.

For Further Information Contact: Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board; Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office; Room 344–A, Jamie L. Whitten Building; U.S. Department of Agriculture; STOP 2255; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW.; Washington, DC 20250–2255; Telephone: (202) 720–3684; FAX: (202) 720–6199; E-mail: smorgan@reeusda.gov.

Done at Washington, DC, this 16th day of October, 2001.

Joseph J. Jen,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Form FNS–135, Affidavit of Return or Exchange of Food Coupons

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on a proposed revision of a currently approved information collection contained in form FNS–135, Affidavit of Return or Exchange of Food Coupons.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of this information collection to: Jeffrey N. Cohen, Branch Chief, Electronic Benefit Transfer Branch, Benefit Redemption Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302.

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.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey N. Cohen, (703) 305–2523.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Affidavit of Return or Exchange of Food Coupons.

OMB Number: 0584–0052.

Form Number: FNS–135.

Expiration Date: 11/30/2001.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Section 7(d) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, (7

U.S.C.2016(d)) requires that State agencies determine and monitor food stamp coupon inventories. The Food Stamp Program regulations at 7 CFR 274.6(f) require that State agencies replace improperly manufactured or mutilated coupons after the recipient requesting replacement completes an FNS-135, Affidavit of Return or Exchange of Food Coupons. The form must also be used when coupons are returned for other reasons such as the return of found coupons. The forms document the return of coupons and provides an audit trail for their processing within State agency offices. The proposed revision reflects the fact that the expected number of respondents should be less than in previous years because the number of food stamp coupons has declined over the past several years with the implementation of electronic benefit delivery systems.

Affected Public: State and local government employees and recipients.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per respondent: 1.

Estimated Time per Response: .25 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 7,500 hours annually.

Dated: October 10, 2001.

George A. Braley,

Acting Administrator.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Addition and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed addition to and deletions from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by a nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete commodities previously furnished by such agencies.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: November 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly (703) 603-7740

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

Addition

If the Committee approves the proposed addition, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice for each service will be required to procure the service listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the service to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the service proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information. The following service is proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Services

Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Army Reserve Center, Newington, Connecticut
NPA: Greater Enfield Allied Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., Enfield, Connecticut
Government Agency: Fort Devens Reserve Forces Training Center

Deletions

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

The following commodities are proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Commodities

Adhesive Tape, Surgical

6510-01-060-1639

6510-01-107-0223

6510-01-284-5110

6510-01-285-3896

6510-01-368-2659

6510-01-368-2660

6510-01-370-4099

6510-01-370-4100

6510-00-926-8882

6510-00-926-8883

Government Agency: Department of Veterans Affairs

Adhesive Tape, Surgical

6510-01-060-1639

6510-01-107-0223

6510-01-284-5110

6510-01-285-3896

6510-01-368-2659

6510-01-368-2660

6510-01-370-4099

6510-01-370-4100

6510-00-926-8882

6510-00-926-8883

Government Agency: Defense Supply Center Philadelphia

Penetrating Fluid

6850-00-973-9091

Sheryl D. Kennerly,

Director, Information Management.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

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