

Notices

Federal Register

Vol. 67, No. 3

Friday, January 4, 2002

This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Evaluation of the 14 State Summer Food Service Program Pilot Project

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Food and Nutrition Service's intention to request Office of Management and Budget approval of the data collection instruments for the Evaluation of the 14 State Summer Food Service Program Pilot Project.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by March 4, 2002 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to Jay Hirschman, Director, Special Nutrition Staff, Office of Analysis, Nutrition, and Evaluation, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, 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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection forms should be directed to Jay Hirschman, (703) 305-2117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title:

Evaluation of the 14 State Summer Food Service Program Pilot Project.

OMB Number: Not yet assigned.

Expiration Date: N/A.

Type of Request: New collection of information.

Abstract: Subsection 18 (f) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) (42 U.S.C. 1769 (f)), added by section 1(a)(4) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001 (Pub. L. 106-554, December 21, 2000), authorized the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), to conduct a pilot in each eligible State to increase the number of children participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in that State. Definition of "eligible State" was provided in the authorizing legislation. Fourteen States, specifically Alaska, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Texas and Wyoming, met the eligibility criteria and are participating in the pilot, which began in fiscal year (FY) 2001 and will continue through FY 2003. For SFSP purposes, Puerto Rico is defined as a "State" in section 13(a)(1) of the NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1761(a)(1).

The authorizing legislation also requires FNS to conduct an evaluation of the pilot project to describe (a) any effect on participation by children and service institutions in the SFSP in the pilot States; (b) any effect of the pilot on the quality of meals and supplements served in the pilot States; and (c) any effect of the pilot on program integrity. OMB approval will be requested for the data collection instruments to be used for evaluating the impact of the 14 State SFSP Pilot Project on the three areas specified in the law.

Respondents: Respondents include: (a) State government SFSP staff; (b)

continuing sponsors who were sponsoring SFSP before the pilot started; (c) new sponsors who began sponsoring the program since the pilot began; (d) former sponsors who did not participate in SFSP in FY 2000, 2001 or 2002; and (e) school food service directors of non-participating school districts with 50% or more enrolled students certified to receive free and reduced price school meals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: (a) up to 54 State government employees that administer SFSP; (b) 166 continuing sponsors; (c) up to 150 new sponsors; (d) up to 150 former sponsors; and (e) up to 150 school food service directors of non-participating school districts.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: One response per respondent with the exception of the 14 State Administrators who may be asked follow-up questions about program participation in FY 2003.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden is estimated to range from 15 minutes for school food service directors of non-participating school districts to 120 minutes for State government SFSP administration staff.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 383.5 hours. (a) State government SFSP administration staff (54×120 minutes) = 108 hours; (b) continuing sponsors (166×30 minutes) = 83 hours; (c) new sponsors (150×30 minutes) = 75 hours; (d) former sponsors (150×20 minutes + 30×60 minutes for focus groups) = 80 hours; and (e) school food service directors of non-participating school districts (150×15 minutes) = 37.5 hours.

Dated: December 28, 2001.

Alberta C. Frost,

Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

[FR Doc. 02-156 Filed 1-3-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-30-P

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Summer Food Service Program for Children Program Reimbursement for 2002

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the annual adjustments to the reimbursement rates for meals served in the Summer Food Service Program for Children (SFSP). These adjustments reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index and are required by the statute governing the Program. In addition, further adjustments are made to these rates to reflect the higher costs of providing meals in the States of Alaska and Hawaii, as authorized by the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa A. Rothstein, Section Chief, Summer Food Service Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 640, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, (703) 305-2620.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.559 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation

with State and local officials (7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, and final rule related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983).

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3518), no new recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

This notice is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act. Additionally, this notice has been determined to be exempt from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Definitions

The terms used in this Notice shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the regulations governing the Summer Food Service Program for Children (7 CFR part 225).

Background

In accordance with section 13 of the National School Lunch Act (NSLA)(42 U.S.C. 1761) and the regulations

governing the SFSP (7 CFR part 225), notice is hereby given of adjustments in Program payments for meals served to children participating in the SFSP in 2002. Adjustments are based on changes in the food away from home series of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers for the period November 2000 through November 2001.

Section 104(a) of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-336) amended section 12(f) of the NSLA (42 U.S.C. 1760(f)) to allow adjustments to SFSP reimbursement rates to reflect the higher cost of providing meals in the SFSP in Alaska and Hawaii. This change was made in an effort to be consistent with other Child Nutrition Programs, such as the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program, which already had the authority to provide higher reimbursement rates for programs in Alaska and Hawaii.

The 2002 reimbursement rates, in dollars, for all States excluding Alaska and Hawaii:

MAXIMUM PER MEAL REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR ALL STATES (NOT AK OR HI)

	Operating costs	Administrative costs	
		Rural or self-preparation sites	Other types of sites
Breakfast	\$1.32	\$.1300	\$.1025
Lunch or Supper	.230	.2400	.2000
Supplement	.53	.0650	.0525

The 2002 reimbursement rates, in dollars, for Alaska:

MAXIMUM PER MEAL REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR ALASKA ONLY

	Operating costs	Administrative costs	
		Rural or self-preparation sites	Other types of sites
Breakfast	\$2.14	\$.2125	\$.1675
Lunch or Supper	3.73	.3900	.3225
Supplement	.87	.1050	.0850

The 2002 reimbursement rates, in dollars, for Hawaii:

MAXIMUM PER MEAL REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR HAWAII ONLY

	Operating costs	Administrative costs	
		Rural or self-preparation sites	Other types of sites
Breakfast	\$1.54	\$.1525	\$.1200
Lunch or Supper	2.69	.2825	.2325
Supplement	.62	.0775	.0600

The total amount of payments to State agencies for disbursement to Program sponsors will be based upon these Program reimbursement rates and the number of meals of each type served. The above reimbursement rates, for both operating and administrative reimbursement rates, represent a 3.17 percent increase during 2001 (from 170.4 in November 2000 to 175.8 in November 2001) in the food away from home series of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor. The Department would like to point out that the SFSP administrative reimbursement rates continue to be adjusted up or down to the nearest quarter-cent, as has previously been the case. Additionally, operating reimbursement rates have been rounded down to the nearest whole cent, as required by section 11(a)(3)(B) of the NSLA (42 U.S.C. 1759 (a)(3)(B)).

Authority: Secs. 9, 13 and 14, National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1758, 1761, and 1762a).

Dated: December 28, 2001.

Alberta Frost,

Acting Administrator.

[FR Doc. 02-238 Filed 1-3-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-30-U

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393) the Idaho Panhandle National Forests' Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee will meet Friday, January 18, 2002 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ranotta K. McNair, Forest Supervisor and Designated Federal Officer, at (208) 765-7210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The business meeting on January 18, begins at 10:00 AM, at the Forest Supervisor's Office of the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815. Agenda topics will include election of Chairperson, develop criteria for reviewing project proposals, how to solicit projects,

review project proposals, if available, and establishment of future meeting schedule. Due to unforeseen circumstances this document will be published less than 15 days before the meeting date.

Dated: December 28, 2001.

Pat Aguilar,

Deputy Forest Supervisor.

[FR Doc. 02-242 Filed 1-3-02; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-11-M

COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions

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

ACTION: Proposed additions to procurement list.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: February 4, 2002.

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.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice for each service will be required to procure the services 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 services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services 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 services 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 services are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Services

Administrative/General Support Services

Minerals Management Service, DOI, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia
NPA: ServiceSource, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia

Government Agency: Department of the Interior

Base Supply Center, Fort Meade, Maryland
NPA: Blind Industries & Services of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland

Government Agency: Fort Meade, Maryland

Customization & Distribution of Air Force Sales Promotional Items

HQ Air Force Recruiting Service, 550 D Street West, Suite 1, Randolph AFB, Texas

NPA: Industries for the Blind, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Government Agency: HQ Air Force Recruiting Service

Food Service Attendant

Air National Guard-Iowa, 3100 McKinley Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa

NPA: Progress Industries, Newton, Iowa
Government Agency: Air National Guard—Iowa

Hospital Housekeeping Services

Great Lakes Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Illinois

NPA: Relief Enterprise, Inc., Austin, Texas
Government Agency: Great Lakes Naval Hospital

Janitorial/Custodial

Veterans Affairs Medical Center, OI Services Center, Edward Hines Jr., 1st Avenue, Bldg 20, Hines, Illinois

NPA: Jewish Voc. Service & Employment Center, Chicago, Illinois

Government Agency: VA Medical Center—Brecksville, Ohio

Laundry Service

VA Medical Center, At the following locations:

Denver, Colorado

Pueblo, Colorado

Cheyenne, Wyoming

NPA: Goodwill Industrial Services

Corporation, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Government Agency: VA Medical Center,