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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Board of Directors Meeting

Time: Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Place: African Development Foundation, Conference Room, 1400 I Street NW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005.

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

Status:

1. Open session, Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.; and
2. Closed session, Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Due to security requirements and limited seating, all individuals wishing to attend the open session of the meeting must notify Sarah Conway at (202) 233-8811 or sconway@usadf.gov of your request to attend by 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2012.

Lloyd O. Pierson,
President & CEO, USADF.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Request—Study of Organizations Providing or Administering SNAP Incentives at Farmers' Markets

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection. This is a revision to a previous data collection to understand better the shopping

patterns of SNAP participants at farmers' markets. The purpose of this collection is for the Food and Nutrition Service to understand how private organizations operate Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) financial incentive programs for clients purchasing fruits and vegetables at farmers' markets. Information collected will be used to examine how these organizations design, operate, and evaluate incentive programs to encourage SNAP clients to shop for fruits and vegetables at farmers' markets. It will also assist in assessing how much these programs influence the purchase of fruits and vegetables at farmers' markets using SNAP benefits.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 16, 2012.

ADDRESSES: 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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden on the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions that were used; (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 those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to: Steven Carlson, Office of Research and Analysis, Food and Nutrition Service/USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the attention of Steven Carlson at 703-305-2576 or via email to Steve.Carlson@fns.usda.gov. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the Office of Research and Analysis, Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collection should be directed to Steven Carlson at 703-305-2017.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Study of Organizations Providing or Administering SNAP Incentives at Farmers' Markets.

OMB Number: 0584-0564.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2014.

Abstract: The USDA, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), is undertaking initiatives to improve access to healthy foods among nutrition assistance program participants. Among these are steps to support access to fresh fruits and vegetables through farmers' markets. The overall objective of this collection is to understand how private organizations provide and administer financial incentives for SNAP participants shopping at farmers' markets. In addition, this collection aims to assess how well these incentive programs work concerning the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables at farmers' markets by SNAP participants. The two main study objectives are to: (1) Describe and compare how private organizations design, operate, and evaluate incentive program for SNAP clients at farmers' markets; and (2) describe and compare the performance, outcomes and/or impacts of each incentive program for SNAP clients operated during 2012 based upon the FNS SNAP Anti-Fraud Locator for EBT Redemption Transactions (ALERT) data and incentive organization self-evaluation data.

This study is not intended to be nationally representative. Organizations to be included in this study will be chosen from a list of private organizations that is developed based on responses received from farmers' market managers responding to the FNS study, Nutrition Assistance in Farmers' Markets: Understanding Current Operations (76 FR 79646, 12/22/11). To assist in the selection process, the list will tentatively categorize the organizations (Business-for and not-for-profit) into three groups: