

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Commodity Credit Corporation****Request for Revision and Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) intention to request an extension and revision for a currently approved information collection. This information collection is used in support of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) which offers flexible assistance to counter serious threats to soil, water, grazing lands, wetlands, and wildlife habitat and, also, to address natural resource concerns, such as nonpoint source pollution, water quality protection or improvement, and wetland restoration, protection, and creation, as authorized by the Food Security Act of 1985 (the 1985 Act).

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received on or before August 8, 2000 to be assured consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Contact Ilka Gray, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA, FSA, CEPD, STOP 0513, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0513; telephone (202) 690-0794; e-mail [Ilka\\_Gray@wdc.fsa.usda.gov](mailto:Ilka_Gray@wdc.fsa.usda.gov); or facsimile (202) 720-4619.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* CCC Conservation Contract.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0174.

*Expiration Date of Approval:*

December 31, 2000.

*Type of Request:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* The 1985 Act authorized the EQIP to assist farmers and ranchers in solving natural resource related problems on agricultural land. The information is necessary to ensure the integrity of the program and to ensure that only eligible producers are authorized contracts.

Producers requesting cost-share or incentive payments from the Commodity Credit Corporation must provide specific data related to the conservation payment request. Forms included in this information collection package require farm and tract numbers, conservation practice or benefits requested, major resource concerns, and similar information, in order to

determine eligibility. Producers must also agree to the terms and conditions contained in the conservation contract. Without the collection of this information, CCC cannot ensure the integrity of CCC conservation programs.

*Estimate of Respondent Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .23 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Individuals producers, partnerships, corporations, tribal members, or other eligible agricultural producers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 80,000.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses per Respondent:* 2.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 1.53 hrs.

*Proposed topics for comment include:*

(a) Whether the 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 burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; or (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the 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 must be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503, and to Ilka Gray, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA-FSA-CEPD, STOP 0513, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0513; telephone (202) 690-0794; e-mail [Ilka\\_Gray@wdc.fsa.usda.gov](mailto:Ilka_Gray@wdc.fsa.usda.gov); or facsimile (202) 720-4619. Copies of the information collection may be obtained from Mrs. Gray at the above address.

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information contained in these proposed regulations between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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.

**Parks Shackelford,**

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**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 has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE:** July 10, 2000.

**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:** Louis R. Bartalot (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, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodities and 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 commodities and services to the Government.

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