

Notices

Federal Register

Vol. 62, No. 33

Wednesday, February 19, 1997

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.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Meeting

AGENCY: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will meet on Friday, February 28, 1997. The meeting will be held on the third floor of the Arsenal (enter through the Cabildo on Jackson Square), 701 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The Council was established by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470) to advise the President and the Congress on matters relating to historic preservation and to comment upon Federal, federally assisted, and federally licensed undertakings having an effect upon properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The Council's members are the Architect of the Capitol; the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture; the heads of four designated Federal agencies; the Chairman of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the President of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers; a Governor; a Mayor; a Native Hawaiian; and eight non-Federal members appointed by the President.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following:

- I. Chairman's Welcome
- II. Swearing in of New Member
- III. Chairman's Report
- IV. Report of the Task Force on Regulations
- V. Member Involvement in Council Activities
- VI. Preservation Policy Issues
- VII. Executive Director's Report
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Adjourn.

Note: The meetings of the Council are open to the public. If you need special

accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Room 809, Washington, DC, 202-606-8503, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the meeting is available from the Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., #809, Washington, DC 20004.

Dated: February 12, 1997.

John M. Fowler,

Acting Executive Director.

[FR Doc. 97-3995 Filed 2-18-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-10-M

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service's (CSREES) intention to request an extension for and revision to a currently approved information collection in support of the CSREES National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program (NRICGP).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 21, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Sally J. Rockey, Deputy Administrator, Competitive Research Grants and Awards Management, CSREES, USDA, STOP 2240, Washington, DC 20250-2240, (202) 401-1766. E-mail: OEP@reeusda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: CSREES/National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program.
OMB Number: 0524-0033.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 1997.

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

Abstract: USDA/CSREES administers the NRICGP, under which competitive, peer-reviewed research grants of a high-priority nature are awarded. This program is authorized pursuant to the authorities contain in section 2(b) of the Act of August 4, 1965, as amended by section 1615 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (FACT Act) (7 U.S.C. 450i(b)) (1965 Act, as amended).

Before awards can be made, certain information is required from applicants as part of an overall proposal package. In addition to project summaries, descriptions of the research, literature reviews, curricula vitae of principal investigators, and other, relevant technical aspects of the proposed project, supporting documentation of an administrative and budgetary nature also must be provided. Because of the nature of the competitive, peer-reviewed process, it is important that information from applicants be available in a standardized format to ensure equitable treatment.

Each year, an NRICGP solicitation is issued requesting proposals for various research areas. Applicant submit proposals for these various research areas following the format outlined in the yearly Program Description. These proposals are evaluated by peer review panels and awarded on a competitive basis.

The NRICGP has been using the "Application Kit" (OMB Approval 0525-0022) developed for general CSREES use since the inception of the NRICGP in Fiscal Year 1991. This kit includes the necessary forms and instructions to applicants requesting support under various competitive and noncompetitive funding programs sponsored by CSREES. In 1994, the NRICGP sought and received approval of three forms specific to the needs of the NRICGP, including one form used by CSREES for meeting the compliance requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Forms CSREES-1232, "Project Summary," CSREES-1233, "Conflict of Interest," and CSREES-1234, "National Environmental Policy Act Exclusions Form" are mainly used for proposal evaluation and administration. While some of the information will be used to respond to inquiries from Congress and other government agencies, the forms are not designed to be statistical surveys

or data collection instruments. Their completion by potential recipients is a normal part of the application to Federal agencies which support basic and applied scientific research.

The following information has been collected and will continue to be collected:

CSREES-1232—Proposal

Identification: Lists the Principal Investigator(s) and their institution(s), the proposal type (distinguishes among funding mechanisms), project title, and key words, along with a project summary which allows for quick screening and assignment of proposals to peer reviewers.

CSREES-1233—Identification of Conflicts of Interest: Lists the person(s) who are in conflict of interest with the applicant(s). This has been used when selecting peer review panels to assure objective reviews, and has been revised to specifically cite potential conflicts of interest by category to better meet the requirements set out in 7 CFR 3411.12.

CSREES-1234—Collection of Environmental Impact Information: Allows identification of whether or not the proposal fits one of the exclusions listed for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (7 CFR part 3407). This information has been and will continue to be used in determinations as to whether or not further action is needed to meet the requirements of this Act.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one and one-quarter hour per response.

Respondents: Non-profit institutions, individuals, businesses, Federal Government, and State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3,200 for the CSREES-1232 and CSREES-1233; 4,800 for the CSREES-1234.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 4,400 hours, broken down by: 1,600 hours for the CSREES-1232 (one-half hour per 3,200 respondents); 1,600 hours for the CSREES-1233 (one-half hour per 3,200 respondents); and 1,200 hours for the CSREES-1234 (one-quarter hour per 4,800 respondents).

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Suzanne Plimpton, Policy and Program Liaison Staff, CSREES, (202) 401-1302. E-mail: OEP@reeusda.gov.

Comments: 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. Comments may be sent to: Sally J. Rockey, Deputy Administrator, Competitive Research Grants and Awards Management, CSREES, USDA, STOP 2240, Washington, DC. 20250-2240, (202) 401-1766. E-mail: OEP@reeusda.gov.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments also will become a matter of public record.

Done at Washington, DC, on this 7th day of February, 1997.

B.H. Robinson,

Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

[FR Doc. 97-3993 Filed 2-18-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3410-22-M

Foreign Agricultural Service

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Foreign Agricultural Service's intention to request an extension for, and a revision to, a currently approved information collection in support of the regulations governing low-tier duty entry of raw-cane sugar into the U.S. domestic market.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 21, 1997 to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS: Mail or deliver comments to Stephen C. Hammond, Team Leader, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stop 1021, Washington, DC 20250-1021. For further information, contact Mr. Hammond at telephone number (202) 720-1061.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certificate of Quota Eligibility
OMB NUMBER: 0551-0014.

Expiration date of approval: April 30, 1997.

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

Abstract: The Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the quantity of raw cane sugar which may be entered at the low-tier rates of the tariff-rate quota (TRQ). The terms under which Certificates of Quota Eligibility will be issued to foreign countries that have been allocated a share of the TRQ are set forth in 15 C.F.R. Part 2011, Subpart A, allocation of Tariff-rate quota on Imported Sugars, Syrups, and Molasses. The authority for Certificates of Quota Eligibility is additional U.S. note 5(b)(iv) to chapter 17 of the HTS.

The regulations, promulgated by the U.S. Trade Representative, provides for the issuance of Certificates of Quota Eligibility by the Secretary of Agriculture, and in general prohibits sugar subject to the TRQ from being imported into the United States or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption at the low-tier duty rates unless such sugar is accompanied by a Certificate of Quota Eligibility. Certificates of Quota Eligibility are issued to foreign countries by the "Licensing Authority" who is the Team Leader, Import Quota Programs, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture, or his or her designee. The issuance of Certificates of Quota Eligibility is in such amounts and at such times as the Secretary determines are appropriate to enable the foreign country to fill its quota allocation for such quota period in a reasonable manner, taking into account traditional shipping patterns, harvesting period, U.S. import requirements, and other relevant factors.

The information required to be collected on the Certificate of Quota Eligibility is used to monitor and control the imports of sugar. Proper completion of the certificate of quota eligibility is mandatory for those foreign governments that are eligible and elect to export raw sugar to the United States under the provisions of the tariff-rate quota.

Estimate of burden: The public reporting burden for these collections vary in direct relation to the number of Certificates of Quota Eligibility issued.

Respondents: Foreign governments.
Estimated number of respondents: 40 per annum.

Estimated number of responses per respondent: 15 per annum.