

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Uniform Grant Application for Non-Entitlement Discretionary Grants.

OMB Control Number: 0584–New.

Summary of Collection: The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has established a process for a uniform grant application usable for all of the non-entitlement discretionary grant programs to collect the information from grant applicants needed to evaluate and rank applicants and protect the integrity of the grantee selection process. All FNS discretionary grant programs will be eligible, but not required to use the uniform grant application package. The authorities for these grants vary. The term “grant” in this submission refers only to non-entitlement discretionary grants or cooperative agreements. Discretionary grant announcements include a number of information collections, including a “project description” (program narrative), assurances and certifications. The requirements for the program narrative statement are based on the requirements for program narrative statements described in section 1.c(5) of OMB Circular A–102 and OMB A–110.

Need and Use of the Information: As the primary users of the information collected, FNS will review, evaluate and approve application package will include general information and instructions; requirements for the program narrative statement describing how the grant objectives will be reached as well as a description of the budget; the Standard Form (SF 424 series that requests basic information, budget information and assurances) and certifications. Currently, there is no government-wide OMB pre-approved form for the project narrative, although a program narrative is required in existing OMB circulars.

Description of Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government; Business or other for-profit; Not for profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 505.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (one-time).

Total Burden Hours: 30,000.

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Title: Consumer Food Guide Pyramid Study.

OMB Control Number: 0584–New.

Summary of Collection: The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Guide Pyramid is designed to help all healthy Americans two years of age and older implement the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The proposed qualitative consumer research will describe consumers’ understanding and use of the Food guide Pyramid along with

possible barriers to following the Pyramid’s guidance. The study involves 18 focus group sessions, 6 with general consumers and 4 each with the elderly, overweight, and food stamp recipients, to explore how consumers understand concepts and messages of the consumer brochure and graphic illustration of the Food Guide Pyramid. The authority to conduct this information collection is found in 7 CFR 2.19(a)(3).

Need and Use of the Information: The Center for Nutrition Policy and promotion (CNPP) will collect information to develop practical and meaningful food and nutrition guidance for Americans to help improve their diets. Information will be collected concerning how the Food Guide Pyramid recommendations and messages are understood and used by consumers to improve their diets, and barriers to their use of the Pyramid. If the information is not collected, USDA’s ability to incorporate messages and materials that are practical, meaningful, and relevant for the intended audience in any proposed update of the Food Guide Pyramid will be impaired.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 2,700.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (one-time).

Total Burden Hours: 1,035.

Forest Service

Title: Small Business Timber Set-Aside Program: Appeal Procedures on Recomputation of Shares.

OMB Control Number: 0596–0141.

Summary of Collection: The Conference Report accompanying the 1997 Omnibus Appropriation Act (Pub L. 104–208) requires that the Forest Service establish a process by which purchasers may appeal decisions concerning recomputations of Small Business Set-aside (SBA) shares or changes in policies impacting the Small Business Timber Sale Set-aside Program.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected is submitted to a Forest Service Officer to review any appeal of decisions related to recomputations of timber sale share to be set-aside for small business timber purchasers.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 40.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 320.

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Departmental Information Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Office of the Secretary****Notice of Appointment of Members to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board**

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Solicitation for membership.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces solicitation for nominations to fill 11 vacancies on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: Deadline for Advisory Board member nominations is June 3, 2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 802 of the Federal Agricultural Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (The Farm Bill) authorized the creation of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board. The Board is composed of 30 members, each representing a specific category related to farming or ranching, food production and processing, forestry research, crop and animal science, land-grant institutions, food retailing and marketing, rural economic development, and natural resource and consumer interest groups, among many others. The Board was first appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture in September 1996 and one-third of the 30 members were appointed for a 1, 2, and 3-year term, respectively. As a result of the staggered appointments, the terms for 10 of the 30 members who represent 10 specific categories will expire September 30, 2002. Nominations for a 3-year appointment for all 10 of the vacant categories are sought.

In addition, the current member of Category U. Food and Fiber Processors, will not be serving out the remainder of his term. Therefore, this slot will be vacant as well and available for a 1-year term nomination. All nominees will be carefully reviewed for their broad expertise, leadership, and relevance to a category. The full 11 slots to be filled are:

Category B. Farm Cooperatives

Category D. Plant Commodity Producers
 Category G. National Aquaculture Associations
 Category J. National Food Science Organizations
 Category L. National Nutritional Science Societies
 Category M. 1862 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities
 Category R. Scientific Community not closely associated with Agriculture
 Category U. Food and Fiber Processors (1-year term)
 Category AA. An Agency of USDA lacking Research Capabilities
 Category BB. Research Agency of the Federal Government other than USDA
 Category DD. National Organization directly concerned with REE

Nominations are being solicited from organizations, associations, societies, councils, federations, groups, and companies that represent a wide variety of food and agricultural interests throughout the country. Nominations for one individual who fits several of the categories listed above, or for more than one person who fits one category will be accepted. In your nomination letter, please indicate the specific membership category for each nominee. Each nominee must fill out a form AD-755, "Advisory Committee Membership Background Information" (which can be obtained from the contact person below or may be printed out from the following Web site: <http://www/fs.fed.us>, then search AD-755). All nominees will be vetted before selection. Appointments to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture. Send nominee's name, resume, and their completed AD-755 to USDA, Office of the Advisory Board, Research, Education, and Economics, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 344-A, JL Whitten Building, Washington, DC 20250-2255, postmarked no later than June 3, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Hanfman, Executive Director, National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 344-A, JL Whitten Building, Washington, DC 20250-2255. Telephone: 202-720-3684. Fax: 202-720-6199.

Nominations are open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. To ensure that recommendations of the Advisory Board take into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the

Department, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Done at Washington, DC, this 26th day of February 2002.

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Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics, U.S. Department of the Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., the United States Department of Agriculture announces a meeting of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board, which represents 30 constituent categories, as specified in section 802 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-127), has scheduled a National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board general meeting and focus session from March 28, 2002—March 29, 2002. This meeting is entitled, Food and Agriculture Biosecurity: Research and Education Implications. It will be held at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, DC. Also, a pre-meeting reception with special guest speakers, including the President of the Council of Scientific Society Presidents, Dr. Martin Apple, will be held the evening of Wednesday March 27 from 7-8 p.m. at the same location.

On Thursday, March 28, 2002, the morning session will begin with opening remarks by the Chair of the Advisory Board, Dr. Victor Lechtenberg. Dr. Michael Osterholm, Director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, University of Minnesota, will provide the keynote address. The Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Jim Moseley, has been invited to provide an overview on Food and Agricultural

Biosecurity at USDA. Additional remarks on USDA's key research activities will be given by Dr. Joseph Jen, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics. There will also be a panel on "Homeland Security in USDA Agencies," followed by a panel on "Preparedness Plans." A mid-afternoon panel at 3 p.m. will address "Biosecurity Education and Protection for the American Public." The floor will be open to the public, as time permits, prior to the day's adjournment. A buffet reception will be held that evening (Thursday, March 28) from 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. with an invited guest speaker from the Office of Homeland Security.

On Friday, March 29, 2002, the Advisory Board will reconvene with a panel that addresses "Biosecurity in the Food and Agriculture Industries Involved in the Food Supply Chain," and include topics such as grain handling and transportation, meat production, food processing, retail, food service, and fresh produce. Dr. John Marburger, Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, has been invited to speak during lunch on high priority research and development issues, interagency collaborations, and public and private sector partnerships with regard to homeland security in food and agriculture. The afternoon panel session focuses on "Research Implications for Biosecurity." Guest speakers at this meeting are representative of the broad food and agriculture stakeholder community across the country. Prior to the wrap up of the meeting and as time permits, the floor will be open for public comments. The Board will discuss in detail findings of this 2-day meeting on Food and Agriculture Biosecurity and begin to develop research and education recommendations that will be tendered as advice to the Secretary of Agriculture. Written comments will be accepted at the USDA Advisory Board Office for public record up to 2 weeks following the Board meeting.

This meeting is open to all individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, mental or physical handicap, marital status, or sexual orientation. Should an attendee at this meeting require any special needs, please contact the USDA Research, Education, and Economics Advisory Board Office cited below.

DATES:

March 27 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Pre-Meeting Reception with Guest Speaker

March 28 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.—Focus Session