

constitutes evidence in that proceeding, or which is sought in the course of discovery.

(3) Disclose information to the Department of Justice for the defense of suits against the United States or its officers, or for the institution of suits for the recovery of claims by the United States Department of Agriculture.

(4) Disclose information to the Chairman of a Congressional Committee to conduct Committee business.

(5) Disclose information to a Member of Congress from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the Member of Congress made at the request of that individual. In such cases, however, the Member's right to a record is no greater than that of the individual.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are maintained in paper form in file folders or on computer printouts, and in computerized form stored in memory or on computer disk storage.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are maintained under the agency's 5300 and 5320 file codes, identified by case numbers and/or subject name.

SAFEGUARDS (ACCESS CONTROLS):

Computer files are password protected. Other records are maintained in restricted areas during duty hours and in locked file rooms, locked file cabinets, and locked law enforcement offices during non-duty hours. Employee access is limited to approved persons with USDA security clearances.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are maintained in accordance with the Records Disposal Act of 1943 (44 U.S.C. 366–380) and the Federal Records act of 1950, and so designated in the Forest Service Records Management Handbook (FSH) 6209.11. Enforcement and investigative records are retained for a period of 10 years from the date the case file is closed. Records are disposed of by shredding or burning.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Law Enforcement and Investigations (LEI) Director, USDA Forest Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., (Mail Stop 1140), Washington, DC 20090–1140; the LEI Special Agent in Charge or the Law Enforcement Officer at USDA Forest Service Regional, Forest Supervisor, and Ranger District Offices (listed in 36 CFR 200.2, subpart A or in

local telephone directories under the heading "United States Government, Department of Agriculture, Forest Service"); and Assistant Director, Training, Developments and Standards, Federal Law Enforcement training Center (FLETC), Townhouse 378A, Glynco, GA 31524.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

An individual may request information regarding this system of records, or information as to whether the system contains records pertaining to him/her by submitting a written request to the system manager.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

An individual may request access to a record in this system, which pertains to him/her, by submitting a written request to the system manager.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

An individual may contest information in this system, which pertains to him/her, by submitting a written request to the system manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information in this system of records is obtained from various sources, including, but not limited to: Subject interviews, witness interviews, victim interviews, examination of records and data, law enforcement databases, evidence gathered at crime scenes, and personal information furnished by the individuals themselves.

SYSTEM EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2), this system of records has been exempted from the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (3)(4)(G), (H), (I), and (f). See 7 CFR 1.123. This exemption will only be used to maintain the efficacy and integrity of law enforcement files, and to prevent access to certain law enforcement files, which would alert subjects of investigations that their activities are being scrutinized and thus allow them time to take measures to prevent detection of illegal action or escape prosecution. Any individual who feels, however, that they have been denied any right, privilege, or benefit for which they would otherwise be eligible as a result of the maintenance of such material may request access to the material by submitting a written request to the system manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intent of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to request an extension of a currently approved information collection used in support of the FSA Farm Loan Programs (FLP). This renewal does not involve any revisions to the program rules.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before November 16, 2004, to be assured consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Wheeler, USDA, Farm Service Agency, Loan Servicing and Property Management Division, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW., STOP 0523, Washington, DC 20024–0523; Telephone (202) 690–4021; Electronic mail: Gary.Wheeler@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR 1951–L, servicing cases where unauthorized loan or other assistance was received.

OMB Control Number: 0560–0160.

Expiration Date: March 31, 2005.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

Abstract: FSA encounters cases where unauthorized assistance was received by a borrower. This assistance may be a loan where the borrower did not meet the eligibility requirements contained in statute or program regulations or where the borrower was eligible for loan assistance but a lower subsidized interest rate was charged on the loan, resulting in the borrower's receipt of unauthorized interest subsidy benefits. The unauthorized assistance may also be in the form of loan servicing where a borrower received an excessive or unauthorized write-down or write-off of their debt. The information collected is provided on a voluntary basis by the borrower, although failure to cooperate to correct loan accounts may result in liquidation of the loan. The information to be collected will primarily be financial data such as amount of income, farm operating expenses, depreciation, crop yields, etc.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses or other for profit and farms.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 800 hours.

Comments are invited on: (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 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. These comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to Gary Wheeler, Senior Loan Officer, USDA, FSA, Farm Loan Programs, Loan Servicing Division, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW., STOP 0523, Washington, DC 20024-0523.

Comments will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the information collection. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 9, 2004.

James R. Little,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency

Initial Notice of Funds Availability Inviting Applications for the Implementation of an American Indian Targeted Credit Outreach Program

Announcement Type: Initial Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) inviting applications from qualified organizations for Fiscal Year 2005 funding.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number and Program: 10.443: Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers.

SUMMARY: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces it is taking applications for a competitive cooperative agreement for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 to initiate a credit outreach initiative targeted to American Indian farmers, ranchers, and youth residing primarily on Indian reservations within the contiguous 48 States. FSA requests proposals from eligible non-profit organizations, land grant institutions, and federally-recognized Indian tribal governments interested in a competitively-awarded cooperative agreement to create and implement a mechanism that will provide credit outreach and promotion, pre-loan education, one-on-one loan application preparation assistance, and other related services as proposed by the successful applicant that are specific to FSA's Agricultural Credit Programs.

This is a request for proposals for applications for the American Indian Targeted Credit Outreach Program (AITCOP) for FY 2005, subject to the availability of funds. FY 2004 funding for the AITCOP was \$1,599,951. This notice is being issued prior to passage of a final appropriations bill to allow applicants sufficient time to submit proposals, give the Agency maximum time to process applications and to permit the continuity of this program while minimizing the time a prior program is administered. A Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) will be published announcing the funding level for FY 2005 once an appropriation has been enacted. The commitment of program funds will be made to an applicant from selected responses that have fulfilled the necessary requirements for obligation to the extent announced in the subsequent NOFA.

Proposals should demonstrate ways of ensuring that American Indians will (1) Be provided a targeted promotional campaign about, (2) have ready access to, (3) be educated about, and (4) be able to obtain one-on-one assistance specific to the various FSA Agricultural Credit Programs. Applicants must also demonstrate and provide evidence of their ability to record and track program-specific data that can be accessed on a real-time basis and be available online through the Internet. In addition, the successful applicant must provide evidence that it has in place, or demonstrated the capability to put in place, a data-tracking system that thoroughly records all credit outreach-specific related activities and has the ability to provide detailed statistical information on an ad hoc basis. The database must also be built using software that is functional on a real-time basis as well as being available online

through the Internet. Additionally, the applicant must demonstrate its ability to deliver these credit outreach services utilizing the FSA Online Business Plan software program upon acceptance of any financial award.

DATES: Applications should be completed and submitted as soon as possible, and must be received by the Agency no later than 5 p.m. eastern time, October 18, 2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice does not involve a collection of information as defined by section 1320.3(c) of 5 CFR part 1320 because it will not involve the collection of information from 10 or more persons.

II. Funding Opportunity Description

Background

Today, American Indians own and control approximately 56 million acres of agricultural lands held in trust by the United States Government and administered, for the most part, by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Land-based agricultural enterprises are considered the primary source of revenue for most tribes, due in large part to their severe isolation from any urban type industrial development activities. Thus, protecting this resource is an important function of the elected tribal officials charged with operating business activities that take place within reservations.

With this in mind, American Indian agribusinesses, as well as individual Indians have consistently reported that the primary need in Indian agriculture was access to the capital required to own and operate their own farms or ranches. Therefore, FSA has undertaken this initiative to create and implement a mechanism that will provide credit outreach and other related services related to FSA's Agricultural Credit Programs as a way to resolve some of the credit needs of Indian agriculture.

Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this NOFA:

Agency or FSA: The United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency or its successor agency.

Farm Land: Land used for commercial agriculture crops, poultry and livestock enterprises, or aquaculture.

Federally-Recognized Indian Tribal Government: The governing body or a governmental agency of any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community (including any Native village as defined in Section 3 of