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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 2, 2014.

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number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Rural Utilities Service

Title: RUS Form 87, Request for Mail List Data.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0051.

Summary of Collection: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The agency makes loans (direct and guaranteed) to finance electric and telecommunications facilities in rural areas in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, 7 U.S.C. 901 as amended, (ReAct). RUS Electric Program provides support to the vast rural American electric infrastructure. RUS' Telecommunications Program makes loans to furnish and improve telephone services and other telecommunications purposes in rural areas.

Need and Use of the Information: RUS will collect information using RUS Form 87, Request for Mail List Data. The information is used for the RUS Electric and Telephone programs to obtain the name and addresses of the borrowers' officers/board of directors and corporate officials, who are authorized to sign official documents and/or to make official representations concerning borrower operations and management. RUS uses the information to assure that (1) accurate, current, and verifiable information is available; (2) correspondence with borrowers is properly directed; and (3) the appropriate officials have signed the official documents submitted. Failure to collect information from borrowers could result in failure to protect the government's security interest when determining eligibility and administering loan programs.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,125.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 281.

Charlene Parker,

*Departmental Information Collection
Clearance Office.*

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Chief Information Officer; Notice of Request for a Revision to and Extension of an Information Collection; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Chief Information Officer, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public to comment on the "Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery" for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et. seq.). This collection was developed as part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process for seeking feedback from the public on service delivery. This notice announces our intent to submit this collection to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval and solicit comments on specific aspects for the proposed information collection.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 8, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments by one of the following methods:

- *Web site:* www.Regulations.gov.
- *Email:* Ruth.Brown@ocio.usda.gov and Charlene.Parker@ocio.usda.gov.
- *Fax:* 202-690-0068.

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. If you send an email comment, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. Please note that responses

to this public comment request containing any routine notice about the confidentiality of the communication will be treated as public comments that may be made available to the public notwithstanding the inclusion of the routine notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Brown, 202-720-8958 or Charlene Parker, 202-720-8681.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

Abstract: The proposed information collection activity provides a means to garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean, information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions, but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population. This feedback will, (1) provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences and expectations, (2) provide an early warning of issues with service and, (3) focus attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. This collection will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency and its customers and stakeholders. It will also allow feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management.

The solicitation of feedback will target areas such as: Timeliness, appropriateness, accuracy of information, courtesy, efficiency of service delivery, and resolution of issues with service delivery. Responses will be assessed to plan and inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. If this information is not collected, vital feedback from customers and stakeholders on the Agency's services will be unavailable.

The Agency will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:

- The collections are voluntary;
- The collections are low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours, total number of respondents, or burden-hours per respondent) and are low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;

- The collections are non-controversial and do not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;

- Any collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future;

- Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained;

- Information gathered will be used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the agency;

- Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions; and

- Information gathered will yield qualitative information; the collections will not be designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study.

Feedback collected under this generic clearance provides useful information, but it does not yield data that can be generalized to the overall population. This type of generic clearance for qualitative information will not be used for quantitative information collections that are designed to yield reliably actionable results, such as monitoring trends over time or documenting program performance. Such data usage require more rigorous designs that address: The target population to which generalizations will be made, the sampling frame, the sample design (including stratification and clustering), the precision requirements or power calculations that justify the proposed sample size, the expected response rate, methods for assessing potential non-response bias, the protocols for data collection, and any testing procedures that were or will be undertaken prior to fielding the study. Depending on the degree of influence the results are likely to have, such collections may still be eligible for submission for other generic mechanisms that are designed to yield quantitative results.

As a general matter, information collections will not result in any new system of records containing privacy information and will not ask questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

Current Actions: Extension of approval for a collection of information.

Type of Review: Extension.

Affected Public: Individuals and households, businesses and

organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Below we provide projected average estimates for the next 3-years:

Average Expected Annual Number of Activities: 20.

Average number of Respondents per Activity: 1.

Annual responses: 20,000.

Frequency of Response: Once per request.

Average minutes per response: 30.

Burden hours: 10,000.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. 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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions to; (1) Develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; (2) train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, (3) complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

All written comments will be available for public inspection at Regulations.gov.

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Office of Management and Budget control number.

Cheryl L. Cook,
Chief Information Officer.

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Food and Nutrition Service

Title: School Nutrition and Meal Cost Study.

OMB Control Number: 0584-NEW.

Summary Of Collection: The school meal programs administered by the

Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture are a cornerstone of the nation's nutrition safety net for low-income children. FNS has long been committed to ensuring that the meals provided in schools are healthful and contribute to children's dietary requirements. The School Nutrition and Meal Cost Study (SNMCS) will continue the long-standing commitment of FNS to periodically assess the school meal programs. The SNMCS comes at a time of unprecedented change for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). In the 2012-2013 school year, the school meal programs began to undergo far-reaching changes, mainly stemming from the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act (HHFKA, Public Law 111-296). Key reforms stemming from this legislation include new, more stringent meal pattern and nutrient requirements for school meals, new offer-versus-serve rules, gradually increased price for paid meals, and the introduction of nutrition standards for competitive foods. With the implementation of the new meal patterns, nutrition requirements, and other changes, FNS has to determine the success of school meals in meeting the program goals set by the new standards, the cost of serving healthful meals that are acceptable to children, and the relationship of the school meals and competitive foods to children's participation in the programs and dietary quality.

Need and Use of the Information: The SNMCS will collect a broad range of data from nationally representative samples of public school food authorities, school, students, and parents during SY 2014-2015. These data will provide needed information about how federally sponsored school meal programs are operating after implementation of the new nutrition standards and other changes in regulations. Without this information FNS will not be able to assess progress toward key strategic goals for the NSLP and SBP or identify related training and technical assistance needs of SFAs and schools.

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

Number of Respondents: 40,509.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 52,594.

Ruth Brown,
Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Revision of the Land Management Plan for the Chugach National Forest

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of initiating the development of a land management plan revision for the Chugach National Forest.

SUMMARY: The Chugach National Forest, located in Southcentral Alaska, is initiating the development of a land management plan revision (forest plan). An Assessment will be posted to our Web site around September 1, 2014. We are inviting the public to help us further develop the "need for change" and a proposed action for the land management plan revision.

DATES: The Assessment report for the revision of the Chugach NF's land management plan will be posted on the following Web site at www.fs.usda.gov/chugach around September 1, 2014.

Public meetings associated with the continued development of the "need for change" and a proposed action will be announced on the Web site cited above.

It is anticipated that the Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (which will accompany the land management plan revision for the Chugach NF), will be published in the **Federal Register** around March 1, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or questions concerning this notice should be addressed to U.S. Forest Service, Chugach National Forest, 161 East 1st Avenue, Door 8, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501. Comments or questions may also be sent via email to FS-comments-alaska-chugach@fs.fed.us. All correspondence, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Kessler, Acting Forest Plan Revision Team Leader, at 907-743-9461 or, after September 1, 2014, Mary C. Rasmussen, Forest Plan Revision Team Leader at 907-743-9500. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-