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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 27, 2014.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (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; (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 regarding this information collection received by October 3, 2014 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725-17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control 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.

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Title: Application Package and Reporting Requirements for the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP).

OMB Control Number: 0524-0047.

Summary of Collection: In January 2003, the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA) was passed into law adding section 1415A to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1997. This law established a new Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) (7 U.S.C. 3151a) authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a program of entering into agreements with veterinarians under which they agree to provide veterinary services in veterinarian shortage situations. The purpose of the program is to assure an adequate supply of trained food animal veterinarians in shortage situations and provide USDA with a pool of veterinary specialists to assist in the control and eradication of animal disease outbreaks.

Need and Use of the Information: The information collected allows the National Institute of Food and Agriculture to request from VMLRP applicants' information related to eligibility, qualification, career interests, and recommendations necessary to evaluate their applications for repayment of educational indebtedness in return for agreeing to provide veterinary services in veterinarian shortage situations. The information will also be used to determine an applicant's eligibility for participation in the program.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 600.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Biennially.

Total Burden Hours: 1,350.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS-FV-14-0067]

Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing a meeting of the Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee (Committee). The meeting is being convened to examine the full spectrum of fruit and vegetable issues and provide recommendations and ideas to the Secretary of Agriculture on how the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) can tailor programs and services to better meet the needs of the U.S. produce industry. The meeting is open to the public. This notice sets forth the schedule and location for the meeting.

DATES: Monday, September 29, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Tuesday, September 30, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Committee meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, at 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marlene Betts, Acting Designated Federal Official, USDA, AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Program; Telephone: (202) 720-3334; Email: Marlene.betts@ams.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)(5 U.S.C. App.), the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) established the Committee in 2001, to examine the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and to provide suggestions and ideas to the Secretary on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs. The Committee was re-chartered in July 2013, for a two-year period.

A notice soliciting nominations was published in the **Federal Register** on November 25, 2013 (78 FR 70259). The Secretary appointed members to the Committee in July 2014. Each member serves either a two or three-year term,

and no member shall serve more than six consecutive years on the Committee. AMS oversees the Committee to ensure that it is administered according to the FACA.

AMS Deputy Administrator for the Fruit and Vegetable Program, Charles Parrott, serves as the Committee's Executive Secretary. Representatives from USDA mission areas and other government agencies affecting the fruit and vegetable industry are called upon to participate in the Committee's meetings as determined by the Committee. AMS is giving notice of the Committee meeting to the public so that they may attend and present their recommendations. The meeting is open to the public. Reference to dates and addresses section for the time and place of the meeting.

Agenda items will include, but are not limited to, welcome and introductions, administrative matters, selection of Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and discussions by the Committee on the full spectrum of issues facing the fruit and vegetable industry. The Committee will determine the areas that they would like to address concerning the Department's programs.

Public Comments: Those parties that would like to speak at the meeting should register on or before September 19, 2014. To register as a speaker, please email your name and all of the names of people planning to give oral comments, the organizations or interests represented, business addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers to Ms. Marlene Betts, Acting Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at: Marlene.betts@ams.usda.gov or telephone at (202) 720-3334. Speakers who have registered in advance will be given priority. Written public comments may be submitted electronically by September 19, 2014, for the Committee's consideration to www.regulations.gov or mail to: 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 2077-South, STOP 0235, Washington, DC 20250-0235. The meeting will be recorded, and information about obtaining a transcript will be provided at the meeting.

Meeting Accommodations: The meeting hotel is ADA compliant, and the USDA provides reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this public meeting, please notify Marlene Betts at marlene.betts@ams.usda.gov or (202) 720-3334. Determinations for reasonable accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Dated: August 27, 2014.

Rex A. Barnes,

Associate Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection: Generic Information Collection Clearance for STEW-MAP, the Stewardship Mapping and Assessment Project

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the new information collection *Generic Information Collection Clearance for STEW-MAP, the Stewardship Mapping and Assessment Project*.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before November 3, 2014 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Lynne Westphal, USDA Forest Service, 1033 University Place, Suite 360, Evanston, IL 60201.

Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to 847-866-9506 or by email to lwestphal@fs.fed.us. Please put "Comments re: STEW-MAP" in the subject line.

Comments submitted in response to this notice may be made available to the public through relevant Web sites and upon request. 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.

The public may inspect the draft supporting statement and/or comments received at USDA Forest Service, 1033 University Place, Suite 360, Evanston, IL during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to

847-866-9311 to facilitate entry to the building. The public may request an electronic copy of the draft supporting statement and/or any comments received be sent via return email. Requests should be emailed to lwestphal@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lynne Westphal at 847-866-9311 extension 11. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Information Collection Clearance for STEW-MAP, the Stewardship Mapping and Assessment Project.

OMB Number: 0596-NEW.

Type of Request: New.

Abstract: Local environmental stewardship groups are essential for ensuring the vibrancy of natural areas in urban environments. Urban natural areas provide a range of benefits and services including stormwater management, air pollution removal, urban heat island mitigation, carbon storage, wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities, stress reduction, aesthetic beauty, noise reduction, increased property values, and reduced energy use. The work of civic environmental stewards leverages the efforts of local government officials in maintaining these resources, especially in lean budget times. Civic stewardship organizations, including nonprofits, faith-based groups, formal and informal community groups, and coalitions, are often involved in, for example, planting trees, organizing community gardens, offering environment-themed classes, engaging with local officials on behalf of the environment, monitoring plants or animals, and cleaning up nearby parks or natural areas. People who do this work are stewards of their local environments, even if they do not normally use the word "steward" or think of what they do as "stewardship."

In urban areas, the roles of civic environmental stewards and their levels of engagement and commitment are often not understood by land managers and other decision makers. This means that the valuable services they provide are not appreciated and built on to full advantage. In addition, stewards themselves may not be aware of others doing similar work in their area so there may be lost opportunities for collaboration between groups.

The purpose of this research is to gather information on civic stewardship groups and their efforts such as where