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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.

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the public meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at the National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW., 13th Floor, Washington, DC 20045, or online at <http://www.aplu.org/projects-and-initiatives/international-programs/bifad/bifad-meetings.html>.

This public meeting, *Global Food Security Research Strategy: From Upstream Research to Development Impact*, will be co-hosted with the Feed the Future Innovation Labs. The purpose of the meeting will be to launch the new Global Food Security Research Strategy and to highlight the contributions, collaborations, and synergies among the U.S. Government interagency, universities, international agricultural research centers, and private sector on food security research for development. The meeting will include panels on Cutting Edge Science for Development, Practical Applications of Research Results, Applying Research to Emerging Threats, Opportunities for More Intentional USG Intentional Interagency Alignment and Complementarity, and Opportunities for Leveraging Private Sector Innovation. A public comment period is scheduled from 4:00 to 4:30 EDT.

Those wishing to participate in the meeting in person should arrive early as seating is limited. More information, including a detailed agenda, can be found on the BIFAD landing page at <http://www.aplu.org/projects-and-initiatives/international-programs/bifad/bifad-meetings.html>.

To obtain additional information about this public meeting or BIFAD, interested parties should contact Clara Cohen, Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD in the Bureau for Food Security at USAID. Interested persons may write to her in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Bureau for Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20523-2110 or telephone her at (202) 712-0119.

Clara Cohen,

USAID Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD, Bureau for Food Security, U.S. Agency for International Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

August 17, 2017.

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 are requested regarding (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) 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 September 21, 2017 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.

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

Title: USDA Race, Ethnicity and Gender Data Collection.

OMB Control Number: 0503-0019.

Summary of Collection: Section 14006 and 14007 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 8701 (referred to as the 2008 Farm Bill) establishes a requirement for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to annually compile application and participation rate data regarding socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers by computing for each program of the USDA that serves agriculture producers and landowners (a) raw numbers of applicants and participants by race, ethnicity, and gender, subject to appropriate privacy protection, as determined by the Secretary; and (b) the application and participation rate, by race, ethnicity and gender as a percentage of the total participation rate of all agricultural producers and landowners for each county and State in the United States.

Need and Use of the Information: Data will be collected on a voluntary basis through a questionnaire to determine the race, ethnicity and gender of farmers and ranchers who apply for and who participate in USDA programs and services. The data will enable the Secretary and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights and the agencies' outreach offices in reaching current and prospective socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers in a linguistically appropriate manner to focus resources in a particular county or region where low participation is indicated by the data to improve the participation of those farmers and ranchers in USDA programs. The data is

intended to be used as one indicator in targeting and designing outreach activities and in assessing compliance with civil rights laws in program delivery. The data may also be used as an indicator in directing compliance reviews to geographic areas where there are indications of low participation in USDA programs by minorities and women, thus serving as an “early warning system” that warrants further investigations. Failure to collect this information will have a negative impact on USDA’s outreach activities and could result in an inability of the agencies to equitably deliver programs and services to applicant and producers.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 3,200,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (once).

Total Burden Hours: 106,667.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection
Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Summer Meals Study

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection. This collection is a new collection. The purpose of the Summer Meals Study is for the Food and Nutrition Service to understand the facilitators and barriers to program implementation, perceived benefits and challenges for sponsor and site participation, nutritional quality of meals served, parental awareness, factors influencing child participation, and experience with the Summer Food Service Program and the National School Lunch Program’s Seamless Summer Option.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 23, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to: Alice Ann Gola, Office of Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1014, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may also be submitted via fax to the

attention of Alice Ann Gola at 703-305-2576 or via email to AliceAnn.Gola@fns.usda.gov. Comments will also be accepted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments electronically.

All written comments will be open for public inspection at the office of the Food and Nutrition Service during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will be a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of this information collected should be directed to Alice Ann Gola at 703-305-4347 or aliceann.gola@fns.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Summer Meals Study.

Form Number: Not applicable.

OMB Number: 0584-NEW.

Expiration Date: Not Yet Determined.

Type of Request: New collection.

Abstract: The Federally-funded

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and the National School Lunch Program’s Seamless Summer Option (SSO) provide healthy meals and snacks to children through 18 years of age, in low-income areas during summer months when school is not in session. Open summer sites provide free meals to children in geographical areas where at least 50 percent of children are eligible for free or reduced price school meals (*i.e.*, at or below 185 percent of the Federal poverty level). Closed enrolled summer sites provide free meals to children enrolled in an activity program where at least half of the children are individually determined eligible for free or reduced price meals. Open and enrolled sites, as well as sites that predominantly serve children of migrant workers, receive reimbursement from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the meals they serve to all children in attendance. The reimbursement rates vary depending on the type of meal served (*i.e.*, breakfast, lunch, supper, or snack) and whether the site is operating SFSP or SSO. The SFSP and SSO sites operate at State, Local or Tribal locations such as public and private nonprofit schools, local government agencies, business organizations such as youth sports programs, churches, and food pantries. In July 2016, 5,525 sponsors managed

48,618 sites and served 3.85 million summer meals to participating children.¹ However, summer meals reach only a small percent of the children receiving free or reduced price meals during the school year. This study will help identify strategies to increase participation in summer meals as well as assess the nutritional quality of the meals served to children. Legislation requires those programs participating in the SFSP or SSO to cooperate with program research and evaluation (Section 305 of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act).

The six study objectives are: (1) Identify reasons children and their caregivers participate in summer meals and their satisfaction levels with the program; (2) Assess how characteristics differ between participants and eligible nonparticipants of SFSP and SSO; (3) Determine the reasons eligible families do not participate in SFSP and SSO; (4) Determine the food service characteristics of SFSP and SSO sites; (5) Describe the characteristics and content of SFSP and SSO meals and snacks; and (6) Assess facilitators and barriers to preparing and serving SFSP and SSO meals and snacks.

A nationally representative study with a mixed-methods research design will be used to address the six study objectives. States will be selected for the study using FNS administrative data on SFSP and SSO program size. In the selected States, State agencies administering SFSP and SSO will provide lists of participating sites and sponsors from which the sample of sites will be drawn. State agencies administering the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in these States will provide SNAP caseload data. These data will be used in conjunction with postal data to identify children in the catchment areas of sampled sites. Quantitative and qualitative data will be collected from SFSP and SSO sponsors and sites, former sponsors, and participants and eligible nonparticipants.

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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden on the proposed collection of information,

¹ The USDA FNS National Data Bank provides a single official repository to support the analysis and public release of FNS program information through the Food Programs Reporting System (FPRS) OMB Control No. 0584-0594 Expiration 6/2019, data from various FNS programs are extracted and imported into the NDB database. This number includes meals served through both SFSP and SSO.