

performance for compliance and reimbursement purposes.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: 76,733.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Monthly; Weekly.

Total Burden Hours: 316,005.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1944-I, "Self-Help Technical Assistance Grants".

OMB Control Number: 0575-0043.

Summary of Collection: This regulation prescribes policies and responsibilities, including the collection and use of information, necessary to administer the Section 523 program. Rural Housing Service (RHS) will be collecting information from the non-profit organizations who want to develop a Self-Help program in their area to increase the availability of affordable housing. The information is collected at the local, district, and state levels. The information requested by RHS includes financial and organizational information about the non-profit organization.

Need and Use of the Information:

RHS needs this information to determine if the organization is capable of successfully carrying out the requirements of the Self-Help program. The information is collected on an as requested or needed basis. RHS has reviewed the program's need for the collection of information versus the burden placed on the public.

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

Number of Respondents: 100.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: Monthly, Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 3,095.

Rural Housing Service

Title: 7 CFR 1944-B, Housing Applications Packaging Grants.

OMB Control Number: 0575-0157.

Summary of Collection: Section 509 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, authorizes the Rural Housing Service (RHS) to make grants to private and public nonprofit organizations and State and local governments to package housing applications for Section 502, 504, 514/515 and 533 to colonials and designated counties. Eligible organizations aid very low and low-income individuals and families in obtaining benefits from RHS housing programs.

Need and Use of the Information:

RHS field personnel use this information, required for approval of

housing application packaging grants, to verify program eligibility requirements and to secure grant assistance. The information is also to insure that the program is administered in a manner consistent with legislative and administrative requirements.

Description of Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Frequency of Responses:

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 900.

Nancy B. Sternberg,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, January 20, 2000, at the Wenatchee National Forest headquarters main conference room, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. Key topics for this meeting will be: Information sharing on new developments on the on-going implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan, a re-cap of the roadless area meetings, and Advisory Committee goal setting for the year 2000. All Eastern Washington Cascades and Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open on the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-662-4335.

Dated: January 3, 2000.

Robert J. Sheehan,

Deputy Forest Supervisor, Wenatchee National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Inviting Preapplications for Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation Systems

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), an Agency within the Rural Development mission area, announces the availability of one single \$500,000 grant from the passenger transportation portion of the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 to be competitively awarded to a qualified national organization.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of a preapplication in the Rural Development State Office is March 1, 2000. Preapplications received at a Rural Development State Office after that date will not be considered for FY 2000 funding.

ADDRESSES: For further information, entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact a Rural Development State Office to receive further information and copies of the preapplication package. A list of Rural Development State Offices follows:

Alabama

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Sterling Center, Suite 601, 4121
Carmichael Road, Montgomery, AL
36106-3683, (334) 279-3400

Alaska

USDA Rural Development State Office, 800
West Evergreen, Suite 201, Palmer, AK
99645-6539, (907) 745-2176

Arizona

USDA Rural Development State Office,
3003 North Central Avenue, Suite 900,
Phoenix, AZ 85012-2906, (602) 280-
8700

Arkansas

USDA Rural Development State Office, 700
West Capitol Avenue, Room 3416, Little
Rock, AR 72201-3225, (501) 301-3200

California

USDA Rural Development State Office, 430
G Street, Agency 4169, Davis, CA 95616-
4169, (530) 792-5800

Colorado

USDA Rural Development State Office, 655
Parfet Street, Room E-100, Lakewood,
CO 80215, (303) 236-2801

Delaware-Maryland

USDA Rural Development State Office,
4607 South DuPont Highway, Camden,
DE 19934-9998, (302) 697-4300

Florida/Virgin Islands

USDA Rural Development State Office,
4440 NW 25th Place, Gainesville, FL
32614-7010, (352) 338-3400

Georgia

USDA Rural Development State Office,
Stephens Federal Building, 355 E.

- Hancock Avenue, Athens, GA 30601–2768, (706) 546–2162
- Hawaii**
USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Room 311, 154 Waiannuenu Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720, (808) 933–8380
- Idaho**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 9173 West Barnes Drive, Suite A1, Boise, ID 83709, (208) 378–5600
- Illinois**
USDA Rural Development State Office, Illini Plaza, Suite 103, 1817 South Neil Street, Champaign, IL 61820, (217) 398–5235
- Indiana**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 5975 Lakeside Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46278, (317) 290–3100
- Iowa**
USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Room 873, 210 Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50309, (515) 284–4663
- Kansas**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 1200 SW. Executive Drive, Topeka, KS 66604, (785) 271–2700
- Kentucky**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40503, (606) 224–7300
- Louisiana**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 3727 Government Street, Alexandria, LA 71302, (318) 473–7920
- Maine**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 444 Stillwater Avenue, Suite 2, Bangor, ME 04402–0405, (207) 990–9106
- Massachusetts/Rhode Island/Connecticut**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 451 West Street, Amherst, MA 01002, (413) 253–4300
- Michigan**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 200, East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 324–5100
- Minnesota**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 410 AgriBank Building, 375 Jackson Street, St. Paul, MN 55101–1853, (651) 602–7800
- Mississippi**
USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Suite 831, 100 West Capitol Street, Jackson, MS 39269, (601) 965–4316
- Missouri**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 601 Business Loop 70 West, Parkade Center, Suite 235, Columbia, MO 65203, (573) 876–0976
- Montana**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 900 Technology Blvd., Unit 1, Suite B, Bozeman, MT 59715, (406) 585–2580
- Nebraska**
USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Room 152, 100 Centennial Mall N, Lincoln, NE 68508, (402) 437–5551
- Nevada**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 1390 South Curry Street, Carson City, NV 89703–9910, (775) 887–1222
- New Jersey**
USDA Rural Development State Office, Tarnsfield Plaza, Suite 22, 790 Woodlane Road, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060, (609) 265–3600
- New Mexico**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 6200 Jefferson Street, NE., Room 255, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 761–4950
- New York**
USDA Rural Development State Office, The Galleries of Syracuse, 441 South Salina Street, Suite 357, Syracuse, NY 13202–2541, (315) 477–6400
- North Carolina**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 4405 Bland Road, Suite 260, Raleigh, NC 27609, (919) 873–2000
- North Dakota**
USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Room 208, 220 East Rosser, Bismarck, ND 58502–1737, (701) 530–2043
- Ohio**
USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Room 507, 200 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215–2477, (614) 255–2500
- Oklahoma**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 100 USDA, Suite 108, Stillwater, OK 74074–2654, (405) 742–1000
- Oregon**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 101 SW Main Street, Suite 1410, Portland, OR 97204–3222, (503) 414–3300
- Pennsylvania**
USDA Rural Development State Office, One Credit Union Place, Suite 330, Harrisburg, PA 17110–2996, (717) 237–2299
- Puerto Rico**
USDA Rural Development State Office, New San Juan Office Building, Room 501, 159 Carlos E. Chardon Street, Hato Rey, PR 00918–5481, (787) 766–5095
- South Carolina**
USDA Rural Development State Office, Strom Thurmond Federal Building, 1835 Assembly Street, Room 1007, Columbia, SC 29201, (803) 765–5163
- South Dakota**
USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Room 210, 200 4th Street, SW., Huron, SD 57350, (605) 352–1100
- Tennessee**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 3322 West End Avenue, Suite 300, Nashville, TN 37203–1084, (615) 783–1300
- Texas**
USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, Suite 102, 101 South Main, Temple, TX 76501, (254) 742–9700
- Utah**
USDA Rural Development State Office, Wallace F. Bennett Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Room 4311, Salt Lake City, UT 84147–0350, (801) 524–4320
- Vermont/New Hampshire**
USDA Rural Development State Office, City Center, 3rd Floor, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602, (802) 828–6000
- Virginia**
USDA Rural Development State Office, Culpeper Building, Suite 238, 1606 Santa Rosa Road, Richmond, VA 23229, (804) 287–1550
- Washington**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 1835 Black Lake Boulevard, SW., Suite B, Olympia, WA 98512–5715, (360) 704–7740
- West Virginia**
USDA Rural Development State Office, Federal Building, 75 High Street, Room 320, Morgantown, WV 26505–7500, (304) 291–4791
- Wisconsin**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 4949 Kirschling Court, Stevens Point, WI 54481, (715) 345–7600
- Wyoming**
USDA Rural Development State Office, 100 East B, Federal Building, Room 1005, Casper, WY 82602, (307) 261–6300

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The passenger transportation portion of the RBEG program is authorized by section 310B(c)(2) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT) (7 U.S.C. 1932 (C)(2)). The RBEG program is administered on behalf of RBS at the State level by the Rural Development State Offices. The primary objective of the program is to improve the economic conditions of rural areas. Assistance provided to rural areas under this program may include on-site technical assistance to local and regional governments, public transit agencies, and related nonprofit and for-profit organizations in rural areas; the development of training materials; and the provision of necessary training assistance to local officials and agencies in rural areas.

Awards under the RBEG passenger transportation program are made on a competitive basis using specific selection criteria contained in 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G, and in accordance with section 310B(c)(2) of the CONACT. That subpart also contains the information required to be in the preapplication package. Up to 25 Administrator's points may be added to an application's priority score based on the extent to which the application targets assistance to Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities, Champion Communities, or other rural communities that have experienced persistent poverty, out-migration of population, or sudden severe structural changes in the local economy. A project that scores the greatest number of points based on the selection criteria and Administrator's points will be selected. Preapplications will be tentatively scored by the State Offices and

submitted to the National Office for review, final scoring, and selection.

To be considered "national," a qualified organization is required to provide evidence that it operates in multi-state areas. There is not a requirement to use the grant funds in a multi-state area. Under this program, grants are made to a qualified private non-profit organization for the provision of technical assistance and training to rural communities for the purpose of improving passenger transportation services or facilities. Public bodies are not eligible for passenger transportation RBEG grants.

Refer to section 310B(c)(2) (7 U.S.C. 1932) of the CONACT and 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G for the information collection requirements of the RBEG program.

Fiscal Year 2000 Preapplications Submission

Each preapplication received in a Rural Development State Office will be reviewed to determine if this preapplication is consistent with the eligible purposes outlined in 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G, and section 310B(c)(2) of the CONACT. Each selection priority criterion outlined in 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G, section 1942.305(b)(3), must be addressed in the preapplication. Failure to address any of the criteria will result in a zero-point score for that criterion and will impact the overall evaluation of the preapplication. Copies of 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G, will be provided to any interested applicant making a request to a Rural Development State Office listed in this notice. All projects to receive technical assistance through these passenger transportation grant funds are to be identified when the preapplication is submitted to the Rural Development State Office. Multiple project preapplications must identify each individual project, indicate the amount of funding requested for each individual project, and address the criteria as stated above for each individual project. For multiple-project preapplication, the average of the individual project scores will be the score for that preapplication.

All eligible preapplications, along with tentative scoring sheets and the Rural Development State Director's recommendation, will be referred to the National Office no later than April 14, 2000, for final scoring and selection for award.

The National Office will score preapplications based on the grant selection criteria and weights contained in 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G, and Administrator's points, and will select a grantee subject to the grantee's

satisfactory submission of a formal application and related materials in the manner and time frame established by RBS in accordance with 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G. It is anticipated that the grantee will be selected by June 1, 2000. All applicants will be notified by RBS of the Agency decision on the award.

The information collection requirements within this Notice are covered under OMB No. 0570-0022 and 7 CFR part 1942, subpart G.

Dated: December 20, 1999.

Dayton J. Watkins,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletion

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletion from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete a commodity previously furnished by such agencies.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: February 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Administrative Services, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, NPA: Goodwill Industries, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska

Furnishings Management Services, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, NPA: Goodwill Industries, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska

Grounds Maintenance, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, NPA: BH Services, Inc., Box Elder, South Dakota

Pest Control, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, NPA: Goodwill Industries, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska

Deletion

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodity proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

The following commodity has been proposed for deletion from the