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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved
Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's (RBS) intention to request information collection in support of the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) program and Televisions Demonstration Grants (7 CFR Part 1942-G).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by [insert date 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER] to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cindy Mason, Specialty Programs Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S.

Department of Agriculture, Stop 3226, 1400 Independence Ave.
SW., Washington, DC 20250-3225,
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ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection via
the U.S. Postal Service to the Branch Chief, Regulations and
Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture,
Stop 0742, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC
20250-0742.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Business Enterprise Grants and Televisions
Demonstration Grants.

OMB Number: 0570-0022.

Expiration Date of Approval:

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved
information collection.

Abstract: The objective of the RBEG program is to
facilitate the development of small and emerging private
businesses in rural areas. This purpose is achieved through

grants made by RBS to public bodies and nonprofit corporations. Television Demonstration grants are available to private nonprofit public television systems to provide information on agriculture and other issues of importance to farmers and the rural residents. The regulation contains various requirements for information from the grantees, and some requirements may cause the grantees to require information from other parties. The information requested is vital for RBS to be able to process applications in a responsible manner, make prudent program decisions, and effectively monitor the grantees' activities to protect the Government's financial interest and ensure that funds obtained from the Government are used appropriately. It includes information to determine eligibility; the specific purpose for which grant funds will be used; timeframes; who will be carrying out the grant purposes; project priority; applicant experience; employment improvement; and mitigation of economic distress.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.8 hours per response.

Respondents: Nonprofit corporations and public bodies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 720

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1

Estimated Number of Responses: 16,805

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 29,718

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0040.

COMMENTS:

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RBS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RBS estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, 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. Comments may be sent to Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250. All

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

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Rural Business-Cooperative Service

____ March 15, 2013 ____
Date

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