



## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

### **Rural Business-Cooperative Service**

**[Docket No. RBS--23-BUSINESS-0017]**

#### **Notice of Request for Approval of a New Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Housing Service, and the Rural Utilities Service, agencies of the Rural Development mission area within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), hereinafter collectively referred to as the Agency to request approval for a new information collection in support of compliance with applicable acts for planning and performing construction and other development work.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS**

**AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by the following method:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: This Web site provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field on this Web page or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions at that site for submitting comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynn Gilbert, Rural Development Innovation Center - Regulations Management Division, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-2682. Email [lynn.gilbert@usda.gov](mailto:lynn.gilbert@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that Rural Development is submitting to OMB for a new collection.

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 will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the Agency's 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 by the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and, in the lower "**Search Regulations and Federal Actions**" box, select "**RBS**" from the agency drop-down menu, then click on "**Submit.**" In the Docket ID column, select **RBS-23-BUSINESS-0017** to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "User Tips" link.

**Title:** 7 CFR 1951 – Servicing and Collection Common Forms

**OMB Number:** 0570–New.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** Three years from approval date.

**Type of Request:** New information collection.

**Abstract:** The information collection under OMB Number 0570-New will enable the Agencies to effectively provide servicing to a recipient's post disbursement loan and/or debt collection efforts to support Agencies and parties involved.

The Rural Housing Service (RHS), Rural Business and Cooperative Service (RBCS) and Rural Utilities service (RUS) agencies within the Rural Development mission area, hereinafter referred to as Agency, is the credit Agency for agriculture and rural development for the United States Department of Agriculture. The Agency offers loans, grants and loan guarantees to help create jobs and support economic development and essential services such as housing; health care; first responder services and equipment; and water, electric and communications infrastructure.

Rural Development has determined that the financial reporting requirements are necessary to provide the Agency with current information in order to monitor the program, to make various reporting requirements to Congress, and for program innovation and expansion under the Government's Performance Review.

**Estimate of Burden:** RD is requesting approval for one respondent and a one-hour place holder in order for OMB to issue a control number for these forms. The burden for each of the forms will be accounted for within the individual Rural Development program collection packages using the form(s).

**Respondents:** Recipients of Rural Development Federal financial assistance, loan, and loan guarantee programs.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent per Form in package:**

<b>Form Number</b>	<b>Responses per Respondent</b>
1951-4, 10, 15, 33, 65	1

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

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