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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and 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 [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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Rural Business-Cooperative Service

TITLE: Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0570-0079

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: Section 1001(b)(4) of the American Rescue Plan Act provides funding for "loans and grants and other assistance to maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency." Pursuant to this authority, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS or Agency), a Rural Development (RD) Agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), has developed requirements for the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP). The Agency has made grant funding available in four separate phases to promote competition and give more and better options to producers by increasing meat and poultry processing.

MPPEP Phases 1 and 2 provided funding for new meat and poultry processing facilities, as well as the renovation and expansion of existing ones. MPPEP Phase 3 provides funding to help facilities that process invasive, Wild-Caught catfish species increase their processing capacity. The intent of MPPEP 4 funds will be to help meat processors diversify the beef supply chain and open local market opportunities.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: Applicants wishing to apply for a MPPEP grant must submit applications with the required forms, proposals, certifications, and agreements to the Agency electronically through the www.grants.gov online application system.

The information provided will be used to determine applicant and project eligibility and to ensure that projects meet program goals and are for authorized purposes.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: State, Local, and Tribal Governments

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 225

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: Semi-annually

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 11,518

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