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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Agricultural Library

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Collect Information

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service (ARS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the Agricultural Research Service's intent to electronically survey farmers about the current level of effectiveness of transferring ARS developed technology to farmers and identify how to improve the technology transfer process.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 24, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Bryan Kaphammer, Technology Transfer Coordinator, U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service, 2150 Centre Avenue, Building D, Fort Collins, CO 80526-8119. Comments may be sent by facsimile to (970) 492-7023, or e-mail to bryan.kaphammer@ars.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Kaphammer, telephone (970) 492-7028.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Program 216 Technology Transfer Project End-users' Inputs.

OMB Number:

Expiration Date:

Type of Request: Approval for data collection from individual farmers.

Abstract: This survey contains eighteen items. The majority of the questions ask for multiple choice

answers. The Agricultural Research Service's mission is to develop science based solutions to the countries agricultural problems. Transferring these solutions to the U.S. agricultural community is a major part of ARS' mission. The purpose of this short survey is to determine the current situation of transferring technology from Agricultural Research Service to farmers and identify alternatives to improve the technology transferring process and better meet the farmer's technological needs.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average five minutes per respondent.

Respondents: Individuals who are interested in joining an electronic discussion group.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,500 per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 12,500 minutes or 208.3 hours.

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 the 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 respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technology. Comments should be sent to the address in the preamble. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 1, 2009.

Richard Brenner,

Assistant Administrator, ARS.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Ketchikan, Alaska, November 18, 2009. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential projects under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2008.

DATES: The meeting will be held November 18, 2009 at 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ketchikan-Misty Fjords Ranger District Office, 3031 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, Alaska. Send written comments to Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee, do District Ranger, USDA Forest Service, 3031 Tongass Ave., Ketchikan, AK 99901, or electronically to Diane Daniels, RAC Coordinator at ddaniels@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane Daniels, RAC Coordinator, Ketchikan-Misty Fjords Ranger District, Tongass National Forest, (907) 228-4105.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: October 9, 2009.

Forrest Cole,

Forest Supervisor.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance; Office of Food for Peace; Announcement of Food for Peace Title II Proposal Guidance and Program Policies Fiscal Year 2010; Notice

Pursuant to the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (Pub. L. 480, as amended), notice

is hereby given that the Title II Proposal Guidance and Program Policies Fiscal Year 2010 will be available to interested parties for general viewing.

For individuals who wish to review this guidance, the Title II Proposal Guidance and Program Policies will be available for your review for thirty days via the Food for Peace Web site:

http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/jfp/guide.html on or about October 21, 2009. Interested parties can also receive a copy of the draft guidance by contacting the Office of Food for Peace, U.S. Agency for International Development, RRB 7.06-152, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20523-7600.

Juli Majernik,

Grants Manager, Policy and Technical Division, Office of Food for Peace, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; One Hundred and Fifty-Eighth Meeting

Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the one hundred and fifty-eighth meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 13, 2009 at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown located at 700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting venue is in the Marriott Hotel's Iowa Ballroom, Salons A, B, and C located on the second floor. "Higher Education: A Critical Partner in Global Agricultural Development" will be the central theme of BIFAD's initiatives and the October meeting.

Dr. Robert Easter, Chairman of BIFAD, will preside over the proceedings. Dr. Easter is Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

With the passing of Dr. Norman Borlaug on September 12, 2009 it is most fitting that Food Security remains the central focus of BIFAD's Agenda for its 158th meeting. The Board, working closely in tandem with USAID, continues to seek ways to enhance and systematize agricultural development oriented university relationships with USAID. Within this context is the recognition that only through broad-

based partnerships and multidisciplinary approaches will the US achieve priority foreign assistance goals in a dramatically changed development world. It is in the spirit of the Title XII mandates and in view of today's development realities, underpinned by complex socio-economic conditions and regional conflicts that BIFAD is leading as a "gateway" to the university community.

In tribute to one of the world's greatest and most humble plant scientists who labored to provide food to those in most need and because he saw food as a moral right the BIFAD will open its 158th meeting with a special tribute in his memory. Likewise the BIFAD will present a special Resolution to honor Dr. Norman E. Borlaug. The special tribute will be presented by Allen C. Christensen, past Board member and Director of the Benson Agricultural and Food Institute.

Fred Cholick, Dean and Director, College of Agriculture, Kansas State University will lead the morning's first technical session. He will present a report on the findings and recommendations coming from the BIFAD sponsored Conference of Deans (COD II). The COD II was held on June 28 and 29, 2009 in Washington, DC. Incorporating the USAID's priority on food security in foreign assistance, "Building a Global Food Security Strategy: The Role of Higher Education in US International Development" served as the COD II's theme. The Board will be moving forward to present the COD II results to the USAID Administrator.

At mid-morning the Board will host a dialogue on university and USAID partnership. Specifically to be addressed will be the BIFAD/USAID Strategic Partnership Memorandum of Understanding which is being developed jointly. Presenting for USAID will be Carol Grigsby, Deputy Director, Office of Development Partners, USAID. Moderating the discussion for the universities will be Jack Payne, Vice President for Extension & Outreach, Iowa State University. The objective of the MOU is to strengthen university and USAID engagement through joint activities centered around, but not limited to, food security.

Reflecting the growing reality that USAID and its partners must now implement development programs in conflict zones the Board has invited a special presentation, "Universities and Possible Role in Counter-Insurgency: New Thinking on Civil-Military Collaboration." This presentation, a follow-on to one delivered at the Board's 157th meeting, (7/29/09) will

focus on Afghanistan and how the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) must also be countered via strategic and long-term development interventions through education and agriculture. Julia Erdley, Science Advisor, Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO), the Pentagon will be presenting. This presentation is scheduled for 11 a.m. right after the morning break.

Concluding the morning session Kerry Bolognese, Vice-President, Association for Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU) will provide a progress update on the Africa-US Higher Education Initiative. Kerry will discuss the status of the partnership plans, the recent conference in Ghana of awardees, and how the Initiative will result in building the higher education capacity of Sub-Saharan Africa, which will be critical to the regions long-term economic growth.

After an executive luncheon (closed to the public) the Board will re-convene. Scheduled as the afternoon's first session is a panel discussion, "Critical Role of Minority Serving Institutions in Today's Complex Agricultural Development Environment." This discussion is being designed to open a new dialogue and begin exploring effective partnering with USAID. Bill DeLauder, Board member and President Emeritus, Delaware State University will be moderating the panel discussion.

Following the MSI panel Alice Pell, Professor and Provost, College of Agriculture, Cornell University, will present an update on how land-grant universities can contribute to USAID's agricultural development strategy in Afghanistan. In recent months BIFAD has been coordinating efforts with USAID's Asia Near East Bureau (ANE). Under BIFAD's lead a special symposium was held (8/19/09) discuss how land-grant universities can contribute to development in Afghanistan, including the Administration's intent to emphasize joint programming, and country level Afghan-first ownership. Experts from nine universities with Afghanistan experience met with representatives from USAID/Washington and Pakistan, the Department of State, USDA (CSREES & FAS) and NGOs.

Concluding the afternoon session the Board will hear an update and BIFAD's comments on USAID's FY 2008 Title XII Report to Congress. John Becker, Senior Policy Advisor, BIFAD Secretariat, Office of Development Partners, USAID will present the report. Also to be discussed will be the Office of Development Partners management plans to open up an early dialog with BIFAD, the universities and