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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Notice of Request for Submission for Review of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Finance Center (NFC), USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 this notice announces the USDA, NFC's intention to request a review of a currently approved information collection for the Direct Premium Remittance System (DPRS) Form DPRS-2809.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 23, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this Information Collection Request, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting Adrienne F. Riviere, Chief, Government Insurance Services Branch, USDA, NFC, DPRS Billing Unit, P.O. Box 61760, New Orleans, Louisiana 70161, Telephone: 504-426-7460, Fax: 303-205-3172, or email to nfc.dprs@nfc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: DPRS-2809.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Number: 0505-0024.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 30, 2018.

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

Abstract: Form DPRS-2809, is for spouse equity/temporary continuation of coverage (TCC) enrollees and direct pay annuitants who are eligible to elect, cancel, or change health benefits enrollment during the open season each year.

Estimated Time per Respondent: Public reporting burden for this

collection of information is estimated to average 45 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individuals who are under the Spouse Equity Act, TCC and direct pay annuitants who are eligible to make Federal Employees Health Benefits plan changes during open season.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1 (one).

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 18,750.

Comments are invited on: (1) 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; (2) 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; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection. Comments may be sent to DPRS via email to nfc.dprs@nfc.usda.gov. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address. 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.

Dated: May 3, 2018.

Calvin W. Turner Jr.,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Notice of Solicitation of Applications (NOSA) Inviting Applications for the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Programs for Fiscal Year 2018

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to invite applications for loans and grants under the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) Programs for fiscal year (FY) 2018, subject to the availability of funding. This notice is being issued in order to allow applicants sufficient time to leverage financing, prepare and submit their applications, and give the Agency time to process applications within FY 2018. Successful applications will be selected by the Agency for funding and subsequently awarded to the extent that funding may ultimately be made available through appropriations. An announcement on the website at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/newsroom/notices-solicitation-applications-nosas> will identify the amount received in the appropriations.

All applicants are responsible for any expenses incurred in developing their applications.

DATES: See under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

ADDRESSES: Submit applications in paper format to the USDA Rural Development State Office for the State where the Project is located. A list of the USDA Rural Development State Office contacts can be found at: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cindy Mason at (202) 690-1433, cindy.mason@wdc.usda.gov, and Sami Zarour at (202) 720-9549, sami.zarour@wdc.usda.gov, Specialty Programs Division, Business Programs, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, MS 3226, Room 4204-South, Washington, DC 20250-3226, or call 202-720-1400. For further information on this notice, please contact the USDA Rural Development State Office in the State in which the applicant's headquarters is located.