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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to OMB for Review

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has submitted the following information collection to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be sent via e-mail to Ross.A.Rutledge@amb.eop.gov or fax to 202–395–3086. Copies of submission may be obtained by calling (202) 712–1365.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: OMB 0412–New.

Number: AID 321–1.

Title: Mentor-Protégé Program—Agreement Application.

Type of Submission: New information collection.

Purpose: Entities interested in participating in the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Mentor-Protégé Program must apply in writing to the USAID Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) by submitting the application form. The application will contain the Mentor-Protégé Program Agreement and will be evaluated for approval. Evaluations will consider the nature and extent of technical and managerial support as well as any proposed financial assistance in the form of equity investment, loans, joint venture, and traditional subcontracting support. USAID’s current policy on the Mentor-Protégé Program can be found in the AIDAR 719.273.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 30.

Total annual responses: 30.

Total annual hours requested: 360 hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review:

Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

Title: BroadbandMatch Web Site Tool.

OMB Control Number: 0660–0033.

Form Number: None.

Type of Request: Regular Submission (Extension of a currently approved information collection).

Number of Respondents: 4,500.

Average Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Burean Hours: 1,125.

Need and Use: The Department of Commerce’s National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the Department of Agriculture’s Rural Utility Service (RUS) are administering an initiative of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) to expand access to and adoption of broadband services. NTIA is utilizing that funding for its Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), to support broadband infrastructure deployment, enhanced and expanded public computer centers, and projects encouraging sustainable adoption of broadband service. To help potential applicants to BTOP and the RUS’ Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP), the agencies developed BroadbandMatch during the second funding round as an online tool for applicants to identify prospective partners with needed expertise and resources to strengthen their BTOP and BIP proposals.

The long-term success and sustainability of these projects require wide stakeholder support and coordination. Therefore, NTIA will continue BroadbandMatch as an ongoing resource for communities pursuing broadband projects and programs to advance the Presidential goal of universal, affordable broadband access for all Americans. The information collected through BroadbandMatch will facilitate collaboration among interested stakeholders. The online tool is also a useful means for businesses, non-profits, and state and local governments, and others to find potential partners to support their broadband initiatives, including alternative funding sources for projects that did not receive Recovery Act awards and additional resources for those projects that did.

Further, BroadbandMatch will complement other Administration efforts to promote ubiquitous broadband deployment and adoption in the United States. Significantly, the Recovery Act obligates NTIA to release publicly by February 17, 2011 a National Broadband Map developed from data collected and verified through grants from NTIA’s State Broadband Data and Development grant program. The interactive national map will help educate consumers and businesses about broadband availability, enable broadband providers and investors to make better-informed decisions regarding the use of their private capital, and allow federal, state, and local policy-makers to make more data-driven decisions on behalf of their constituents. BroadbandMatch can help community residents and leaders identify interested partners to improve broadband availability and adoption in their localities.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business and other for-