

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Rural Business-Cooperative Service**

**Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comments requested.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR part 4284, subpart K, Agriculture Innovation Demonstration Center.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by **[Insert date of 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.]**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas P. Dickson, Rural Development Innovation Center – Regulatory Team 2, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 5164, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-4492. Email [Thomas.dickson@usda.gov](mailto:Thomas.dickson@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Agriculture Innovation Centers

**OMB Number:** 0570–0045.

**Expiration Date of Approval:** March 31, 2019.

**Type of Request:** Extension of currently approved information collection.

**Abstract:** USDA’s Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Cooperative Programs administers the Agriculture Innovation Center Demonstration (AIC) Program. The primary objective of this program is to provide funds to Agriculture Innovation Centers (Centers) which provide agricultural producers with technical and business development assistance. Cooperative Programs collects information from applicants to confirm eligibility for the program and to evaluate the quality of the applications. Recipients of awards are required to submit reporting and payment request information to facilitate monitoring of the award and disbursement of funds.

**Estimate of Burden:** Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 18 hours per response.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 25.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.3.**

**Estimated Number of Responses: 58.**

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,042 hours.**

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Diane M. Berger, Rural Development Innovation Center – Regulatory Team, (715) 619-3124.

### **Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Rural Business-Cooperative Service's estimate of the burden to collect the required information, including the validity of the strategy 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 on the paperwork burden may be sent to: Thomas P. Dickson, Rural Development Innovation Center – Regulatory Team 2, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 5164, South Building, Washington, DC

20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 690-4492. Email [Thomas.dickson@usda.gov](mailto:Thomas.dickson@usda.gov). 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Bette Brand,**  
Administrator,  
Rural Business-Cooperative Service.