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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Designation as a Non Land Grant College of Agriculture

AGENCY: National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of revision to Non Land Grant College of Agriculture (NLGCA) definition and invitation to request NLGCA designation.

SUMMARY: Section 7102 of the Agriculture Act of 2018 revises the definition of a Non Land Grant College of Agriculture and requires the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) ensure compliance with the revised definition by proposing revocation of Non Land Grant designations where prior designees do not comply with the new NLGCA definition. All institutions certified prior to December 21, 2018 must reapply for certification and meet the new criteria for NLGCA certification. NLGCA designation satisfies the eligibility requirement for the Capacity Building Grants for Non-Land Grant Colleges of Agriculture program.

DATES: NIFA has updated its process for designating NLGCA and is inviting new requests for NLGCA designation effective immediately upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joanna Moore, Policy Specialist, jmoore@nifa.usda.gov, 202-690-6011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 7102 of the 2018 Agriculture Improvement Act:

(1) Amended the definition of “NLGCA Institution” and “non-land-grant College of agriculture”. In order for an institution to qualify as a NLGCA, it must be a public college or university offering a baccalaureate or higher degree in the study of agricultural sciences, forestry, or both, which is any of the 32

specified areas of study: Agricultural and domestic animal services; Agricultural and extension education services; Agricultural and food products processing; Agricultural business and management; Agricultural communication or agricultural journalism; Agricultural economics; Agricultural engineering; Agricultural mechanization; Agricultural production operations; Agricultural public services; Agriculture; Animal sciences; Applied horticulture or horticulture operations; Aquaculture; Equestrian/Equine Studies; Floriculture or floristry operations and management; Food science; Forest sciences and biology; Forestry; Greenhouse operations and management; International agriculture; Natural resource economics; Natural resources management and policy; Natural resources or conservation; Ornamental horticulture; Plant nursery operations and management; Plant sciences; Range science and management; Soil sciences; Turf and turfgrass management; Urban forestry; and Wood science and wood products or pulp or paper technology.

(2) Removed Opt-in, Opt-out language for Hispanic Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities (HSACU) and McIntire-Stennis Colleges and Universities.

(3) Required, within 90 days of enactment of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, that NIFA establish a process of reviewing NLGCA designees to ensure compliance with the revised definition and to propose revocation of the designation where NLGCA’s were found noncompliant.

Requesting NLGCA Designation

A flow chart describing the process for determining eligibility is available at <https://nifa.usda.gov/program/capacity-building-grants-non-land-grant-colleges-agriculture-program>. To determine programmatic fit in Areas of Study, NIFA will utilize the Department of Education’s Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) definitions as a guideline. These are available for reference at <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode>. You may request consideration of an additional Area of Study by the Secretary of Agriculture. The requirements for this are detailed on the web form mentioned below. A determination will be made within 90

days of submitting a request for the inclusion of a new Area of Study.

All interested institutions who meet the above criteria must apply for NLGCA certification. All institutions certified prior to December 21, 2018 must reapply for certification and meet the new criteria for NLGCA certification; Previous NLGCA certification is not a guarantee of continued certification.

To request that NIFA provide certification of NLGCA status, an Authorized Representative (AR) must go to <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/form/form.html> and submit a web-based form indicating the institution meets the qualifications. By submitting this request electronically, the AR certifies that they have the authority to make this request on behalf of their institution.

Receipt of NLGCA Designation

Requests for NLGCA designation are accepted on a rolling basis. Within 30 days of submission, NIFA will provide the administrative point of contact specified on the request, with a certification of NLGCA designation or a response indicating why the request for certification is being denied. Future Requests for Application issued by NIFA may require NLGCA certification.

Done at Washington, DC, on May 7, 2019.

Steve Censky,

Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Housing Service (RHS) invites comments on this information collection for Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program, for which the Agency intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will be requested. The Community Facilities Technical

Assistance and Training (TAT) is a competitive grant program, which RHS administers. Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT), was amended by Section 6006 of the Agriculture Act of 2014 to establish the Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant. Section 6006 authorized grants be made to public bodies and private nonprofit corporations (including Indian Tribes) that will serve rural areas for the purpose of enabling the grantees to provide to associations technical assistance and training with respect to essential community facilities authorized under Section 306(a)(1) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act. Grants can be made for 100 percent of the cost of assistance.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 15, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas P. Dickson, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulatory Team 2, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522, Room 4233, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 690–4492. Email Thomas.dickson@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RHS is submitting to OMB for revision.

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 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 are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent by any of the following methods:

- **Mail:** Thomas P. Dickson, Rural Development Innovation Center, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1522,

Room 4233, South Building, Washington, DC 20250–1522. Telephone: (202) 690–4492. Email: Thomas.Dickson@wdc.usda.gov.

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Title: 7 CFR 3570 Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program.

OMB Control Number: 0575–0198.

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

Abstract: The Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) is a competitive grant program which the Rural Housing Service (RHS) administers. Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (CONACT), 7 U.S.C. 1926, was amended by Section 6006 of the Agriculture Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113–79) to establish the Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant. Section 6006 authorized grants be made to public bodies and private nonprofit corporations (including Indian Tribes) that will serve rural areas for the purpose of enabling the grantees to provide to associations technical assistance and training with respect to essential community facilities authorized under Section 306(a)(1) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926(a)). Grants can be made for 100 percent of the cost of assistance.

Need and Use of the Information: Eligible entities receive TAT grants to help small rural communities or areas identify and solve problems relating to essential community facilities. The grant recipients may provide technical assistance to public bodies and private nonprofit corporations. Applicants applying for TAT grants must submit an application, which includes an application form, narrative proposal, various other forms, certifications, and supplemental information. The Rural Development State Offices and the RHS National Office staff will use the information collected to determine applicant eligibility, project feasibility, and the applicant's ability to meet the grant and regulatory requirements. Failure to collect proper information could result in improper determinations of eligibility or improper use of funds.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

Respondents: Not-for-Profit Institutions, Public Bodies and Tribal Organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 51.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,397.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Robin M. Jones, Innovation Center, at (202)772–1172, Email: robin.m.jones@wdc.usda.gov.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Richard A. Davis,

Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS), invites comments on this information collection for which the Agency intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 15, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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