

Justification

Rural Development (RD) is requesting a non-substantive change request to the OMB No. 0570-0068 “Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) program” information collection. RD is requesting to update the already approved form RD 1980-88. The information collected on the form is used by the Agency to determine project eligibility for priority points and to score the application for purposes of determining priority. The changes made to the form are non-substantive and will not create any new burden on the public. These updates will bring the form in to compliance with the program for fiscal year 2022.

The changes made to the form are as follows:

1. Revision date
2. Expiration date
3. All references to Section 6025 are updated to 6401 to conform to revisions in statute in the 2018 Farm Bill
4. Item I D – included Not-for-profit and other as type of entities
5. Item II updated the name of the plan
6. Items II D, III B and C, IV B – updated to clarify wording
7. Item V A updated the list of programs eligible for priority set-aside in FY22
8. Instructions for completing the form are updated to conform to updates on the Form