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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2008-0098]

Notice of Availability of Biotechnology Quality Management System Pilot Project Draft Audit Standard

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are reopening the comment period on the draft audit standard developed by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for its Biotechnology Quality Management System pilot project. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments. The Biotechnology Quality Management System is a voluntary compliance assistance program designed to help stakeholders develop sound management practices, thus enhancing compliance with the regulatory requirements for environmental releases and movements of regulated articles in accordance with 7 CFR part 340.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before October 23, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2008-0098> to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

- *Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Please send two copies of your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2008-0098, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your

comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2008-0098.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Edward Jhee, Biotechnology Quality Management System Program Manager, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 91, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-6356, edward.m.jhee@aphis.usda.gov. To obtain copies of the draft audit standard, contact Ms. Cindy Eck at (301) 734-0667, e-mail:

cynthia.a.eck@aphis.usda.gov. The draft audit standard is also available on the Internet at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/biotechnology/news_bqms.shtml.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 4, 2009, APHIS published a notice in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 26831-26832, Docket No. APHIS-2008-0098) announcing the availability of the Biotechnology Quality Management System (BQMS) draft audit standard. Comments on the BQMS draft audit standard were to have been received on or before August 3, 2009. We are reopening the comment period on Docket No. APHIS-2008-0098 for an additional 60 days. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments. We will also consider all comments received between August 4, 2009, and the date of this notice.

Upon conclusion of the BQMS pilot project, APHIS will consider all comments received during the comment period to revise the draft audit standard to improve the efficacy of this project. This feedback, as well as comments from the pilot participants on the pilot BQMS project, will be used to inform the development of a BQMS audit standard and any future BQMS initiative. The BQMS draft audit standard is available for public review,

and copies of this document are available as indicated under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of August 2009.

Kevin Shea,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

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Broadband Initiatives Program; Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

AGENCIES: Rural Utilities Service (RUS), Department of Agriculture, and National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of funds availability; method of acceptance of supplemental attachments.

SUMMARY: RUS and NTIA announce additional measures to ensure that any pending electronic applications experiencing difficulties uploading attachments into the Easygrants® System for the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) and the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) can be submitted by the extended application deadline of August 20, 2009. The Easygrants® System will not accept applications after 5 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on August 20, 2009. In order to ensure that all pending electronic applications experiencing difficulties uploading attachments can be completed, the core application must be electronically submitted using the Easygrants® System by 5 p.m. ET on August 20, 2009. The extension described herein pertains only to the attachments listed in the "Uploads Checklist" of the "Uploads" page of the Easygrants® System, including documents submitted as

Supplemental Information. The core application is defined as all fields and questions in the application, not including the attachments listed in the "Uploads Checklist" of the "Uploads" page. Any attachments that the applicant is unable to upload to the Easygrants® System must be submitted by August 24, 2009, using one of the following methods of delivery: hand-delivery, overnight express, or regular mail.

DATES: For both hand and mail deliveries, the attachments for both BIP and BTOP applications must be submitted on an appropriate electronic medium, such as a DVD, CD-ROM, or flash drive, and in the same document format and type as used for that respective attachment in the Easygrants® System (e.g., .doc, .xls, .pdf) and postmarked no later than August 24, 2009, or hand-delivered no later than 5 p.m. ET on August 24, 2009, to the address listed below. Electronic mail and facsimile machine submissions will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general inquiries regarding BIP, contact David J. Villano, Assistant Administrator Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, e-mail: bip@wdc.usda.gov, telephone: (202) 690-0525. For general inquiries regarding BTOP, contact Anthony Wilhelm, Deputy Associate Administrator, Infrastructure Division, Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, e-mail: btop@ntia.doc.gov, telephone: (202) 482-2048.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 9, 2009, RUS and NTIA published a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) and Solicitation of Applications in the **Federal Register** announcing general policy and application procedures for the BIP and BTOP programs. 74 FR 33104 (2009). In the NOFA, RUS and NTIA encouraged all applicants to submit their applications electronically and required that certain applications be filed electronically through an online application system at <http://www.broadbandusa.gov>. 74 FR at 33118. RUS and NTIA established an application window for these grant programs from July 14, 2009, at 8 a.m. ET through August 14, 2009, at 5 p.m. ET (application closing deadline).

On August 13, 2009, the agencies extended the application deadline for BIP and BTOP until 5 p.m. ET on August 20, 2009, for those applicants that had an application pending in the Easygrants® System as of the original

application closing deadline, August 14, 2009. The temporary extension allowed the agencies to review the electronic intake system and make improvements wherever possible to address the large volume of activity from potential applicants. In particular, the agencies added servers, increased the efficiency of the servers, and made software changes. While these efforts have greatly improved the filing experience for the applicants, the agencies believe it is prudent and reasonable to provide additional flexibility for meeting the application deadline. The agencies are committed to making the application process fair and user-friendly for the public. The agencies are therefore taking additional action, out of an abundance of caution, to ensure that all pending electronic applications can be submitted in a timely manner.

By this Notice, RUS and NTIA remind applicants that applications are due by 5 p.m. ET on August 20, 2009. After 5 p.m. ET on August 20, 2009, applicants will no longer be able to submit applications through the Easygrants® System. Any information provided through the system, including attachments that have been uploaded, will be final by that time and not subject to revision or amendment by the applicants.¹

To the extent that any applicant has been unable to upload any of the attachments to its application by the August 20th, 5 p.m. deadline, the applicant may submit the application without those attachments if it is having difficulty uploading, effective as of the posting of this Notice. The agencies will permit the applicant a limited extension to submit the attachments it was unable to upload by hand-delivery, overnight express, or by regular mail, as outlined below, provided that the applicant has already submitted its core application in a timely fashion. All applicants still must submit the required portions of the core application electronically using the Easygrants® System by 5 p.m. ET on August 20, 2009. The extension described herein pertains only to the attachments listed in the "Uploads Checklist" of the "Uploads" page of the Easygrants® System, including documents submitted as Supplemental Information. The core application,

¹ Note that applicants may still view this information by logging into Easygrants® and clicking the application link on their homepage. This links to the application's Main page, which will display a listing of all submitted attachments and links to the original and PDF-converted documents so that they can be viewed, downloaded, or printed. Applicants may also view, download, and print a PDF copy of their core application and any submitted attachments from this page.

which must be filed no later than 5 p.m. ET on August 20, 2009, is defined as all fields and questions in the application, not including the attachments listed in the "Uploads Checklist" of the "Uploads" page.

As currently configured, the Easygrants® System does not permit the submission of applications that are missing required attachments. In order to accommodate alternative methods for the submission of attachments, the Easygrants® System will be reconfigured, effective 9 a.m. ET on August 20th, to allow the submission of an application without required attachments. Thus, applicants will have the ability to submit their core application through the Easygrants® System by 5 p.m. ET on August 20, 2009 and subsequently submit any attachments that were not successfully uploaded by August 24, 2009, as described herein. It is emphasized, however, that every applicant should make every effort to submit its complete application, including attachments, through the Easygrants® System if it can prior to availing itself of this option.

RUS and NTIA strongly encourage the applicants to send an e-mail by midnight ET on August 20th to helpdesk@broadbandusa.gov indicating their intent to submit their attachments via alternate means. This notice will enable the agencies to better track and prepare for the submissions. The e-mail should contain the following information: (1) The Easygrants® ID number;² (2) a contact name and telephone number; (3) the agency to receive the application (BIP, BTOP, or BIP/BTOP) (4) the type of project (Infrastructure, Public Computer Center, or Sustainable Broadband Adoption), (5) the list of attachment(s) that could not be uploaded into the Easygrants® System. Applicants should not send any attachments with this e-mail.

Submission: The applicant must submit for each application:

1. A letter containing the following information: (1) The Easygrants® ID number; (2) a contact name and telephone number; (3) e-mail address; (4) the agency to receive the application (BIP, BTOP, or BIP/BTOP) (5) the type of project (Infrastructure, Public Computer Center, or Sustainable Broadband Adoption), (6) the list of attachment(s) that could not be uploaded into the Easygrants® System.

2. The attachments the applicant was unable to upload on the Easygrants® System on an appropriate electronic

² The Easygrants® ID number is generated once the application is started and is visible as a header in the pdf document.

medium, such as a DVD, CD-ROM or flash drive, and in the same document format and type as used for that respective attachment in the Easygrants® System (e.g., .doc, .xls, .pdf). Each file on the DVD, CD-ROM, or flash drive must be labeled in the following format: [Easygrants ID]_[Upload Number]_[Attachment Name] (e.g., 424_13_Q40_Attachment F_Legal Opinion);³

3. A letter signed by an authorized representative of the applicant certifying that he or she is authorized to submit the attachments on behalf of the applicant and that all attachments are true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge, information and belief; and

4. A printout of the Easygrants® application Main page, which will list all of the documents that were submitted with the application by 5 p.m. ET on August 20, 2009.

One of the following methods of delivery must be used: hand-delivery, overnight express or regular mail. Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to use overnight express services. Applicants choosing to submit their attachments via an electronic medium may only submit the attachments that were not already loaded successfully. Mailed submissions must be postmarked no later August 24, 2009. Hand-delivered submissions must be delivered by 5 p.m. ET on August 24, 2009. The NOFA sets forth the proof of mailing requirements. Electronic mail and facsimile machine submissions will not be accepted. Note that RUS and NTIA may require the applicant to resubmit attachments if they have any technical or other issues accessing or identifying the data contained in the applicant's electronic medium and such resubmission will not be considered a material revision to the application.

All Attachments must be sent to: Broadband USA, 5301 Shawnee Road, Alexandria, VA 22312.

All media received will not be returned to the applicant.

Dated: August 19, 2009.

Jonathan Adelstein,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

Lawrence E. Strickling,

Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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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 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Alaska Region Permit Family of Forms.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0206.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Number of Respondents: 644.

Average Hours per Response: Federal Fisheries Permits and Federal Processor Permits, 21 minutes; Exempted Fisheries Permits, 20 hours.

Burden Hours: 304.

Needs and Uses: As part of Fishery Management Plans developed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevenson Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, this collection of information is used to monitor and manage participation in groundfish fisheries by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Region, and consists of the following permits: Federal Fisheries Permit, Federal Processor Permit, and Exempted Fishing Permit. The permit information provides: harvest gear types; descriptions of vessels, shoreside processors, and stationary floating processors; and expected fishery activity levels. Identification of the participants and expected activity levels are needed to measure the consequences of management controls, and is an effective tool in the enforcement of other fishery regulations.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Every three years.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: August 19, 2009.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: 2008 Panel of the Survey of Income & Program Participation, Wave 5 Topical Modules.

Form Number(s): SIPP-28505(L) Director's Letter; SIPP/CAP Automated Instrument; SIPP28003 Reminder Card.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0944.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 143,303.

Number of Respondents: 94,500.

Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau requests authorization from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to conduct the Wave 5 interview for the 2008 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). The core SIPP and reinterview instruments were cleared under Authorization No. 0607-0944.

The SIPP represents a source of information for a wide variety of topics and allows information for separate topics to be integrated to form a single and unified database so that the interaction between tax, transfer, and other government and private policies can be examined. Government domestic policy formulators depend heavily upon the SIPP information concerning the distribution of income received directly as money or indirectly as in-kind benefits and the effect of tax and transfer programs on this distribution. They also need improved and expanded data on the income and general economic and financial situation of the U.S. population. The SIPP has provided these kinds of data on a continuing basis since 1983, permitting levels of economic well-being and changes in these levels to be measured over time.

The survey is molded around a central "core" of labor force and income questions that remain fixed throughout the life of a panel. The core is

³ The Upload Number can be found in the "Uploads Checklist" of the "Uploads" page. It is the first number that appears on the left in the first column. The Attachment Name appears after the Upload Number.