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SUBJECT: Justification for changes to sample size for Minnesota-Rural site in OMB Control No: 0584-0680 “Rapid Cycle Evaluation of Operational Improvements in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment & Training (E&T) Programs”.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is requesting a non-substantive change to the study of Rapid Cycle Evaluation of Operational Improvements in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment & Training (E&T) Programs, approved under OMB Control No. 0584-0680; expiration date of March 31, 2026. FNS has the opportunity to significantly increase the sample of participants for a Rural site, which will contribute valuable information to the study.

The originally approved sample size was 500, but this has increased to 4,223. This changes the minimum detectable impact (MDI) from 8.6 percentage points to 3.0 percentage points, meaning that the new sample size will better allow for the detection of a treatment effect, if it is present. This will also allow for subgroup analyses, which can provide important insight into how treatment effects may differ based on economic and sociodemographic factors. This size of sample is not typically accessible in rural areas, and this increase provides an important opportunity to learn more about SNAP E&T in an understudied population.

The following table shows the changes in sample size and burden for the Minnesota-Rural site and, as a result, for the project overall. Additionally, the full Burden Table is attached showing changes to the calculation.

	Minnesota-Rural		Total for ICR	
	Original	Change Request	Original	Change Request
Sample Size (n)	500	4,223	61,782	65,505
Number of Respondents	400	3,378	49,476	52,454
Number of Non-Respondents	100	845	12,306	13,051
Responsive Annual Burden Hours	20	169.3	14,986.5	15,135.7
Non-Responsive Annual Burden Hours	5	42.3	1,229.3	1,266.6
Grand Total Annual Burden Estimate	25.1	211.6	16,215.74	16,402.26
Total Annualized Cost of Respondent Burden (\$)	352.82	2,979.93	323,742.81	326,369.92

Note: numbers in table are copied exactly from ICR Burden Table and may not be exact due to rounding in the spreadsheet

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Jamia Franklin, FNS Information Collection Clearance Officer for the Food and Nutrition Service, Planning & Regulatory Affairs Office at (703) 305-2403.

Attachments:

- Appendix T – Burden Table
 - Shows changes to sample size and resulting changes to burden for the Minnesota-Rural site. A clean version as well as a version with the changed cells highlighted are included.