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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

2 CFR Part 2500

RIN 3145-AA57

Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: NSF has adopted as final its interim final rule outlining uniform administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for Federal awards, pursuant to the approval NSF received from OMB to implement requirements via use of a policy, rather than a regulation. In order to establish a single location for each of the Departments' and Agencies' implementation of the Uniform Guidance, NSF has provided a link to its policy implementation of OMB's Uniform Guidance for inclusion in this issuance.

DATES: This rule is effective on November 27, 2015.

ADDRESSES: The Foundation's implementation document, the NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide, may be found at: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf16001/?org=NSF>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 19, 2014, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published an Interim Final Rule that implemented for all Federal award-making agencies, including NSF, OMB's final guidance on Uniform

Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 79 FR 75871. OMB published the uniform rules as 2 CFR part 200. As part of that rulemaking, NSF adopted part 200 through an agency-specific addendum at 2 CFR part 2500. The Foundation's implementation document, the NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide, may be found at: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf16001/?org=NSF>.

NSF received no comments in response to its adoption of the Interim Final Rule. Therefore, 2 CFR part 2500 as described in the Interim Final Rule, is adopted with no changes.

Regulatory Findings

For the regulatory findings regarding this rulemaking, please refer to the analysis prepared by OMB in the Interim Final Rule, which is incorporated herein. 79 FR at 75876.

Accordingly, the Interim Final Rule adding 2 CFR part 2500, which was published at 79 FR 75871 on December 19, 2014, is adopted as a Final Rule without change.

Dated: November 20, 2015.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

12 CFR Part 34

[Docket No. OCC-2015-0021]

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

12 CFR Part 226

[Docket No. R-1443]

RIN 7100-AD 90

BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

12 CFR Part 1026

RIN 3170-AA11

Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans Exemption Threshold

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board); Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau); and Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury (OCC).

ACTION: Final rule; official interpretations; technical amendment.

SUMMARY: The OCC, the Board and the Bureau are publishing final rules amending the official interpretations for their regulations that implement section 129H of the Truth in Lending Act (TILA). Section 129H of TILA establishes special appraisal requirements for "higher-risk mortgages," termed "higher-priced mortgage loans" or "HPMLs" in the agencies' regulations. The OCC, the Board, the Bureau, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) and the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) (collectively, the Agencies) issued joint final rules implementing these requirements, effective January 18, 2014. The Agencies' rules exempted, among other loan types, transactions of \$25,000 or less, and required that this loan amount be adjusted annually based on any annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). If there is no annual percentage increase in the CPI-W, the OCC, the Board and the Bureau will not adjust this