

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information, a copy of the information collection request, or a copy of submitted comments should be directed to Tracy Crews at the National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428, or at (703) 518-6444.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract and Request for Comments**

NCUA is renewing the currently approved collection for 3133-0185. The collection includes the NCUA Vendor Registration Form (NCUA 1772) and instructions for completing the form. Section 342 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (The "Dodd-Frank Act") calls for NCUA (the "Agency") to promote the inclusion of minority-owned and women-owned firms in the Agency's business activities. The Dodd-Frank Act also requires NCUA to annually report to Congress the total amounts paid to minority- and women-owned businesses. In order to comply with this Congressional mandate, NCUA needs to collect certain information from its current and potential vendors, so that it can identify businesses that meet the criteria that must be reported to Congress. Without the use of the vendor registration form, NCUA would not be able to capture the type of information that Congress is requiring under the Dodd-Frank Act. The section within the Dodd-Frank Act that makes it necessary to collect this information is as follows: Section 342(e)(2) Reports—Each office shall submit to Congress an annual report regarding the actions taken by the agency and the Office pursuant to this section, which shall include—the percentage of the amounts described in paragraph (1) that were paid to contractors described in subsection (c)(1) [minority-owned and women-owned businesses]. The vendor information is to be submitted to the agency on a one-time basis through a one-page vendor form. The one-page form is brief and asks for simple, readily available information. Additionally, NCUA plans to make this registration available electronically in a format that allows vendors to complete and submit online, without requiring any printing, manual entries, or faxing. The information provided will be used to assign an ownership status to the vendor (i.e., minority-owned business, woman-owned business) per the requirements of the Act. Once an ownership status is assigned to each vendor, NCUA will be able to calculate the total amounts of contracting dollars

paid to minority-owned and women-owned businesses. There is no change in burden hours or cost from NCUA's last submission.

The NCUA requests that you send your comments on this collection to the location listed in the addresses section. Your comments should address: (a) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of NCUA, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. It is NCUA's policy to make all comments available to the public for review. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

II. Data

Proposal for the following collection of information:

OMB Number: 3133-0185.

Form Number: NCUA 1772.

Type of Review: Revision to the currently approved collection.

Title: NCUA Vendor Registration Form.

Description: Current and potential vendors complete a one-page registration form. The form asks for basic information from vendors interested in doing business with the agency. This information allows NCUA to provide Congress with required reports on contracts with minority-owned and women-owned firms.

Respondents: Current and potential vendors.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 1000.

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 167 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$3,500.

By the National Credit Union Administration Board on March 5, 2013.

Mary Rupp,

Secretary of the Board.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for a New Collection; Comment Request**

AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: The NCUA intends to submit the following information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This information collection notice is published to obtain comments from the public. The NCUA is proposing a new information collection related to its solicitation of proposals for outside legal counsel (outside counsel) to assist and advise the NCUA in its various capacities. The information will assist the NCUA in further: (i) Standardizing the data it uses to select outside counsel; (ii) considering additional criteria in making its selections; and (iii) improving efficiency and recordkeeping related to its selection process.

DATES: Comments will be accepted until May 10, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to the NCUA Contact and the OMB Reviewer listed below:

NCUA Contact: Tracy Crews, National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3428, Fax No. 703-837-2861, Email: OCIOMail@ncua.gov.

OMB Contact: Office of Management and Budget, ATTN: Desk Officer for the National Credit Union Administration, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract and Request for Comments**

The NCUA has developed two forms for collecting information from prospective outside counsel. One form relates to a budget or estimate of the legal fees, costs, and expenses that outside counsel would expect to invoice with respect to a particular legal matter. The other form includes representations

and certifications, covering matters such as firm profile and expertise, malpractice insurance, price determination and contract solicitation methods, equal opportunity, lobbying, invoices, and conflicts of interest. The information will enable the NCUA to further standardize the data it uses to select outside counsel, consider additional criteria in making its selections, and improve efficiency and recordkeeping related to its selection process.

In connection with seeking proposals from outside counsel, the NCUA's collections of information, in any of its capacities, are not subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act.¹ Nevertheless, the NCUA intends to voluntarily comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act in collecting this information.

The NCUA's estimates of the average number of respondents, burden, and total annual cost appear below. The estimated number of respondents is the NCUA's approximation of the average number of requests for proposals or inquiries for legal services it processes in any given calendar year. The estimated burden is the NCUA's assessment of the aggregate time prospective outside counsel will need to respond to the information on both the budget form and the representations and certifications form. The NCUA estimated the total annual cost by multiplying its estimate of the number of respondents (100) by the burden (2 hours) and multiplying that total by an estimated national average hourly billing rate for attorneys of \$284.

The NCUA requests that you send your comments on this collection to the location listed in the addresses section. Your comments should address the following subjects: (a) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of the NCUA, including whether the information will have

practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the NCUA's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways the NCUA could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways the NCUA could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. It is the NCUA's policy to make all comments available to the public for review.

II. Data

Proposal for the following new collection of information:

OMB Number: 3133—New.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: New collection.

Title: Contractor Budget,

Representations, and Certifications.

Description: Standardized information from prospective outside counsel is essential to the NCUA in carrying out its responsibility as regulator, conservator, and liquidating agent for federally insured credit unions.

Respondents: Prospective outside legal counsel.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 100.

Estimated Burden Hours per

Response: 2 hours.

Frequency of Response: Periodically, in response to solicitations.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$56,800.

By the National Credit Union Administration Board on February 26, 2013.

Mary Rupp,

Secretary of the Board.

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(Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This information collection is published to obtain comments from the public. NCUA is proposing to streamline the Community Development Revolving Loan Fund (CDRLF)—Loan Program collection to include the CDRLF Technical Assistance (Grant) Program. Both the CDRLF—Loan Program and the CDRLF—Technical Assistance (Grant) Program are administered under the NCUA Rules and Regulations Section 705. 12 CFR 705. This request seeks to merge elements of both the loan and grant programs into the same collection and application in order to increase program accessibility and internal and external efficiencies. The newly combined application will soon be available on-line and low-income designated credit unions will be able to apply for either a CDRLF loan or grant by accessing the same on-line application system.

DATES: Comments will be accepted until May 10, 2013.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract and Request for Comments

NCUA is amending the currently approved collection for 3133-0138. The CDRLF Loan and Technical Assistance (Grant) Programs are both administered under the NCUA Rules and Regulations Section 705. 12 CFR 705. Previously, two specific forms were used, one application for loans and one application for grants. NCUA is seeking to streamline the CDRLF Program application to include both the loan and the grant section into one interactive, on-line application in order to recognize internal and external efficiencies. With the merger of the grant documents to this collection, the burden will increase

¹ See 12 U.S.C. 1766(i)(2) ("In addition to the authority conferred upon it by other sections of this chapter, the [NCUA] Board is authorized in carrying out its functions under this chapter * * * to expend such funds, enter into such contracts with public and private organizations and persons, make such payments in advance or by way of reimbursement, acquire and dispose of, by lease or purchase, real or personal property, *without regard to the provisions of any other law applicable to executive or independent agencies of the United States*, and perform such other functions or acts as it may deem necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this chapter, in accordance with the rules and regulations or policies established by the Board not inconsistent with this chapter * * *") (emphasis added); see also 12 U.S.C. 1787(b)(2)(A) (providing that when the NCUA Board acts as conservator or liquidating agent, by operation of law, it succeeds to the legally distinct rights, titles and powers of relevant credit unions, which are not subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act).

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Revision to a Currently Approved Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

ACTION: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: The NCUA intends to submit the following information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995