

similarly identifies NIPF landowners with respect to their mill status but are also collecting information about whether corporate owners are “industrial” irrespective of mill status based on size of the landowner’s forest holdings. Based on a series of analyses the Forest Service conducted, they looked at owner behavior as a function of size of holdings. The Forest Service identified that holdings greater than 45,000 acres are associated with large corporate forest owners and that this acreage threshold provides a quantitative measure that assists with identification of industrial landowners in the FIA database. Specifically, the Forest Service analysis observed:

Many of the largest industrial forest owners, including many established timber companies, can be easily identified based on expert knowledge. However, many cannot be so readily identified, particularly many holding companies and some TIMOs/REITs [timberland investment management organizations and real estate investment trusts]. Therefore, the most practical way to define large corporate forest owners using consistent methodology is to determine an acreage threshold above which a corporate forest owner will be considered to be a large corporate owner.<sup>1</sup>

#### NIPF Guidance

Therefore, from a practical manner in which to identify NIPF landowners consistently with both FSA and the Forest Service, NRCS intends to clarify in its conservation program manual the following guidance:

*Nonindustrial private landowner* means a private individual, group, association, corporation, Indian Tribe, or other private entity. NRCS will identify someone as a nonindustrial private landowner if they:

- (1)(i) Own fewer than 45,000 acres of forest land in the United States; and
- (ii) Do not own or operate an industrial mill for the primary processing of raw wood products as determined by NRCS in consultation with the State Technical Committees; or
- (2) Meet criteria established for a nonindustrial private landowner by NRCS in a State in consultation the State Technical Committee.

NRCS believes that item (1)(i) will ensure consistency with the Forest Service identification of owners of industrial private forest lands under its FIA. NRCS believes that item (1)(ii) will ensure continued consistency with both the Forest Service and FSA with respect

to the role that the primary processing of raw wood products serves for identification of industrial landowners. However, NRCS is aware that with the advent of portable mills common among family forestry operations, a strict mill criterion may inadvertently exclude assistance to the very operations that conservation assistance for NIPF lands is intended to reach. Therefore, NRCS intends to incorporate in its guidance that such determinations about whether a mill is of industrial scale should be made in light of more localized criteria identified by the State Conservationist, in consultation with the State Technical Committee.

NRCS believes that incorporation of item (2) will ensure that NRCS national guidance does not supersede more localized expert knowledge that may exist for identification of NIPF landowners. In particular, NRCS believes that it should coordinate at the State level with FSA, Forest Service, the State Forester, and other members of the State Technical Committee in circumstances where the national criteria do not encompass adequately the nature of NIPF operations within the State.

#### Public Comments Requested

NRCS requests public comment on these technical criteria for the identification of NIPF eligibility for its conservation programs. In particular, NRCS seeks input about how these criteria may either exclude lands that should be considered NIPF or include lands that should not be considered NIPF. NRCS also welcomes input about what alternative criteria should be considered in its technical guidance.

The guidance for identification of NIPF will be adopted after the close of the 30-day period, and after consideration of all comments.

**Kevin Norton**

*Acting Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

##### Rural Housing Service

**[RHS–20–CF–0028]**

#### Notice of Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; Comments requested.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service’s (RHS) intention to request a revision of a currently approved information collection in support of the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) grant program.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by February 16, 2021 to be assured of consideration.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pamela Bennett, Rural Development Innovation Center, Regulations Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 0793, Room 4015 South Building, Washington, DC 20250–0793. Telephone: (202) 720–9639. Email: [pamela.bennett@usda.gov](mailto:pamela.bennett@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) regulation (5 CFR part 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection that RHS is submitting to OMB for approval. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent by the Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and, in the lower “Search Regulations and Federal Actions” box, select “Rural Housing Service” from the agency drop-down menu, then click on “Submit.” In the Docket ID column, select RHS–20–CF–0028 to submit or view public comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. Information on using *Regulations.gov*, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after

<sup>1</sup> Caputo, Jesse; Butler, Brett; Hartsell, Andy. 2017. How large is large? Identifying large corporate ownerships in FIA datasets. Res. Pap. NRS–29. Newtown Square, PA: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northern Research Station. P. 1.

the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "User Tips" link.

*Title:* Rural Community Development Initiative.

*OMB Number:* 0575–0180.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* July 31, 2021.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* RHS, an Agency within the USDA Rural Development mission area, will administer the RCDI grant program through their Community Facilities Division. The intent of the RCDI grant program is to develop the capacity and ability of rural area recipients to undertake projects through a program of technical assistance provided by qualified intermediary organizations. The eligible recipients are nonprofit organizations, low-income rural communities, or federally recognized Indian tribes. The intermediary may be a qualified private, nonprofit, or public (including tribal) organization. The intermediary is the applicant. The intermediary must have been organized a minimum of 3 years at the time of application. The intermediary will be required to provide matching funds, in the form of cash or committed funding, in an amount at least equal to the RCDI grant.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.34 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Intermediaries and recipients.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 90.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 34.78.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 3,130.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 4,194.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Pamela Bennett, Rural Development Innovation Center, Regulations Management Division, at (202) 720–9639. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

**Elizabeth Green,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

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## ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

[Docket No. ATBCB–2020–0005]

### Proposed Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

**AGENCY:** Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) invites comment on the proposed extension of its existing generic clearance for the collection of qualitative feedback on agency service delivery, which was developed as part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process for seeking feedback from the public expires in January 2021. (OMB Control No. 3014–0011). This information collection on service delivery. With this notice, the Access Board solicits comments on extension of its existing generic clearance without change. Following review of comments received in response to this 60-day notice, the Access Board intends to submit a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its generic clearance for collection of qualitative feedback for another three-year term.

**DATES:** Submit comments by February 16, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the directions for sending comments.

- *Email:* [spiegel@access-board.gov](mailto:spiegel@access-board.gov). Include ATBCB–2020–0005 in the subject line of the message.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this Notice (ATBCB–2020–0005). All comments received, including any personal information provided, will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>. For this reason, please do not include information of a confidential nature in your comments, such as sensitive personal or proprietary information. For additional submission methods, please contact the person identified below for availability information.

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Office of General Counsel, U.S. Access Board, 1331 F Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20004–1111. Phone: 202–272–0041 (voice). Email: [spiegel@access-board.gov](mailto:spiegel@access-board.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### A. Background

Under the PRA and its implementing regulations (5 CFR part 1320), Federal agencies must obtain approval from OMB for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor (e.g., contractually-required information collection by a third-party). "Collection of information," within the meaning of the PRA, includes agency requests that pose identical questions to, or impose reporting or recording keeping obligations on, ten or more persons, regardless of whether response to such request is mandatory or voluntary. See 5 CFR 1320.3(c); see also 44 U.S.C. 3502(3). Before seeking clearance from OMB, agencies are generally required, among other things, to publish a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning any proposed information collection—including extension of a previously-approved collection—and provide an opportunity for comment. See 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A); 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1).

#### B. Proposed Renewal of Information Collection Request

The Access Board is providing notice of its intent to seek renewal of its existing generic clearance for the collection of qualitative feedback with regard to agency services delivered by its Office of Technical and Information Services (OTIS) and Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) compliance and enforcement program. To date, we have found the feedback garnered through qualitative customer satisfaction surveys (and similar information collections) to be beneficial, by providing useful insights in experiences, perceptions, opinions, and expectations regarding Access Board services or focusing attention on areas in need of improvement. We thus intend to seek approval to continue our current efforts to solicit qualitative customer feedback by seeking input from customers across our agency programs and services. Online surveys will be used unless the customer contacts the agency by phone for technical assistance or an individual otherwise expresses a preference for another survey format (i.e., fillable form in portable document format or paper survey). In addition, paper surveys may be used to garner feedback from participants at in-person trainings or similar events.

*OMB Control Number:* 3014–0011.