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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Notice of Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to OMB for Review

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has submitted the following information collection to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for USAID, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or email address: [OIRA.Submission@OMB.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA.Submission@OMB.eop.gov). Copies of submission may be obtained by calling (202) 712-5007.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Number:* OMB 0412-XXXX.

*Title:* Fast Track Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback.

*Type:* Renewal.

*Purpose:* The purpose of the collection is to enable the U.S. Agency for International Development and as part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process to seek feedback from the public on service delivery, we are seeking Comment on the development of the following proposed Generic Information Collection Request (Generic ICR): "Fast Track Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery" for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et. seq.). This notice announces our intent to submit this collection to OMB for approval and solicits comments on specific aspects for the proposed information collection: This option is a fast track for approval to streamline the timing to implement

certain types of surveys and related collection of information. USAID uses the approval to cover the instruments of collection (such as a survey, a window pop-up survey, a focus group, or a comment card), which are designed to get customer feedback on USAID service delivery for various programs.

*Annual Reporting Burden:*

*Respondents per request:* 1.

*Total annual responses:* 10,000.

*Total annual hours requested:* 10,000.

Dated: December 22, 2017.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

#### Guarantee Fee Rates for Guaranteed Loans for Fiscal Year 2018; Maximum Portion of Guarantee Authority Available for Fiscal Year 2018; Annual Renewal Fee for Fiscal Year 2018

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice helps to improve applicants' awareness of the Guarantee Fee rates for Guaranteed Loans for fiscal year (FY) 2018, Maximum Portion of Guarantee Authority Available for FY 2018, Annual Renewal Fee for FY 2018 when applying for guaranteed loans under the Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program.

The Agency has the authority to charge a guarantee fee and an annual renewal fee for loans made under the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program. Pursuant to that authority, and subject to the current Continuing Resolution, the Agency is establishing an initial guarantee fee rate of 3 percent and an annual renewal fee rate of one-half of 1 percent for the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program.

The initial guarantee fee is paid at the time the Loan Note Guarantee is issued. The annual renewal fee is paid by the lender to the Agency once a year. Payment of the annual renewal fee is

required in order to maintain the enforceability of the guarantee.

**DATES:** Applicability date: January 9, 2018.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tanner Hinkel, USDA, Rural Development, Business Programs, Business and Industry Division, STOP 3224, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3224, telephone (202) 720-1970, email [tanner.hinkel@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:tanner.hinkel@wdc.usda.gov) or Ginger Allen, USDA, Rural Development, Business Programs, Business and Industry Division, STOP 3224, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-3224, telephone (202)-690-0309, email [ginger.allen@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:ginger.allen@wdc.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As set forth in 7 CFR 4279.120, the Agency has the authority to charge an initial guarantee fee and an annual renewal fee for loans made under the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program. Pursuant to that authority, and subject to the current continuing resolution, the Agency is establishing an initial guarantee fee rate of 3 percent and an annual renewal fee rate of one-half of 1 percent for the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program. Unless precluded by a subsequent FY 2018 appropriation, these rates will apply to all loans obligated in FY 2018 that are made under the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program. As established in 7 CFR 4279.120(b)(1), the amount of the annual fee on each guaranteed loan will be determined by multiplying the annual fee rate by the outstanding principal loan balance as of December 31, multiplied by the percentage of guarantee.

As set forth in 7 CFR 4279.120(a) and 4279.119(b), each fiscal year, the Agency shall establish a limit on the maximum portion of B&I guarantee authority available for that fiscal year that may be used to guarantee loans with a reduced guarantee fee or guaranteed loans with an increased percentage of guarantee. The Agency has established that not more than 12 percent of the Agency's apportioned B&I guarantee authority will be reserved for loan guarantee requests with a reduced fee, and not more than 15 percent of the Agency's apportioned B&I guarantee authority will be reserved for guaranteed loan requests with an increased percentage of guarantee. Once the respective limits are reached, all