

of the Qualified Issuer, Program Administrator, and Servicer; reporting requirements; and compliance-related activities. Although participants in these workshops expressed overall enthusiasm and support for conforming to the CDFI Fund's reporting process, they noted a lack of substantive data in this area and recommended that the CDFI Fund describe and specify its post-issuance information collection practices for the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program.

In compliance with OMB Circular A-129, the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program will collect all necessary information to manage the portfolio effectively and track progress towards policy goals. The proposed reporting forms will add significantly to the Department of the Treasury's review and impact analysis on the use of Bond Proceeds in underserved communities and support the CDFI Fund in proactively managing portfolio risks and performance. Risk detection and mitigation are crucial activities for the long-term operation and viability of the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program. The Department of the Treasury's authority to collect this information and the specified data collection areas and parameters are consistent with the annual and periodic financial reporting requirements for the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program as defined in 12 CFR 1808.619 of the Interim Rule.

The CDFI Fund currently utilizes its Community Investment Impact System (CIIS), which collects data from CDFIs that have received monetary awards from the CDFI Fund through several of its other programs. CDFI Program and Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) Program awardees are required to report total portfolio and financial data for three years. However, there is no standardized data on the full universe of Certified CDFIs, especially unregulated loan funds that do not have award reporting history. Moreover, non-regulated Certified CDFIs frequently utilize disparate accounting methodologies and report certain data points, such as borrower defaults and delinquencies, in ways that are difficult to compare across organizations. Nonprofit Certified CDFIs are yet more difficult to compare due to the variety of reporting options available to nonprofit institutions under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The proposed reports of the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program address this challenge in standardized data collection and allow Certified CDFIs to:

- (i) Demonstrate the ability to deploy long-term debt successfully with reporting requirements similar to those

required of regulated financial institutions; (ii) provide a mechanism for accurately assessing Certified CDFI credit risk; and (iii) provide capital markets with a record of accomplishment on which to base future lending and investment.

Current Actions: New collection.

Type of Review: Regular review.

Affected Public: Secondary borrowers, certified CDFIs, and qualified issuers.

Estimated Number of Secondary Borrower Respondents: 75

Estimated Annual Time per Secondary Borrower Respondent: 5 hours.

Estimated Number Certified CDFI Respondents: 10.

Estimated Annual Time per Certified CDFI Respondent: 35 hours.

Estimated Number of Qualified Issuer Respondents: 10.

Estimated Annual Time Per Qualified Issuer Respondent: 50 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1225 hours.

Requests for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record and may be published on the CDFI Fund Web site at <http://www.cdfifund.gov>. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is consistent with the stated background and proposed use necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the CDFI Fund; (b) the accuracy of the CDFI Fund's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of technology; and (e) estimates of operational or maintenance costs to provide information.

Because standardized information collection similar to the reporting requirements of regulated financial institutions will provide a more complete picture of program impact and risk and prepare CDFIs for access to mainstream capital markets, the CDFI Fund proposes that the collection of information be directed to address the following questions:

- (1) How are Eligible CDFIs performing in comparison with their Capital Distribution Plans and the requirements of the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program?

- (2) How does the Secondary Lending activity increase economic opportunity and promote community development investments for underserved

populations and distressed communities in the United States?

- (3) What types of Secondary Lending are more prevalent both across and within distinct geographical Investment Area(s)? What are the trends and impact of such lending?

- (4) What types of borrower entities (based on the compilation of race, ethnicity, and other customer profile and socioeconomic information) utilize the products and services of Eligible CDFIs? Which members of Targeted Population(s) and/or Investment Areas(s) are being served? What are the trends and impact of such lending?

- (5) What types of risk are being introduced to the Bond portfolio based on the payment history of Secondary Loans and Secondary Borrowers?

- (6) What are the financial conditions of Eligible CDFIs and what is the result of their operations?

- (7) Are Eligible CDFIs mitigating their financial risks and demonstrating compliance with the financial terms and conditions of their respective Bond Loan agreements?

Authority: 12 CFR part 1808.

Dated: February 5, 2014.

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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing

AGENCY: U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

ACTION: Notice of open public hearing—February 21, 2014, Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Name: Dennis C. Shea, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, and report to Congress annually on "the national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China." Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on February 21, 2014, "US-China Economic Challenges."

Background: This is the second public hearing the Commission will hold during its 2014 report cycle to collect input from academic, industry, and

government experts on national security implications of the U.S. bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The hearing will examine challenges to the U.S. economy from Chinese competition in manufacturing and state owned enterprises (SOEs). In addition, this hearing will assess problems with trade law enforcement and negotiations with China. The hearing will be co-chaired by Commissioners Michael R. Wessel and Daniel M. Slane. Any interested party may file a written statement by February 21, 2014, by mailing to the contact below. A portion of each panel will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

Location, Date and Time: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 608. Friday, February 21, 2014, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the Commission's Web site at www.uscc.gov. Also, please check our Web site for possible changes to the hearing schedule. *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Reed Eckhold, 444 North Capitol Street NW., Suite 602, Washington DC 20001; phone: 202–624–1496, or via email at reckhold@uscc.gov. *Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.*

Authority: Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106–398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108–7), as amended by Public Law 109–108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: February 6, 2014.

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Executive Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Proposed Information Collection (Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List; Request for and Consent To Release of Information From Claimant's Records; Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information; and 38 CFR 1.519(A) Lists of Names and Addresses); Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Information and Technology (IT), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information used by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to this notice.

This notice solicits comments for information needed from service organizations requesting to be placed on VA's mailing lists for specific publications; to request additional information from the correspondent to identify a veteran; to request for and consent to release of information from claimant's records to a third party; and to determine an applicant's eligibility to receive a list of names and addresses of Veterans and their dependents.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 14, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov; or to Martin L. Hill, Office of Information and Technology (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email: martin.hill@va.gov. Please refer to "2900–0028" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martin L. Hill (202) 632–7452.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each

collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, IT invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of IT's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of IT's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Titles:

a. Application of Service Representative for Placement on Mailing List, VA Form 3215.

b. Request for and Consent to Release of Information from Claimant's Records, VA Form 3288.

c. Request to Correspondent for Identifying Information, VA Form Letter 70–2.

d. 38 CFR 1.519(A) Lists of Names and Addresses.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0028.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract:

a. VA operates an outreach services program to ensure Veterans and beneficiaries have information about benefits and services to which they may be entitled. To support the program, VA distributes copies of publications to Veterans Service Organizations' representatives to be used in rendering services and representation of veterans, their spouses and dependents. Service organizations complete VA Form 3215 to request placement on a mailing list for specific VA publications.

b. Veterans or beneficiaries complete VA Form 3288 to provide VA with a written consent to release his or her records or information to third parties such as insurance companies, physicians and other individuals.

c. VA Form Letter 70–2 is used to obtain additional information from a correspondent when the incoming correspondence does not provide sufficient information to identify a Veteran. VA personnel use the information to identify the Veteran, determine the location of a specific file, and to accomplish the action requested by the correspondent such as processing a benefit claim or file material in the individual's claims folder.