

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for Rural Housing Loans.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by September 16, 2013 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debra A. Terrell, Senior Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Division, Rural Housing Service, Stop 0784, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-0784; Telephone: (202) 720-1452 or (918) 534-3254; Email: debra.terrell@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Housing Loans.

OMB Number: 0575-0078.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2013.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is authorized under Section 517(d) of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, to issue loan guarantees for the acquisition of new or existing dwellings and related facilities to provide decent, safe, and sanitary living conditions and other structures in rural areas by eligible recipients.

The Act also authorizes the Secretary to pay the holder of a guaranteed loan the difference between the rate of interest paid by the borrower and the market rate of interest.

The purpose of the program is to assist low and moderate income individuals and families acquire or construct a single family residence in a rural area with loans made by private lenders. Eligibility for this program includes low and moderate income families or persons whose income does not exceed 115 percent of the median income for the area, as determined by the Secretary.

The Guaranteed Rural Housing (GRH) program was authorized under the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, and the Agency issued a final rule implementing the GRH program on April 17, 1991, before departmental reorganization. The program began as a pilot program in 20 States on May 17, 1991. In 1992, the GRH program was offered on a nationwide basis. During the implementation process, the Agency looked for ways to improve the program and make it more user friendly.

The Agency recognized the need to make its program even more compatible with the existing structure of the mortgage lending community. On May 22, 1995, the Agency published a final rule incorporating the needed changes to encourage greater participation by lenders and the secondary market for mortgage loans.

The information requested by the Agency includes borrower financial information such as household income, assets and liabilities, and monthly expenses. All information collected is vital for the Agency to determine if borrowers qualify for and assure they receive all assistance for which they are eligible. Information requested on lenders is required to ensure lenders are eligible to participate in the GRH program. Lender requirements are in compliance with OMB Circular A-129.

Congress passed Public Law 111-212, Supplemental Disaster Relief and Summer Jobs Act of 2010 (H.R. 4899) which authorized the Agency to assess an annual fee in an effort to maintain a budget-neutral loan program. Effective in fiscal year 2011, the Agency began assessing an annual fee against newly closed guaranteed loans.

To support collection of the annual fee the program introduced an electronic method for lenders to pay the annual fee through the Guaranteed Annual Fee (GAF) system. This new Web-based system allows loan servicers to authorize pre-authorized debit (PAD) payments as well as review annual fee advance notice, billing, and payment reconciliation details for guaranteed loans that they service.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .85 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households and business or other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 154,197.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 6.7.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,030,338.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 881,261 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0040.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of

RHS'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 to Jeanne Jacobs, Branch Chief, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, 7th Floor, Reporters Building, 300 7th St SW., Washington, DC 20024. 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.

Dated: June 28, 2013.

Tammye Treviño,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of telephonic meeting.

DATE AND TIME: Sunday, July 21, 2013; 8:00 p.m. ET.

PLACE: Via Teleconference, Public Dial In: 1-(800) 967-7154, Conference ID # 150-561.

Meeting Agenda

This meeting is open to the public, except where noted otherwise.

I. Program Planning

II. Discussion and Approval of Part B: Findings and Recommendations for the 2013 Statutory Enforcement Report—Sexual Assault in the Military

III. Adjourn

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION: Lenore Ostrowsky, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit (202) 376-8591. TDD: (202) 376-8116.

Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Pamela Dunston at least seven days prior to the meeting at 202-376-8105. TDD: (202) 376-8116.

Dated: July 12, 2013.
David Mussatt,
Acting RPCU Chief.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
Title: Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Rationalization Social Study.
OMB Control Number: 0648–0606.
Form Number(s): NA.
Type of Request: Regular submission (revision and extension of a current information collection).
Number of Respondents: 623.
Average Hours per Response: Surveys and meetings with stakeholders, 1 hour; interviews, 30 minutes.
Burden Hours: 394.
Needs and Uses: This request is for a revision and extension of a currently approved information collection. The revision consists of minor changes to the information collection tool.
Historically, changes in fisheries management regulations have been shown to result in impacts to individuals within the fishery. An understanding of social impacts in fisheries—achieved through the collection of data on fishing

communities, as well as on individuals who fish—is a requirement under several federal laws. Laws such as the National Environmental Protection Act and the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation Act (as amended 2007) describe such requirements. The collection of this data not only helps to inform legal requirements for the existing management actions, but will inform future management actions requiring equivalent information.

Literature indicates fisheries rationalization programs have an impact on those individuals participating in the affected fishery. The Pacific Fisheries Management Council implemented a new rationalization program for the Pacific Coast Groundfish limited entry trawl fishery in January 2011. This research aims to continue to study the individuals in the affected fishery after the implementation of the rationalization program. Data collected is correlated to changes in the programs’ design elements. In addition, the study will compare results to previous data collection efforts in 2010 and 2012.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions.
Frequency: Intermittently or biannually.
Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.
OMB Desk Officer:
OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.
Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *Jjessup@doc.gov*).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to
OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.
Dated: July 11, 2013.
Gwellnar Banks,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.
ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2341 et seq.), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of these firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm’s workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE
[6/18/2013 through 07/11/2013]

Firm name	Firm address	Date accepted for investigation	Product(s)
New England Plasma Development Corporation.	14 Highland Drive, Putnam, CT 6260	6/19/2013	The firm provides component part thermal spray coatings, shot peen, machining and grinding.
SmartPlug Systems, LLC	2288 W. Commodore Way Suite 300, Seattle, WA 98199.	7/11/2013	The firm manufactures shore power systems, both inlet and connectors for 30 and 50 amps.
Orchard Wood Products, Inc.	2747 Place St, Baker City, OR 97814	7/10/2013	The firm manufactures lineal molding, wooden toys, craft parts; box and component parts.
BASIC Engineering, P.C. (dba BASICSAFE).	239 SW 3rd Street, Fruitland, ID 83619	7/11/2013	Firm produces the BASICSAFE suite of safety management software.

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter.

A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Division, Room 71030, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no