

of Agriculture, Rural Development, Ag Box 0743, Washington, D.C. 20250. 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: May 11, 1996.

Maureen Kennedy,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's (RHS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for "Rural Housing Loans and Grants" (FmHA Instruction 1944-J).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 23, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David J. Adams, Senior Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing Processing Division, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Ag Box 0783, Washington, D.C. 20250, Telephone (202) 720-1532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Housing Loans and Grants.

OMB Number: 0575-0062.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 1996.

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

Abstract: The rural housing loan program under Section 504 of the Housing Act of 1949, 42 U.S.C. Section 1472, enables very low-income owner/occupants of homes to repair homes in rural areas. The repairs may be used to remove health and safety hazards. Grants are available to owner/occupants 62 years or older.

RHS will be collecting information from owner/occupants of homes in rural areas in need of funds to remove hazards from their home. At this time this information is collected and evaluated by the local RHS County Office. This information is needed by RHS to determine if owner/occupants of homes in rural areas, qualify for a rural housing loan and/or grant. This information is collected for all requests

for this type of assistance. The information collected is required for the Agency to make a determination of eligibility. If the information is not collected, RHS would be unable to make an objective determination of eligibility for owner/occupants of homes in rural areas.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average .08 per response.

Respondents: Individual or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 13,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondents: 1.40.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 1,464.

Copies of this information can be obtained from the Director, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division at (202) 720-9725.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function 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 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 the Director, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Ag Box 0743, Washington, D.C. 20250. 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.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Telecommunications Act Accessibility Guidelines for Telecommunications Equipment and Customer Premises Equipment

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of appointment of advisory committee members and notice of first meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) is announcing the appointment of members to its Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee will make recommendations to the Access Board on accessibility guidelines for telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment. These recommendations will be used by the Access Board to develop accessibility guidelines under section 255 (e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Committee is composed of representatives of manufacturers of telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment; organizations representing the access needs of individuals with disabilities; telecommunications providers and carriers; and other persons affected by the guidelines. This notice also announces the time and place of the first Committee meeting, which will be open to the public.

DATES: The first meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 1996 through Friday, June 14, 1996, beginning at 9:30 a.m. each day. Decisions with respect to future meetings will be made at the first meeting and from time to time thereafter. Notices of future meetings will be published in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: The first meeting of the Committee will be held at the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association offices, 10801 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. Persons attending the meetings are strongly encouraged to use public transportation since parking is extremely limited. The American Speech-Language and Hearing Association offices are located north of the Grosvenor Metro subway station. Persons who must drive should call Dennis Cannon at the Access Board. The facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening systems and real time transcription will be available.

Subsequent meetings will be held at locations to be announced.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis Cannon, Office of Technical and Information Services, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, 1331 F Street, NW., suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20004-1111.

Telephone number (202) 272-5434 extension 35 (Voice); (202) 272-5449 (TTY). Electronic mail address: cannon@access-board.gov. This document is available in alternate formats (cassette tape, braille, large print, or computer disc) upon request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 28, 1996, the Access Board published a notice of intent to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations to the Access Board on accessibility guidelines for telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment. 61 FR 13813 (March 28, 1996). Under section 255 (e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the Access Board is responsible for developing these guidelines, in conjunction with the Federal Communications Commission. The notice requested nominations for membership on the Committee from manufacturers of telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment; manufacturers and developers of peripheral devices or specialized customer premises equipment commonly used by individuals with disabilities to achieve access; organizations representing the access needs of individuals with disabilities affecting hearing, vision, movement, manipulation, speech, and interpretation of information; telecommunications providers and carriers; developers of telecommunications software; and other persons affected by these accessibility guidelines.

Over 60 nominations were submitted. For the reasons stated in the notice of intent, the Access Board has determined that establishing the Committee is necessary and in the public interest. The Access Board has appointed members to the Committee from the following organizations:

AT&T American Council of the Blind
American Foundation for the Blind
Arkenstone
Bay Area Multi Media Technology Consortium
Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association
Consumer Action Network
Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association
The Council of Organizational Representatives

Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program

Digital Equipment Corporation
The Ericsson Corporation
Gallaudet University
Inclusive Technologies
Lucent Technologies
Massachusetts Assistive Technology Partnership Center
NCR Project Freedom
National Association for State Relay Administration
National Federation of the Blind
Northern Telecom
NYNEX Corporation
Pacific Bell
Pennsylvania Citizens Consumer Council
Personal Communications Industry Association
RESNA
Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc.
Siemens Rolm Communications, Inc.
Telecommunications Industry Association
Trace Research and Development Center
United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc.
U.S. Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication
United States Telephone Association
World Institute on Disability

The Access Board regrets being unable to accommodate all requests for membership on the Committee. There were several factors which were important in the Access Board's decision not to add more members. In order to keep the Committee to a size that can be effective, it is necessary to limit membership. It is also desirable to have balance among members of the Committee representing different clusters of interest, such as disability organizations and the telecommunications industry. In addition, it is not essential that every concerned organization is represented, so long as every interest is represented by an appropriate organization. The Committee membership identified above provides representation for each interest affected by issues to be discussed.

Committee meetings will be open to the public and interested persons can attend the meetings and communicate their views. Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Committee on issues of interest to them and the Committee. Members of groups or individuals who are not members of the Committee may also have the opportunity to participate with subcommittees of the Committee. The Access Board believes that participation of this kind can be very valuable for the advisory committee process.

Additionally, all interested persons will have the opportunity to comment when the proposed accessibility guidelines for telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment are issued in the Federal Register by the Access Board.

Judith E. Heumann,

Chairman, U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted the following collection requirement to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An emergency clearance is being requested with a response date of no later than May 31, 1996, from OMB.

Agency: International Trade Administration (ITA).

Title: Best Global Practices Award.

Agency Number: None.

OMB Number: None.

Type of Request: New Collection—EMERGENCY PROCESSING REQUESTED. Clearance requested by May 31, 1996.

Burden: 1,000 hours.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Avg Hours Per Response: 20 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Department of Commerce is establishing a "Best Global Practices Award" to recognize the programs of U.S. companies exhibiting extraordinary leadership and accomplishment in corporate citizenship in overseas activities. The purposes of this information collection is to accept nominations and evaluate candidates.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit institutions, not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required in order to be considered for this Award.

OMB Desk Officer: Victoria Wassmer, (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC's Acting Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed