

the United States, where the agency determines that litigation is likely to affect the agency or any of its components, is a party to the litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and the use of such records by the Department of Justice is deemed by the agency to be relevant and necessary to the litigation, providing, however, that in each case, the agency determines that disclosure of the records to the Department of Justice is a use of the information that is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.

(4) Disclosure may be made to a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the congressional office made on behalf of the individual.

(5) Information will be forwarded to another Federal agency when a Federal employee accepts employment with another Federal agency.

(6) Referral of information regarding indebtedness to the Defense Manpower Data Center, Department of Defense, and the United States Postal Service for the purpose of conducting computer matching programs to identify and locate individuals receiving Federal salary or benefit payments and who are delinquent in their payments of debts owed to the U.S. Government in order to collect debts by voluntary repayment, administrative, or salary offset procedures under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 5514 or through collection agencies under the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 3718.

(7) Information contained in this system of records may be disclosed to a debt collection agency when USDA determines such referral is appropriate for collecting the debtor's account as provided for in U.S. Government contracts with collection agencies executed pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3718.

(8) Where prior collection efforts have failed, the USDA will refer to the Department of the Treasury information from this system of records concerning past-due legally enforceable debts for offset against tax refunds that may become due the debtors for the tax year in which referral is made in accordance with IRS regulation at 26 CFR 301.6402-6T, offset of Past-due Legally Enforceable Debt Against Overpayment, and under the authority contained in 31 U.S.C. 3720A.

(9) Information contained in this system of records may be disclosed to a consumer reporting agency in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3711(f).

(10) Information contained in this system of records, related to non-tax debts or claims that are delinquent for 180 days, will be sent to the Secretary

of the Treasury or to other Federal agencies designated by the Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose of offsetting Federal payments to collect delinquent debts, owed to the Federal Government. Records will be matched by Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and name. For an individual, the TIN is the Social Security Number. For a business, the TIN is the Employer Identification Number. The release of this information is in accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3716 and 4 CFR part 102.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STRONG, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Records are maintained on magnetic tape files, disk files, and in folders at the National Finance Center.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records in the administrative billings and collections data base are retrieved by Social Security Number and by name of individual or equivalent identifying number. Records in the claims data base are retrieved by the claim number, by Social Security Number and name of individual, or by equivalent identifying number.

SAFEGUARDS:

Magnetic tape files and disk files are kept in a locked computer room and tape library which can be accessed by authorized personnel only. File folders are maintained in secured areas with access by authorized personnel only. Disk files are password protected to limit access to authorized personnel only. Online access by National Finance Center and other agency personnel is password protected.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Master history magnetic tapes are retained in accordance with a tape library management schedule. Manual records are transferred to the Federal Records Center for storage and disposition in accordance with General Services Administration regulations.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Director, National Finance Center, OCFO, USDA, PO Box 60000, New Orleans, Louisiana 70160.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Any individual may request information regarding this system of records or information as to whether the system contains records pertaining to him/her from the System Manager. A request for information pertaining to an individual should be in writing and should contain: name, address, Social Security Number, and particulars

involved (i.e., dates of claims, copies of correspondence, etc.).

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Any individual may obtain information as to the procedures for gaining access to a record in the system which pertains to him/her by submitting a written request to the System Manager.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Any individual may obtain information as to the procedures for contesting a record in the system which pertain to him/her by submitting a written request to the System Manager.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information in this system comes primarily from USDA employees, former USDA employees, non-USDA employees, agency claimants, and USDA or other investigative personnel.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Extension for Availability of Funding and Requests for Proposals for the Section 538 Rural Rental Housing Guaranteed Loan Demonstration Program

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) announces the extension of the application deadline to September 22, 1997. Applications for the program will be processed as they are received, until the funds are exhausted.

RHS previously announced the availability of the section 538 Rural Rental Housing Guaranteed Loan program on a demonstration basis on July 2, 1997, 62 FR 35782. The application closing date is extended from August 18, 1997, to September 22, 1997.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of applications is 4:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time on September 22, 1997. Applications received after such date and time will be returned. Lenders are encouraged to submit applications prior to September 22, 1997, as applications will be reviewed as they are received. If there are differences between any previously distributed guidelines and this notice, the requirements of this notice shall prevail. If RHS is unable to obligate section 538 funds for guaranteed loans by

September 26, 1997, any remaining section 538 funds will be transferred for use under the section 515 program. Qualified lenders may call the office of the Multi-Family Housing Processing Division of the Rural Housing Service, at 202-720-1604 for a copy of the application package. This is not a toll-free number. Hearing- or speech-impaired persons may access that number by calling toll-free the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Dated: August 28, 1997.

Jan E. Shadburn,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 10, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Support and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1522, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone (202) 720-0736.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: RUS Form 793, Request for Release of Lien and/or Approval of Sale. **OMB Control Number:** 0572-0041.

Type of request: Reinstatement of an information collection.

Abstract: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) makes mortgage loans and loan guarantees to electric and telecommunications systems to provide and improve electric and telecommunications service in rural areas pursuant to the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C., 901 *et seq.*) (RE Act). All current and future capital assets of RUS borrowers are ordinarily mortgaged or pledged to the Federal Government as security for RUS loans. Assets include tangible and intangible utility plant,

non-utility property, construction in progress, and materials, supplies, and equipment normally used in a telecommunications system. The RE Act and the various security instruments, e.g., the RUS mortgage, limit the rights of an RUS borrower to dispose of its capital assets.

The RUS Form 793, Request for Release of Lien and/or Approval of Sale, allows the telecommunications program borrower to seek agency permission to sell some of their assets. The form collects detailed information regarding the proposed sale of a portion of the borrower's systems. RUS telecommunications borrowers fill out the form to request RUS approval in order to sell capital assets.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2.84 hours per response.

Respondents: Small business or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 213.

Copies of this information collection, and related form and instructions, can be obtained from Dawn Wolfgang, Program Support and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720-0812.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this 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 burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Support and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Avenue., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

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: September 4, 1997.

Adam Golodner,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal Integrated Coverage Measurement (ICM) Person Interview and Outmover Tracing Activities

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Magdalena Ramos, Staff Group Leader for ICM Operations, Bureau of the Census, Room 3770, Washington, DC 20233, (301)457-4295.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Bureau of the Census developed the Integrated Coverage Measurement (ICM) approach for measuring coverage of housing units and populations during the decennial census. In the Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal, we are interested in conducting a rehearsal of our ICM approach to measuring the coverage of the census for housing units and people. The Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal will be conducted in an urban site (Sacramento, California), a nonurban site (Columbia, South Carolina, and surrounding area), and one American Indian Reservation (Menominee Reservation, Wisconsin).

The first phase of the ICM consists of the Independent Listing and the Housing Unit Follow-up operations. During the Independent Listing, the Bureau of the Census will obtain a complete housing inventory of all addresses within the Census 2000 Dress Rehearsal sites just before the dress rehearsal commences. The ICM listing will be matched to the census list of