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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Tracy Ware, Executive Secretary, PRB, Room 1462, Main Treasury Building, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20220. Telephone: (202) 622-1460. This notice does not meet the Department's criteria for significant regulations.

Nancy Killefer,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Management and Chief Financial Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Treasury, 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)). Currently, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the Fund) within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 7, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to the Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S.

Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, Fax Number (202) 622-7754.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, or call (202) 622-8662.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Community Development Financial Institutions Program.
OMB Number: 1505-0154.

Abstract: The purpose of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (Act) was to create the Fund to promote economic revitalization and community development through investment in and assistance to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs). The investments by the CDFI Program are intended to facilitate the creation of a national network of financial institutions that is dedicated to community development.

Current Actions: The Fund is in the process of modifying reporting requirements placed on its awardees. Currently, the Fund collects from its CDFI Program awardees financial and programmatic information in the form of quarterly and annual reports five times a year pursuant to its regulations. The Fund needs to collect additional data from such awardees to evaluate the impact of the CDFI Program and awardees. Congress, regulations and the Fund's statute require the Fund to collect impact information. The Fund is also in the process of developing a recertification process. Currently, CDFIs are certified for two years, and the initial certifications granted in 1996 will expire at the end of this calendar year. The collection of information connected with the recertification process will be a smaller collection than the original certification application.

Type of review: Extension with change.

Affected Public: Community development financial institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: Core and Intermediary, 150; Technical Assistance, 125; Certification Only and Recertification, 135.

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers (Core, Intermediary and Technical Assistance): 225.

Estimated Annual Frequency of Responses (all applications): 1.

Estimated Annual Frequency of Reporting and Recordkeeping (Core,

Intermediary and Technical Assistance): 1-6.

Estimated Annual Time Per

Respondent: Core and Intermediary, 100 hours; Technical Assistance, 50 hours; Certification Only, 15 hours; Recertification, 7 hours.

Estimated Annual Time Per

Recordkeeper: 36-51 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 32,570 hours.

Requests for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency'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 capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 4703, 4717; chapter X, Pub.L. 104-19, 109 Stat. 237 (12 U.S.C. 4703 note), 12 CFR part 1805.

Dated: October 5, 1998.

Maurice A. Jones,

*Deputy Director of Policy and Programs,
Community Development Financial
Institutions Fund.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Notice of Open Meeting of Citizen Advocacy Panel

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Citizen Advocacy Panel will be held in Sunrise, Florida.

DATES: The meeting will be held Friday, October 23, 1998 and Saturday, October 24, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Ferree at 1-888-912-1227, or 954-572-6231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Citizen Advocacy Panel will be held Friday,

October 23, 1998 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday, October 24, 1998 from 9:00 am to 12 Noon, in Room 225, CAP Office, 7771 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise, Florida 33351. The public is invited to make oral comments from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday, October 24, 1998. Individual comments will be limited to 10 minutes. If you would like to have the CAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 954-572-6231, or write Nancy Ferree, CAP Office, 7771 W. Oakland Park Blvd. Rm. 225, Sunrise, FL 33351. Due to limited conference space, notification of intent to attend the meeting must be made with Nancy Ferree. Ms. Ferree can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 954-572-6231.

The agenda will include the following: various IRS issue updates and reports by the CAP sub-groups.

Note: Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: September 30, 1998.

Mary Ellen Ledger,

Designated Federal Official.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

NIS Training Program for Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan

ACTION: Request for proposals.

SUMMARY: The Russia/Eurasia Division of the Office of Citizen Exchanges of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award. U.S. public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulations 26 CFR 1.501(c) may submit proposals to develop training programs. Grants are subject to the availability of funds.

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries * * *; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other

nations * * * and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world." The funding authority for the program above is provided through the Fulbright-Hays Act and the Freedom Support Act.

Programs and projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package.

Announcement Title and Number: All correspondence with USIA concerning this RFP should reference the above title and number E/PN-99-10.

Deadline for Proposals: All proposal copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, D.C. time on December 30, 1998. Faxed documents will not be accepted at any time. Documents postmarked the due date but received on a later date will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: The Russia/Eurasia Division, Office of Citizen Exchanges, (E/PN), Room 224, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, attn: Cassandra Barber, tel: 202-619-5327 and fax: 202-619-4350 or Internet address: cbarber@usia.gov, to request a Solicitation Package. The Solicitation Package contains detailed award criteria, required application forms, specific budget instructions and standards guidelines for proposal preparation.

To Download a Solicitation Package via Internet: The entire Solicitation Package may be downloaded from USIA's website at <http://www.usia.gov/education/rfps>. Please read all information before downloading.

To Receive a Solicitation package via FAX on Demand: The entire Solicitation Package may be requested from the Bureau's "Grants Information Fax on Demand System," which is accessed by calling 202/401-7616. The "Table of Contents" listing available documents and order numbers should be the first order when entering the system.

Please specify USIA Program Officer Cassandra Barber on all inquiries and correspondence. Please read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before sending inquiries or submitting proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, Agency staff may not discuss this competition with applicants until the proposal review process has been completed.

Submission: Applicants must follow all instructions in the Solicitation Package. The original and ten (10) copies of the application should be sent to: U.S. Information Agency, Ref.: E/PN-