

preservation of the property's historic significance.

A. Relevant Laws, Executive Orders and Regulations

The NHPA is the primary historic preservation law affecting Covered Applications and outlines the historic preservation responsibilities of Federal agencies. Among these responsibilities, Federal agencies must consider the effects of their undertakings on historic properties and afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Advisory Council) a reasonable opportunity to comment on such undertakings before they occur. The NHPA and other applicable statutes, regulations, and guidance are as follows:

- *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended through 2000.*
- *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).*
- *Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (AHPA).*
- *Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA).*
- *Native American Graves and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA).*
- *American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978 (AIRFA).*
- *Executive Order 12898: Environmental Justice (1994).*
- *Executive Order 13007: Indian Sacred Sites (1996).*
- *12 CFR part 303.*
- *36 CFR part 68.*
- *36 CFR part 800.*

This SOP supplements the Advisory Council regulations found at *36 C.F.R. part 800*.

B. Covered Applications

In connection with a Covered Application and prior to taking any action that would affect a proposed site, Applicants should assess whether or not their proposal involves an historic property or district and determine whether or not the property is included (or eligible for inclusion) in the National Register. Applicants should request information from their SHPO and, in the case of tribal lands, the THPO to determine whether or not their proposal may affect an historic property or district. If there is a question as to whether a proposal involves an historic property or district, the Applicant should obtain SHPO/THPO clearance before proceeding with the proposal.

SHPO/THPO consent may not be necessary in all circumstances. Examples under which such consent may be unnecessary are those applications for messenger services or in which financial institution offices would be located in supermarkets, existing shopping centers, mobile or

seasonal facilities, or properties that have been newly constructed and in which the Applicant had no ownership interest prior to or during construction. If there is a question as to the requirements for prior SHPO/THPO clearance, Applicants should consult with the appropriate FDIC Regional Office.

If the proposal involves a district, site, building, structure or object that is included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register, the Applicant should provide the FDIC with information relevant to the proposed site. This information will facilitate the FDIC's review of the proposal, and should include:

- Plans for destruction or alteration of all or any part of the property;
- Plans for isolation from or alteration of the surrounding environment;
- Plans for the introduction of visual, audible, or atmospheric elements;
- Details regarding any restrictions or conditions affecting the long-term preservation of the property's historic significance;
- Information received from the SHPO/THPO, as applicable; and
- Such other details as appropriate for the proper evaluation of the proposal.

In order for the Applicant to participate fully in consultations, the FDIC will generally issue a letter to the appropriate SHPO/THPO specifically designating the Applicant as a "consulting party." It is the FDIC's view that all applicants should be so designated in order to facilitate the assessment and consultation process.

C. FDIC Determinations and Resolution of Potential Adverse Effects

If, upon review, the FDIC concurs that no historic properties are present or affected, it will provide documentation to the SHPO/THPO and, barring any objection within 30 days, will proceed with the Covered Application.

If the FDIC, in consultation with the appropriate SHPO/THPO, finds that a proposal involves a district, site, building, structure or object that is included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register, the FDIC must consider the potential effect of the proposal on the property or district, or any property of historical, architectural, archeological, or cultural significance that is located in the area of the proposed undertaking. After considering relevant information provided by the consulting parties or otherwise available, a determination will be made as to the effect the proposal may have on the historic property or district.

In the event the FDIC determines that the proposal may have an adverse effect, the FDIC will consult with the SHPO/THPO and the Applicant to seek an agreeable resolution. Such a resolution may be executed in the form of a Memorandum of Agreement among the consulting parties. If the Advisory Council has not participated in the consultation, a copy of the proposed or executed Memorandum of Agreement and supporting documentation (as specified in the Advisory Council regulations) will be provided to the Advisory Council.

Consultation may be terminated by the SHPO/THPO or other designated consulting party if determined to be unproductive. In this case, the FDIC, Advisory Council and, as appropriate, the remaining consulting parties, may enter into a Memorandum of Agreement.

D. Information Requests

Public involvement through the comment period for a Covered Application (as provided for in *12 CFR part 303*) is an important part of the consultation process. Inquiries by interested parties regarding specific Covered Applications should be directed to the appropriate Regional Director of the FDIC's Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 6th day of October 2005.

By order of the Board of Directors.
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,
Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SUMMARY:

Background

On June 15, 1984, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) delegated to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) its approval authority under the Paperwork Reduction Act, as per 5 CFR 1320.16, to approve of and assign OMB control numbers to collection of information requests and requirements conducted or sponsored by the Board under conditions set forth in 5 CFR 1320 Appendix A.1. Board-approved

collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the OMB 83-Is and supporting statements and approved collection of information instruments are placed into OMB's public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Request for Comment on Information Collection Proposal

The following information collections, which are being handled under this delegated authority, have received initial Board approval and are hereby published for comment. At the end of the comment period, the proposed information collections, along with an analysis of comments and recommendations received, will be submitted to the Board for final approval under OMB delegated authority. Comments are invited on the following:

- a. Whether the proposed collections of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Federal Reserve's functions; including whether the information has practical utility;
- b. The accuracy of the Federal Reserve's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections, 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 information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 16, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Reg H-2 or Reg BB, by any of the following methods:

- Agency Web Site: <http://www.federalreserve.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm>.
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: regs.comments@federalreserve.gov. Include docket number in the subject line of the message.
- FAX: 202/452-3819 or 202/452-3102.

- Mail: Jennifer J. Johnson, Secretary, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

All public comments are available from the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/generalinfo/foia/ProposedRegs.cfm> as submitted, unless modified for technical reasons. Accordingly, your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information. Public comments may also be viewed electronically or in paper in Room MP-500 of the Board's Martin Building (20th and C Streets, NW.) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the proposed form and instructions, the Paperwork Reduction Act Submission (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that will be placed into OMB's public docket files once approved may be requested from the agency clearance officer, whose name appears below. Michelle Long, Federal Reserve Board Clearance Officer (202-452-3829), Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact (202-263-4869), Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551.

Proposals To Approve Under OMB Delegated Authority the Extension for Three Years, Without Revision, of the Following Reports

1. *Report title:* Recordkeeping and Disclosure Requirements Associated with Loans Secured by Real Estate Located in Flood Hazard Areas Pursuant to Section 208.25 of Regulation H.
Agency form number: Reg H-2.
OMB control number: 7100-0280.
Frequency: Event-generated.
Reporters: State member banks.
Annual reporting hours: 122,413 hours.

Estimated average hours per response: Notice of special flood hazards to borrowers and servicers, 0.08 hours; notice to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of servicer, 0.08 hours; notice to FEMA of change of servicer, 0.08 hours; and retention of standard FEMA form, 0.04 hours.

Number of respondents: 910.

General description of report: This information collection is mandatory (12 U.S.C. 248(a)(1)). Because the Federal Reserve does not collect any of FEMA forms this information collection is not given confidential treatment. However,

should any of these records come into the possession of the Federal Reserve, such information may be protected from disclosure by exemption 4 and 6 of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and (b)(6)).

Abstract: Regulation H requires state member banks to notify a borrower and servicer when loans secured by real estate are determined to be in a special flood hazard area and notify them whether flood insurance is available; notify FEMA of the identity of, and any change of, the servicer of a loan secured by real estate in a special flood hazard area; and retain a completed copy of the Standard Flood Hazard Determination Form used to determine whether property securing a loan is in a special flood hazard area.

2. *Report title:* Recordkeeping, Reporting, and Disclosure Requirements in Connection with Regulation BB (Community Reinvestment Act).

Agency form number: Reg BB.

OMB control number: 7100-0197.

Frequency: Annually.

Reporters: State member banks.

Annual reporting hours: 85,234 hours.

Estimated average hours per response:

Recordkeeping Requirement, small business and small farm loan register, 219 hours. Optional Recordkeeping Requirements, consumer loan data, 326 hours; other loan data, 25 hours. Reporting Requirements, assessment area delineation, 2 hours; small business and small farm loan data, 8 hours; community development loan data, 13 hours; and HMDA out of MSA loan data, 253 hours. Optional Reporting Requirements, data on lending by a consortium or third party, 17 hours; affiliate lending data, 38 hours; strategic plan, 275 hours; and request for designation as a wholesale or limited purpose bank, 4 hours. Disclosure Requirement, public file, 10 hours.

Number of respondents: 914.

Abstract: This submission covers an extension of the Federal Reserve's currently approved information collections in their CRA regulations (12 CFR part 228). The submission involves no change to the regulation or to the information collection.

The Federal Reserve System needs the information collected to fulfill their obligations under the CRA (12 U.S.C. 2901 *et seq.*) to evaluate and assign ratings to the performance of institutions, in connection with helping to meet the credit needs of their communities, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, consistent with safe and sound banking practices. The Federal Reserve System uses the information in the examination process and in evaluating applications

for mergers, branches, and certain other corporate activities. Financial institutions maintain and provide the information to the Federal Reserve System.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 13, 2005.

Jennifer J. Johnson,
Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Federal Open Market Committee; Domestic Policy Directive of September 20, 2005

In accordance with § 271.25 of its rules regarding availability of information (12 CFR part 271), there is set forth below the domestic policy directive issued by the Federal Open Market Committee at its meeting held on September 20, 2005.¹

The Federal Open Market Committee seeks monetary and financial conditions that will foster price stability and promote sustainable growth in output. To further its long-run objectives, the Committee in the immediate future seeks conditions in reserve markets consistent with increasing the Federal funds rate to an average of around 3¾ percent.

The vote encompassed approval of the paragraph below for inclusion in the statement to be released shortly after the meeting:

The Committee perceives that, with appropriate monetary policy action, the upside and downside risks to the attainment of both sustainable growth and price stability should be kept roughly equal. With underlying inflation expected to be contained, the Committee believes that policy accommodation can be removed at a pace that is likely to be measured. Nonetheless, the Committee will respond to changes in economic prospects as needed to fulfill its obligation to maintain price stability.

By order of the Federal Open Market Committee, October 12, 2005.

Vincent R. Reinhart,

Secretary, Federal Open Market Committee.
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¹ Copies of the Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee Meeting on August 9, 2005, which includes the domestic policy directive issued at the meeting, are available upon request to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. The minutes are published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin and in the Board's annual report.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090-0252]

General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Preparation, Submission, and Negotiation of Subcontracting Plans

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, GSA.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding a renewal to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the General Services Administration has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a renewal of a currently approved information collection requirement regarding preparation, submission, and negotiation of subcontracting plans. A request for public comments was published at 70 FR 24042, May 6, 2005. No comments were received.

This information collection will ensure that small and small disadvantaged business concerns are afforded the maximum practicable opportunity to participate as subcontractors in construction, repair, and alteration or lease contracts. Preparation, submission, and negotiation of subcontracting plans requires for all negotiated solicitations having an anticipated award value over \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction), submission of a subcontracting plan with other than small business concerns when a negotiated acquisition meets all four of the following conditions.

1. When the contracting officer anticipates receiving individual subcontracting plans (not commercial plans).

2. When the award is based on trade-offs among cost or price and technical and/or management factors under FAR 15.101-1.

3. The acquisition is not a commercial item acquisition.

4. The acquisition offers more than minimal subcontracting opportunities.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

DATES: Submit comments on or before: November 17, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

Rhonda Cundiff, Procurement Analyst, Contract Policy Division, at telephone (202) 501-0044 or via e-mail to rhonda.cundiff@gsa.gov.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Ms. Jeanette Thornton, GSA Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10236, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the Regulatory Secretariat (VIR), General Services Administration, Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090-0252, Preparation, Submission, and Negotiation of Subcontracting Plans, in all correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

The GSAR provision at 552.219-72 requires a contractor (except small business concerns) to submit a subcontracting plan when a negotiated acquisition including construction, repair, and alterations and lease contracts (except those solicitations using simplified procedures) meets all four of the following conditions.

1. When the contracting officer anticipates receiving individual subcontracting plans (not commercial plans).
2. When award is based on trade-offs among cost or price and technical and/or management factors under FAR 15.101-1.
3. The acquisition is not a commercial item acquisition.
4. The acquisition offers more than minimal subcontracting opportunities.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 1,020.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Hours Per Response: 12.

Total Burden Hours: 12,240.

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PROPOSALS: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (VIR), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 208-7312. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090-3090-0252, Preparation, Submission, and Negotiation of Subcontracting Plans, in all correspondence.

Dated: October 11, 2005.

Gerald Zaffos,

Director, Contract Policy Division.

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