

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 22, 2006.

Teresa C. Lasseter,

Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Request for an Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice announces the Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) intention to request an extension and revision for a currently approved information collection, Long-Term Contracting.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by 60 days after publication in the **Federal Register** to be assured of consideration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact *Phyllis I. Williams*, Agency Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Clearance Officer, NRCS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Mail Stop 5460, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5000; (301) 504-2170; phyllis.williams@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Long-Term Contracting.

OMB Number: 0578-0013.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2006.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved collection for which approval will expire.

Abstract: The primary objective of NRCS is to work in partnership with the American people and the farming and ranching community to conserve and sustain our natural resources. The purpose of Long-Term Contracting information collection is to provide for programs to extend financial and technical assistance through easements and long-term contracts to landowners and others. These programs provide for making land use changes and installing conservation measures and practices to conserve, develop, and use the soil, water, and related natural resources on private lands. For cost-share programs, Federal financial and technical

assistance is based on a conservation plan or schedule of operations that is made a part of an agreement, contract, or easement for a period of time of no less than 1 year and no greater than 10 years. Under the terms of the agreement, the participant agrees to apply, or arrange to apply, the conservation treatment specified in the conservation plan or schedule of operations. In return for this agreement, Federal cost-share payments are made to the land user, or third party, upon successful application of the conservation treatment. For easement programs, NRCS purchases from participants, a conservation easement and provides for the easement's protection and management for the life of the easement.

The information collected through this package is used by NRCS to ensure the proper use of program funds, including application for participation, easement acquisition, contract implementation, conservation planning, and application for payment.

NRCS will ask for a 3-year OMB approval, with revision, within 60 days of submitting the request.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.42 hours or 85.2 minutes per response.

Respondents: Farms, individuals, or households, or State, local, or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 31,920.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 22,432.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, such as through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technologic collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: Phyllis I. Williams, Agency OMB Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture, NRCS, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Mail Stop 5460, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5000; (301) 504-2170; phyllis.williams@wdc.usda.gov.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 14, 2006.

Bruce I. Knight,

Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Notice of a Meeting

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has scheduled its regular business meetings to take place in Washington, DC from Tuesday through Wednesday, March 14-15, 2006, at the times and location noted below.

DATES: The schedule of events is as follows:

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

9-10:30 a.m. Planning and Budget Committee

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Technical Programs Committee

1:30-4 p.m. Executive Committee

4-5 p.m. Committee of the Whole on Rulemaking Plan (Closed Session)

Wednesday, January 11, 2006

9 a.m.-Noon Ad Hoc Committee on Passenger Vessels (Closed Session)

1:30-3 p.m. Board Meeting

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel-Convention Center, 900 10th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the meetings, please contact Lawrence W. Roffee, Executive Director, (202) 272-0001 (voice) and (202) 272-0082 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the Board meeting, the Access Board will consider the following agenda items:

- Approval of the January 11, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes
- Committee of the Whole on Rulemaking Report
- Ad Hoc Committee on Passenger Vessels Report
- Technical Programs Committee Report

- Planning and Budget Committee Report

- Executive Committee Report
- Election of Officers

All meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities. An assistive listening system will be available at the Board meetings. Members of the general public who require sign language interpreters must contact the Access Board by Wednesday, March 1, 2006. Persons attending Board meetings are requested to refrain from using perfume, cologne, and other fragrances for the comfort of other participants.

Lawrence W. Roffee,

Executive Director.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, March 10, 2006, 9:30 a.m. Commission Meeting.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, NW., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

STATUS:

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes of February 17, 2006 Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Staff Director's Report
- V. Management and Operations
 - February 15, 2006—Letter to Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution
 - February 15, 2006—Corrective Action Plan
- VI. Program Planning
 - Voting Rights Act Statutory Report
 - Anti-Semitism Findings and Recommendations
 - Minorities in State Foster Care and Adoption
 - Annual Program Planning
- VII. Strategic Planning
 - Working Group on Strategic Planning
- VIII. Future Agenda Items

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Audrey Wright, Office of the Staff Director (202) 376-7700.

Kenneth L. Marcus,

Staff Director, Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Economic Development Administration Reauthorization Act of 2004 Implementation Information Collections

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) published an interim final rule revising its regulations to reflect the amendments made to its authorizing statute, the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (PWEDA), by the Economic Development Administration Reauthorization Act of 2004. In connection with its reauthorization and publication of an interim final rule, EDA conducted a review of its forms and other information collections to ensure that they are consistent with the statute and the regulations, as well as with current EDA practices and policies. As part of this review and in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, EDA published a notice in the November 14, 2005 **Federal Register** providing the general public and other federal agencies with a 60-day period in which to comment on EDA's information collections.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice, EDA is submitting for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance the proposed information collections set forth in this notice. EDA is requesting OMB approval of these information collections no later than April 30, 2006. Additionally, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden under the Paperwork Reduction Act, EDA is providing the general public and other federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on the proposed information collections set forth in this notice.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed information collections contained in this notice must be submitted on or before April 3, 2006 to the contact person listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collections to David Rostker, EDA Desk Officer, facsimile: (202) 395-7285; e-mail: David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov. Please indicate "Comments on EDA Reauthorization Act of 2004

Implementation Information Collections" on each submission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collections contained in this notice should be directed to: Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, HCHB Room 6625, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; facsimile: (202) 482-4218; email: dhynek@doc.gov. Please note that any correspondence sent by regular mail may be substantially delayed or suspended in delivery, since all regular mail sent to the Department of Commerce is subject to extensive security screening.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. EDA will fulfill its mission by fostering entrepreneurship, innovation and productivity through investments in infrastructure development, capacity building and business development in order to attract private capital investments and higher-skill, higher-wage jobs to regions experiencing substantial and persistent economic distress. In order to administer and monitor its economic development programs and its Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms program effectively, EDA collects certain information from applicants for, and recipients of, EDA investment assistance.

On August 11, 2005 EDA published an interim final rule in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 47002) revising its regulations to reflect the amendments made to PWEDA by the Economic Development Administration Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-373) (the "2004 Act"). With limited exceptions, the interim final rule (IFR) became effective on October 1, 2005. On December 15, 2005, EDA published a second interim final rule in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 74193) to put into effect immediately only those changes to the August 11, 2005 interim final rule specified in the Conference Report (H.R. Conf. Rep. No. 109-272) accompanying the FY 2006 Science, State, Justice, Commerce and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 109-108).

EDA conducted a review of its forms and other information collections to ensure that they are consistent with the amendments to PWEDA made by the