

ACTION: Notice of a finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Plowed Terrace Demonstration Project, Cameron and Calcasieu Parishes, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302; telephone (318) 473-7751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of the federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

This is a demonstration project and will evaluate potential impacts attributed to plowed terraces and vegetative plantings to be installed in shallow open water areas. The project area includes approximately 3,250 acres of open water and fragmented marsh. Project features include the construction of approximately 54,000 linear feet of earthen terraces followed by the planting of vegetation on the side slopes of the terraces.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Donald W. Gohmert.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Donald W. Gohmert,

State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service (RHS), USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR part 1944, subpart L, "Tenant Grievance and Appeals Procedure."

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by January 20, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ernest W. Harris, Senior Loan Specialist, USDA, Rural Housing Service, STOP 0782, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-0782, Telephone: (202) 720-1613.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR 1944, Subpart L, "Tenant Grievance and Appeals Procedure."

OMB Number: 0575-0046.

Expiration Date of Approval: March 31, 1998.

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

Abstract: The regulation promulgates the procedure by which tenants, cooperative members, and applicants for occupancy may appeal adverse actions by owner/managers of multi-family housing projects financed by RHS. Such adverse actions include cases whereby which tenants, cooperative members, or applicants have received written notice that assistance provided by RHS is being denied, substantially reduced or terminated.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average .41 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, state or local governments, small businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 83 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Barbara Williams, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 720-9734.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Rural Housing Service, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Rural Housing Service'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 to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of 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 Barbara Williams, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0743, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 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: November 6, 1997.

Jan E. Shadburn,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This collection has been submitted under the emergency Paperwork Reduction Act procedures.

Agency: Minority Business Development Agency.

Title: Competitive Application Packages for Funding to Operate Technical Assistance Projects (SF-424 and the Evaluation Criteria).

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: 0640-0006.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired—Emergency Review.

Burden: 12,000 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 180.

Avg. Hours per Response: Ranges between 40 and 80 hours.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is required as it is the vehicle through which the Agency presents detailed application requirements for financial assistance awards to operate its Business Development Centers. These centers provide business development services, such as financial planning and marketing advice, to minority entrepreneurs. The collection of this information is essential to the mission of the Agency, as defined in Executive Order 11625, to provide management and technical assistance to minority businesses.

Affective Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: Victoria Baecher-Wassmer or Pat Boyd (202) 395-5871.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to Victoria Baecher-Wassmer or Pat Boyd, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. An emergency approval has been requested by November 19, 1997.

Dated: November 12, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[Docket No. 970411089-7089-01]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Amendment of Privacy Act System of Records; COMMERCE/DEPT System 2.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce gives notice of an amendment to the system of records under Commerce Department System 2. The amendments adds a routine use for disclosure of information in this system to other

agencies as needed for the purpose of effecting administrative offsets in cases where debts are owed by individuals or organizations to the U.S. Government. This action has been taken to comply with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice will be adopted without further publication in the **Federal Register**, on December 18, 1997, unless modified by a subsequent notice to incorporate comments received from the public. Any interested party may submit written comments about the revision to the system of records to the contact person listed below on or before December 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Department of Commerce, Office of Financial Management, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6827, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Yaple at 202-482-1207.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Commerce is amending Commerce Department System 2: Accounts Receivable to add that records may be disclosed to any other federal agency.

—Added under “Routine use:”

Disclosure of information in this system of records to any other Federal agency as necessary for the purpose of effecting administrative offset against the debtor to recoup a delinquent debt owed to the U.S. Government by the debtor.

This change is being made to implement the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-134, sec. 31001, *et seq.*). This statute requires Federal agencies to minimize the costs of collection of debt owed to the agencies by consolidating debt collection functions and activities and utilizing interagency teams, and to reduce losses arising from debt management by requiring proper screening of potential borrowers, aggressive monitoring of all accounts, and sharing of information with and among agencies. The Department of Commerce intends to participate in an initiative sponsored by the U.S. Department of Treasury whereby the latter agency will serve as a central collection point for information from several Federal agencies concerning individuals who owe debts to the Government. This routine use permits disclosure of information from this system of records to the Department of Treasury, or any other agency that may conduct this activity.

Other editorial changes have also been incorporated to change an outdated reference to the National Bureau of Standards (NBS) to the

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), to add a reference to records of the Technology Administration, and the Bureau of Export Administration (BXA), and to delete references to the United States Travel and Tourism Administration (USTTA), which has been abolished.

The system of records is hereby republished as follows:

COMMERCE/DEPT-2

SYSTEM NAME:

Accounts Receivable—COMMERCE/DEPT-2.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

a. For Departmental offices, BEA, ITA, and MBDA: Office of Financial Operations and Travel Management, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

b. For NIST (including the Technology Administration) and NTIA: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of the Comptroller, Administration Building, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

c. For NOAA and BXA: Office of Budget and Finance, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

d. For PTO: Office of Finance, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 2021 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

e. For CENSUS: Finance Division, Bureau of the Census Federal Building 3, Washington, DC 20233.

f. For NTIS: Accounting Division, National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Virginia 22161.

g. For EDA: Accounting Division, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Debtors owing money to organizational components identified in a through g above, including employees, former employees, business firms, the general public, and institutions.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Name and address; amount owed; service to which the amount is owed; overpayment or other accounting therefor; and invoice number, if any.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 5701-09; 31 U.S.C. 951-953, 4 CFR 102.4, FPMR 101-7; Treasury Fiscal Requirements Manual.