

technology. Comments may be sent to: F. Lamont Heppie, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

• **Title:** Financial and Statistical Report for Telephone Borrowers.
OMB Control Number: 0572-0031.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection, without change.

Abstract: Each telephone borrower signs a mortgage agreement that specifically requires the submission of annual, audited financial statements. The completed Form 479 is due back from the borrowers to RUS in order to comply with the Rural Electrification Act.

Respondents: Business or other for non-profit.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 900.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Hours per Response: 14 hours.

Combined Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 7,740 hours.

• **Title:** RUS Policy on Audits for Electric and Telephone Borrowers.
OMB Control Number: 0572-0095.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection, without change.

Abstract: The requested financial statements are needed to evaluate borrowers' financial performance, determine whether current loans are at financial risk, and determine the credit worthiness of future loans.

Under the authority of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (Act), as amended 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq., the Administrator is authorized and empowered to make loans under certain specified circumstances. As a requirement for these loans, the RUS mortgage in Article 2, Section 12, requires the Mortgagor to prepare and furnish financial statements to RUS at least annually.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Estimated Number of Responses: 3,872.

Combined Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 20,330 hours.

• **Title:** Borrower Investments, Telecommunications Loan Program.
OMB Control Number: 0572-0098.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection, without change.

Abstract: The information collected will be used by RUS in considering

whether or not to approve a borrower's request to make an investment in a rural development project when such an investment would cause the borrower to exceed its allowable investment level.

Respondents: Not for profit institutions.

Estimate of Burden:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 380 hours.

Requests for copies of an information collection can be obtained from Gail Salgado-Duff, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 205-3660. 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: April 23, 1998.

Wally Beyer,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Access Board 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, D.C. on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 12-13, 1998 at the times and location noted below.

DATES: The schedule of events is as follows:

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

9:00 a.m.-Noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole—Accessibility Guidelines (Closed Meeting).

3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Technical Programs Committee

Wednesday, May 13, 1998

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Planning and Budget Committee Meeting on Agency Goals

11:00-Noon Planning and Budget Committee

1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Board Meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at: Marriott at Metro Center, 775 12th Street, NW., Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the

meetings, please contact Lawrence W. Roffee, Executive Director, (202) 272-5434, ext. 14 (voice) and (202) 272-5449 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the Board meeting, the Access Board will consider the following agenda items. Specific voting items are noted next to each committee report.

Open Meeting

- Executive Director's Report
- Approval of the Minutes of the March 11, 1998 Board Meeting
- Planning and Budget Committee Report—Status Report on Fiscal Year 1998 and 1999 Budgets
- Technical Programs Committee Report—Status Report on Fiscal Year 1997 and 1998 Research Projects, and Fiscal Year 1999 Research Agenda.

Closed Meeting

- Committee of the Whole Report—Accessibility Guidelines.

All meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities. Sign language interpreters and an assistive listening system are available at all meetings.

Lawrence W. Roffee,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

U.S.-South African Business Development Committee; Membership

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of membership opportunity.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is currently seeking nominations of outstanding individuals to serve on the U.S. section of the U.S.-S.A. Business Development Committee (BDC). The U.S. Department of Commerce and the South African Department of Trade and Industry created the BDC in June 1994 to provide a forum through which U.S. and South African private sector representatives could advise their governments on commercial issues relevant to bilateral trade issues.

The U.S. section is chaired by Secretary of Commerce William Daley and consists of 21 members representing the diversity of American business, with emphasis on: finance and investment; infrastructure; technical assistance; and market access. The BDC has held regular meetings since September 1994.

Term

Members selected through this recruitment process will serve a term from July 1998 to June 2000.

Obligations

Private sector members will serve at the discretion of the Secretary and shall serve as representatives of the business community and industry that they represent. They are expected to participate fully in defining the agenda for the Committee and in implementing its work program. It is expected that private sector individuals chosen for BDC membership will attend not less than 75% of the BDC meetings which will be held in the United States and South Africa.

Private sector members are fully responsible for travel, living, and personal expenses associated with their participation in the BDC and may be responsible for a pro rata share of administrative and communications costs of the BDC.

The BDC will continue to work on issues of common interest to encourage trade and investment. Such issues include:

- Resolving obstacles to trade and investment between the two countries;
- Developing sectoral or project-oriented approaches to expand business opportunities;
- Expanding commercial activity between both countries and identifying commercial opportunities;
- Implementing trade and business development programs, including trade missions, seminars, exhibits, and other events; and
- Identifying further steps to facilitate and encourage commercial relations between the U.S. and South Africa.

Criteria

In order to be eligible for membership in the U.S. section, potential candidates must be:

- (1) U.S. citizens or permanent residents;
- (2) CEOs or other senior management level employees of a U.S. company or organization with demonstrated involvement in trade with and/or investment in South Africa. (Candidate must actively participate in not less than 75% of the BDC meetings, which will be held in the United States and South Africa);
- (3) Not a registered Foreign Agent, under the Foreign Agents Registration Act; and
- (4) A representative of a company that is actively doing business in South Africa or actively developing entry

plans for doing business in South Africa.

To the extent possible, the Department of Commerce will strive to achieve membership composition that reflects U.S. entrepreneurial diversity. When reviewing eligible candidates, the Department of Commerce will consider such selection factors as:

- (1) Depth of experience in the South African market;
- (2) Export/investment experience;
- (3) Representation of industry or service sectors of importance to the United States' commercial relationship with South Africa;
- (4) Contribution to diversity, based on industry sector, company size, location, and demographics;

Candidates for the two year term beginning in July 1998 must provide the following:

- (1) Name and title of the individual proposed for consideration;
- (2) Name and address of the company or organization of which the individual is a representative;
- (3) Company's or organization's product or service line;
- (4) The particular segment of the business community the candidate would represent;
- (5) Size of the company or, if an organization, size and number of member companies;
- (6) Brief summary of the company's or organization's depth and scope of current or planned involvement in the South African market;
- (7) Export/foreign investment experience in other major markets;
- (8) Optional brief statement (not more than 1 page) of any additional reasons why each candidate should be considered for membership on the Committee; and
- (9) A personal résumé.

DEADLINE: In order to receive full consideration, requests must be received no later than May 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Please send your requests for consideration to Mrs. S. K. Miller, Director, Office of Africa, either by fax on 202-482-5198, or by mail to Room 2037, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. S. K. Miller of the Office of Africa, Room 2037, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230; Telephone: 202-482-4227.

Authority: Act of February 14, 1903, c.552, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 1512, 32 Stat. 825.

Sally Miller,

Director, Office of Africa.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Export Trade Certificate of Review**

ACTION: Notice of application to amend certificate.

SUMMARY: The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA"), International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application to amend an Export Trade Certificate of Review. This notice summarizes the proposed amendment and requests comments relevant to whether the amended Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morton Schnabel, Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. A Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from state and federal government antitrust actions and from private, treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. Section 302(b)(1) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.6(a) require the Secretary to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the applicant and summarizing its proposed export conduct.

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination whether an amended Certificate should be issued. If the comments include any privileged or confidential business information, it must be clearly marked and a nonconfidential version of the comments (identified as such) should be included. Any comments not marked privileged or confidential business information will be deemed to be nonconfidential. An original and five copies, plus two copies of the nonconfidential version, should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 1800H, Washington, D.C. 20230. Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). However,