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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Special Limited Revocable Power of Attorney

Know that the U.S. Small Business Administration, an Agency of the United States, with its principal offices at 409 Third Street, SW, Washington, DC (hereinafter SBA) does hereby make,

constitute and appoint Computer Data Systems, Inc., a corporation with its principal offices at One Curie Court, Rockville, MD (hereinafter CDSI) by and through its subsidiary CDSI Mortgage Services, Inc., with its principal offices at 3100 Smoketree Court, Suite 3000, Raleigh, NC, (hereinafter CDSI/MSI) for SBA's benefit and in SBA's name, place and stead, SBA's true and lawful attorney-in-fact for the sole and limited purposes expressly set forth herein.

Pursuant to the Small Business Act 15 U.S.C. 636(b) SBA is conducting a Private Sector Loan Servicing Demonstration Program (hereinafter the "Program") in which SBA has contracted with CDSI under Contract No. SBAHQ-98-C-0007 (hereinafter the "Contract") to service, liquidate and provide litigation support to thirty percent (30%) of the loans in SBA's Disaster Home Loan portfolio (hereinafter the "Loans").

Pursuant to this power of attorney and to allow CDSI to service, liquidate and provide litigation support for the Loans assigned to CDSI under the Contract, in accordance with the Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C. 634(b)(4), SBA hereby grants to CDSI the following authority: to satisfy, release, subordinate or continue any beneficial or mortgagee's interest or assignment thereof, and any other rights and interests under all mortgages, deeds of trust, security agreements, UCC filings, pledges and other instruments evidencing, making or granting security for the Loans.

It is SBA's intention that this Special Limited Revocable Power of Attorney evidence to all third parties SBA's desire that CDSI take on behalf of SBA, all actions expressly set forth and described herein. SBA and CDSI acknowledge and agree that CDSI shall exercise such power through one or more of the following named officers of CDSI:

Officer	Title
Dennis R. Salvatore ..	Senior Vice President.
Linda B. Willett	Vice President.
Altoris A. Bonner	Vice President.
Karen L. Carter	Vice President.

SBA and CDSI hereby acknowledge that this Special Limited Revocable Power of Attorney shall automatically terminate upon the expiration or termination of the Contract.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration, has caused this instrument to be executed, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 634(b)(4).

Small Business Administration,
Aida Alvarez,
Administrator, Small Business Administration.
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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Identification of Countries Under Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974: Request for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.
ACTION: Request for written submissions from the public.

SUMMARY: Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2242), requires the United States Trade Representative (USTR) to identify countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. (Section 182 is commonly referred to as the "Special 301" provisions in the Trade Act.) In addition, the USTR is required to determine which of these countries should be identified as priority foreign countries. Acts, policies or practices which are the basis of a country's identification as a priority foreign country are normally the subject of an investigation under the section 301 provisions of the Trade Act. Section 182 of the Trade Act contains a special rule for the identification of actions by Canada affecting United States cultural industries.

USTR requests written submissions from the public concerning foreign countries' acts, policies, and practices that are relevant to the decision whether particular trading partners should be identified under section 182 of the Trade Act.

DATES: Submissions must be received on or before 12:00 noon on Friday, February 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Claude Burcky, Director for Intellectual Property (202) 395-6864; Donna DiPaolo, Deputy Director for Intellectual Property (202) 395-6864; or GERALYN S. Ritter, Assistant General Counsel (202) 395-6800, Office of the United States Trade Representative.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 182 of the Trade Act, the USTR must identify those countries that

deny adequate and effective protection for intellectual property rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on intellectual property protection. Those countries that have the most onerous or egregious acts, policies, or practices and whose acts, policies or practices have the greatest adverse impact (actual or potential) on relevant U.S. products are to be identified as priority foreign countries. Acts, policies or practices which are the basis of a country's designation as a priority foreign country are normally the subject of an investigation under the section 301 provisions of the Trade Act.

USTR may not identify a country as a priority foreign country if it is entering into good faith negotiations, or making significant progress in bilateral or multilateral negotiations, to provide adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights.

In identifying countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights in 2000, USTR will focus special attention on other countries' compliance with their TRIPS obligations—many of which came due on January 2000—as well as their efforts to reduce piracy of optical media (music CDs, Video CDs, CD-ROMS, and DVDs) and prevent unauthorized government use of computer software.

Section 182 contains a special rule regarding actions of Canada affecting United States cultural industries. The USTR is obligated to identify any act, policy or practice of Canada which affects cultural industries, is adopted or expanded after December 17, 1992, and is actionable under Article 2106 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Any such act, policy or practice so identified shall be treated the same as an act, policy or practice which was the basis for a country's identification as a priority foreign country under section 182(a)(2) of the Trade Act (i.e., such acts, policies or practices shall be the subject of a section 301 investigation under the "Special 301" procedures), unless the United States has already taken action pursuant to Article 2106 of the NAFTA.

USTR must make the above-referenced identifications within 30 days after publication of the National Trade Estimate (NTE) report, i.e., no later than April 30, 2000.

Requirements for Comments

Comments should include a description of the problems experienced and the effect of the acts, policies and practices on U.S. industry. Comments should be as detailed as possible and

should provide all necessary information for assessing the effect of the acts, policies and practices. Any comments that include quantitative loss claims should be accompanied by the methodology used in calculating such estimated losses. Comments must be in English and provided in twenty copies. A submitter requesting that information contained in a comment be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. Confidential business information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy. A non-confidential version of the comment must also be provided.

All comments should be sent to Sybia Harrison, Special Assistant to the Section 301 Committee, Room 100A, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508, and must be received no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, February 18, 2000.

Public Inspection of Submissions

Within one business day of receipt, non-confidential submissions will be placed in a public file, open for inspection at the USTR Reading Room, in Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling Brenda Webb, (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Joseph Papovich,

Assistant USTR for Services, Investment and Intellectual Property.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. 99-6693]

Notice of Request for Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection: Certification of Enforcement of Vehicle Size and Weight Laws

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements in section 3506(c)(2)(A) of

the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of FHWA to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its clearance of the currently approved information collection identified below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All signed, written comments should refer to the docket number that appears in the heading of this document and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Tom Klimek, (202) 366-2212, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Freight Management and Operations, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certification of Enforcement of Vehicle Size and Weight Laws.

OMB Number: 2125-0034.

Background: Title 23, U.S.C. 141, requires each State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico to file an annual certification that they are enforcing their size and weight laws on Federal-aid highways and that their Interstate System weight limits are consistent with Federal requirements to be eligible to receive an apportionment of Federal highway trust funds. Section 141 also authorizes the Secretary to require States to file such information as is necessary to verify that their certifications are accurate. To determine whether States are adequately enforcing their size and weight limits, each must submit an updated plan for enforcing their size and weight limits to the FHWA at the beginning of each fiscal year. At the end of the fiscal year, they must submit their certifications and sufficient information to verify that the enforcement goals established in the plan have been met. Failure of a State to file a certification, adequately enforce its size and weight laws, and enforce weight laws on the Interstate System that are inconsistent with Federal requirements, could result in a specified reduction of its Federal highway fund