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UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to OMB for Review

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has submitted the following information collections to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for USAID, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, D.C. 20503. Copies of submission may be obtained by calling (202) 712-1365.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: OMB 0412-0536.

Form Number: AID 1420-62.

Title: AID Contractor Employee

Physical Examination Form.

Type of Submission: Renewal of Information Collection.

Purpose: When USAID hires contractor personnel for overseas assignments, the contractors are required to obtain a physician's certification that they are physically qualified to engage in the type of activity for which they will be employed. Physicians who do not regularly deal with patients going to lesser-developed countries do not appreciate the difficulties of providing even the most basic medical services in many such areas. This form requests the minimum information needed in order to make a determination as to whether or not the individual should travel to the post in question. The State Department's Office of Medical Services (M/MED) reviews the form prior to departure to insure the Mission or Embassy medical facility can meet special medical needs of the contractor.

Thus the need for future medical evacuations would be reduced, since M/MED would find most existing medical problems that could not be dealt with locally and the individual would then most likely be denied approval to post.

Annual Reporting burden:

Respondents: 3,300.

Total annual responses: 3,300.

Total annual hours requested: 13,200 hours.

Dated: October 4, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Farm Service Agency

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service (RHS), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), Rural Utilities Service (RUS), and Farm Service Agency (FSA), 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 Real Estate Title Clearance and Loan Closing regulation.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 15, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR 1927-B, Real Estate Title Clearance and Loan Closing.

OMB Number: 0575-0147.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2000.

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

Abstract: Section 501 of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to extend financial assistance to construct, improve, alter, repair, replace or rehabilitate dwellings, farm buildings and/or related facilities to provide decent, safe, and sanitary living conditions and adequate farm buildings and other structures in rural areas. Title Clearance is required to assure the Agency(s) that the loan is legally secured and has the required lien priority.

The Agency will be collecting information to assure that those participating in this program remain eligible to proceed with loan closing and to ensure that loans made with Federal funds are legally secured. The respondents are individuals or households, farms, businesses, and nonprofit institutions. The information required is used by Agency personnel to verify that the required lien position has been obtained. The information is collected at the field office responsible for processing a loan application through loan closing. The information is also used to insure the program is administered in a manner consistent with legislative and administrative requirements. If not collected, the Agency would be unable to determine if the loan is adequately and legally secured.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .23 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households, farms, business, non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 32,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 5.38.

Estimated Number of Responses: 172,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 39,466 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tracy Gillin, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0039.