

the final rule published on October 7, 2003, effective November 6, 2003, 13 CFR 120.829(a) states that "A CDC's portfolio must maintain a minimum average of one Job Opportunity per an amount of 504 loan funding that will be specified by SBA from time to time in a **Federal Register** notice. Such Job Opportunity average remains in effect until changed by subsequent **Federal Register** publication." The current standard which was established in 1990 requires a CDC's portfolio to reflect an average of one Job Opportunity per \$35,000 of 504 loan funding. The AA/FA may permit a CDC to average up to one per \$45,000 for good cause in Alaska; Hawaii; State-designated urban or rural jobs and enterprise zones; Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities; and Labor Surplus Areas. During the past twelve years since the Job Opportunity requirement was last modified, the cost of acquiring real estate has increased substantially. For example, construction wages have increased more than 65 percent and the consumer price index has increased 50 percent during the same period. Due to the substantial increases in costs, SBA is modifying the requirements by approximately 43 percent effective November 6, 2003, as follows:

A CDC's portfolio must reflect an average of one Job Opportunity per \$50,000 of 504 loan funding. The AA/FA may permit a CDC to average up to one per \$65,000 for good cause for all 504 projects located in

- (1) Alaska;
- (2) Hawaii;
- (3) State-designated urban or rural jobs and enterprise zones;
- (4) Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities; and
- (5) Labor Surplus Areas as listed by the Department of Labor.

James E. Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

New Agreement To Replace the Agreement Between the United States and Norway on Social Security; Entry Into Force

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commissioner of Social Security gives notice that on September 1, 2003, a new agreement entered into force that replaces the original U.S.-

Norwegian Social Security agreement that has been in effect since July 1, 1984. The new agreement, which was signed on November 30, 2001, was concluded pursuant to section 233 of the Social Security Act.

The new agreement updates and clarifies several provisions in the original U.S.-Norwegian Social Security agreement. Its primary purpose, however, is to permit U.S. citizens who have lived in Norway to receive full credit for their periods of residence under Norway's Social Security system and to increase thereby the amount of their Norwegian benefits. The new agreement also improves disability and survivors benefit protection under the Norwegian system for people who have worked in both countries.

Individuals who wish to obtain copies of the new agreement or want general information about its provisions may write to the Social Security Administration, Office of International Programs, Post Office Box 17741, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-7741. The Social Security Web site at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/international> also includes the text of the new agreement. Anyone who wants information about the Norwegian Social Security programs may write to the National Insurance Administration, International Affairs Division, N-0241 Oslo, Norway.

Dated: October 29, 2003.

Jo Anne B. Barnhart,

Commissioner of Social Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4524]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS-3032, Choice of Address and Agent for Immigrant Visa Applicants; OMB Control Number 1405-0126

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

The following summarizes the information collection proposal submitted to OMB:

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Originating Office: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State (CA/VO).

Title of Information Collection:

Choice of Address and Agent for Immigrant Visa Applicants.

Frequency: On occasion.

Form Number: DS-3032.

Respondents: Aliens applying for Immigrant Visas whose petitions have been approved in U.S.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 330,000 per year.

Average Hours Per Response: 10 minutes.

Total Estimated Burden: 55,000 hours per year.

Public comments are being solicited to permit the agency to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility.

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents may be obtained from Brendan Mullarkey of the Office of Visa Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E St. NW., RM L-703, Washington, DC 20520, who may be reached on (202) 663-1166. Public comments and questions should be directed to the State Department Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Washington, DC 20530, who may be reached on (202) 395-3897.

Dated: October 22, 2003.

Janice L. Jacobs,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 4414]

Advisory Committee on International Law; Notice of Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Advisory Committee on International Law will take place on