

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposal to establish the following new collection of information:

Title: Student Educational Employment Program.

OMB Number: New Collection.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: Students seeking employment with the FDIC.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,500.

Estimated Time per Response: 0.33 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 500 hours.

General Description of Collection: The application form used in this collection ensures that students seeking employment with FDIC as participants in either one of the two components of the Student Educational Employment Program (*i.e.*, the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) or the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP)) meet the government-wide eligibility criteria established by the Office of Personnel Management as well as the internal eligibility criteria established by the FDIC. The information collected will include information on the applicant's coursework, grade point averages, and relationship to any FDIC employee.

Request for Comment

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the information collection, 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 information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 28, 2004.
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Robert E. Feldman,

Executive Secretary.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

[No. 2004-N-08]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Housing Finance Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Housing Finance Board (Finance Board) has submitted the information collection entitled "Affordable Housing Program" to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval of a three-year extension of the OMB control number, which is due to expire on June 30, 2004.

DATES: Interested persons may submit comments on or before June 3, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Housing Finance Board, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR COPIES OF THE INFORMATION COLLECTION CONTACT: Charles E. McLean, Jr., Associate Director, Community Investment and Affordable Housing Division, Office of Supervision, by telephone at 202/408-2537 or by electronic mail at mcleanc@fhfb.gov, or Melissa L. Allen, Program Analyst, Community Investment and Affordable Housing Division, Office of Supervision, by telephone at 202/408-2524 or by electronic mail at allenm@fhfb.gov, or by regular mail at the Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Need For and Use of Information Collection

Section 10(j) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (Bank Act) (12 U.S.C. 1430(j)), requires the Finance Board to promulgate regulations under which the 12 Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLBanks) must establish an Affordable Housing Program (AHP) to make subsidized advances to members engaged in lending for long term, low- and moderate-income, owner-occupied and affordable rental housing at subsidized interest rates. Section 10(j) also establishes the standards and requirements for making subsidized AHP advances to FHLBank members. Part 951 of the Finance Board regulations (12 CFR part 951), implements the statutory requirements and authorizes the FHLBanks to make AHP funding decisions.

The information collection contained in part 951 is necessary to enable and is used by the FHLBanks to determine whether an AHP applicant satisfies the statutory and regulatory requirements to receive subsidized advances or direct subsidies under the AHP. The Finance

Board uses the information collection to ensure that FHLBank funding decisions, and the use of the funds awarded, are consistent with statutory and regulatory requirements.

The OMB control number for the information collection is 3069-0006. The OMB clearance for the information collection expires on June 30, 2004.

The likely respondents include applicants for AHP funding.

B. Burden Estimate

The Finance Board has analyzed the cost and hour burden for the seven facets of the information collection—AHP applications, AHP modification requests, monitoring agreements, recapture agreements, homeownership assistance program applications, verifications of statutory and regulatory compliance at the time of subsidy disbursement, and Bank Advisory Council reports and recommendations on AHP Implementation Plans. As explained in more detail below, the estimate for the total annual hour burden for applicant and member respondents is 63,038 hours.

1. AHP Applications

The Finance Board estimates a total annual average of 2,050 applicants for AHP funding, with 1 response per applicant. The estimate for the average hours per application is 25 hours. The estimate for the total annual hour burden for AHP applications is 51,250 hours (2050 applicants × 1 application × 25 hours).

2. AHP Modification Requests

The Finance Board estimates a total annual average of 150 AHP modification requests, with 1 request per respondent. The estimate for the average hours per modification request is 3 hours. The estimate for the total annual hour burden for AHP modification requests is 450 hours (150 respondents × 1 request × 3 hours).

3. AHP Monitoring Agreements

The Finance Board estimates a total annual average of 825 AHP monitoring agreements, with 1 agreement per respondent. The estimate for the average hours to implement each AHP monitoring agreement and prepare and review required reports and certifications is 4.5 hours. The estimate for the total annual hour burden for AHP monitoring agreements is 3,713 hours (825 respondents × 1 agreement × 4.5 hours).

4. AHP Recapture Agreements

The Finance Board estimates a total annual average of 825 AHP recapture

agreements, with 1 agreement per respondent. The estimate for the average hours to prepare and implement an AHP recapture agreement is 1 hour. The estimate for the total annual hour burden for AHP recapture agreements is 825 hours (825 respondents \times 1 agreement \times 1 hour).

5. Homeownership Assistance Program Applications

The Finance Board estimates a total annual average of 2,400 homeownership assistance program applications, with 1 application per respondent. The estimate for the average hours to prepare each homeownership assistance program application and certify compliance upon disbursement of funds is 2 hours. The estimate for the total annual hour burden for homeownership assistance program applications is 4,800 hours (2,400 respondents \times 1 application \times 2 hours).

6. Verification of Compliance Submissions

The Finance Board estimates a total annual average of 2,000 submissions to verify compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements at the time of AHP subsidy disbursement, with 1 submission per respondent. The estimate for the average hours to prepare and submit a verification of compliance submission is 1 hour. The estimate for the total annual hour burden for verification of compliance submissions is 2,000 hours (2,000 respondents \times 1 submission \times 1 hour).

7. FHLBank Advisory Council Report and Recommendations on AHP Implementation Plans.

Member and applicant respondents incur no costs because the FHLBank Advisory Councils prepare and the FHLBanks and Finance Board review Advisory Council reports and recommendations.

C. Comment Request

In accordance with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.8(d), the Finance Board published a request for public comments regarding this information collection in the **Federal Register** on February 18, 2004. See 69 FR 7639 (Feb. 18, 2004). The 60-day comment period closed on April 19, 2004. The Finance Board received no public comments.

Written comments are requested on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of Finance Board functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Finance Board's estimates of the burdens of the

collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be submitted to OMB in writing at the address listed above.

Dated: April 28, 2004.

By the Federal Housing Finance Board.

Donald Demitros,

Chief Information Officer.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency Information Collection Activities: Announcement of Board Approval Under Delegated Authority and Submission to OMB

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the final approval of proposed information collection by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) under OMB delegated authority, as per 5 CFR 1320.16 (OMB Regulations on Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public). Board-approved collections of information are incorporated into the official OMB inventory of currently approved collections of information. Copies of the OMB 83-Is and supporting statements and approved collection of information instrument(s) are placed into OMB's public docket files. The Federal Reserve may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Acting Federal Reserve Clearance Officer—Michelle Long—Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551 (202-452-3829).

OMB Desk Officer—Mark Menchik—Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Final Approval Under OMB Delegated Authority of the Implementation of the Following Information Collection

1. *Report Title:* Proposed Policy to Increase Depository Institution Recirculation of Currency.

Agency Form Number: FR 4101.

OMB Control Number: 7100-0305.

Frequency: On occasion.

Reporters: Depository institutions.

Annual Reporting Hours: 11,175 hours.

Estimated Average Hours per Response: Proof-of-concept program: 12 hours (application), 15 minutes (inventory tracking); custodial inventory program: 12 hours (application), 15 minutes (inventory tracking).

Number of Respondents: Proof-of-concept program: 15; custodial inventory program: 15.

General Description of Report: This information collection is required to obtain a benefit (12 U.S.C. 248, 248(a), (b) and (c)) and is given confidential treatment (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)).

Abstract: In October 2003, the Federal Reserve published for comment in the **Federal Register** a proposed rulemaking (Docket No. OP-1164) that would amend its cash services policy by adding two elements: (1) a custodial inventory program and (2) a recirculation fee. Before undertaking a permanent custodial inventory program, the Board authorized Reserve Banks to implement a one-year proof-of-concept program in 2004, including an application to participate and an Internet-based inventory tracking system. The Federal Reserve will evaluate the results of the program after six months of operation and will decide whether to implement a permanent custodial inventory program in 2005.

If the Board approves implementation of a permanent program then a final rulemaking will be published announcing the permanent program.¹ In the interim, the Federal Reserve must meet its requirement under the Paperwork Reduction Act to implement the information collection associated with the application and Internet-based inventory tracking system. No comments were received on the information collection part of the rule.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, April 27, 2004.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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¹ In order for the Federal Reserve to meet its requirement under the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Federal Reserve authorized the implementation of the application and Internet-based tracking system on March 25, 2004.