DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension of an Existing Information Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: Form I–9, Employment Eligibility Verification; OMB Control No. 1615–0047.

The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until March 14, 2008.

Written comments and suggestions regarding items contained in this notice, and especially with regard to the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Chief, Regulatory Management Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., 3rd floor, Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202–272–8352, or via e-mail at *rfs.regs@dhs.gov*. When submitting comments by e-mail add the OMB Control Number 1615–0047 in the subject box.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies' estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection: Extension of a currently approved information collection.*

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Employment Eligibility Verification.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I–9. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary:* Individuals or households. This form was developed to facilitate compliance with section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which prohibits the knowing employment of unauthorized aliens. The information collected is used by employers or by recruiters for enforcement of provisions of immigration laws that are designed to control the employment of unauthorized aliens.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* This figure was derived by multiplying the number of respondents (78,000,000) × frequency of response (1) × hour per response (9 minutes or 0.15 hours). The annual recordkeeping burden is added to the total annual reporting burden which is based on 20,000,000 recordkeepers at (3 minutes or .05 hours) per filing.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 12,700,000 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit the USCIS Web site at: *http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main.* We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., 3rd floor, Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529, Telephone number 202–272–8377.

Dated: January 9, 2007.

Stephen Tarragon,

Deputy Chief, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5030–FA–11]

Announcement of Funding Awards for the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) Fiscal Year 2006

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102 (a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of past funding decisions made by the Department in competitions for funding under the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI). This announcement contains the names of the awardees and the amounts of the awards made available by HUD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Otto V. Banks, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Economic Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7136, Washington, DC 20410–7000; telephone (202) 708–4091 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- and speech-impaired persons may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service toll-free at 1–800–877–8339. For general information on this and other HUD programs, call Community Connections at 1–800–998–9999 or visit the HUD Web site at *http://www.hud.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) is administered by the Office of Economic Development under the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development. The Office of Economic Development administers HUD's ongoing grant programs to assist local governments, nonprofit organizations and the private sector in economic development efforts.

BEDI was enacted in section 108(q) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Eligible applicants include units of general local government eligible for assistance under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, as well as urban counties that are eligible under the CDBG program. Each unit of general local government or CDBG-eligible urban county must use its BEDI award to enhance the security of a loan guaranteed by HUD under section 108 of the Housing and Community

Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the same project, or to improve the viability of a project financed with the section 108-guaranteed loan. The BEDI program provides each grantee funding for the redevelopment of abandoned, idled or underutilized industrial or commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by environmental contamination as defined by the NOFA in each fiscal year.

On March 8, 2006, (71 FR 11712) HUD published a Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA) announcing the availability of approximately $10,000,000 in FY 2006 funds for the BEDI program. The Department reviewed, evaluated and scored the applications received based on the criteria in the SuperNOFA. As a result, HUD funded the applications announced below, and, in accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing details concerning the recipients of funding awards, as set forth below.

Dated: December 20, 2007.

William H. Eargle,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations, Office of Community Planning and Development.

FISCAL YEAR 2006 FUNDING AWARDS FOR THE BROWNFIELDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM

Recipient	State	Amount
Mooresville	NC	$650,000.00
Rocky Mount ...	NC	1,000,000.00
Lawton	OK	1,000,000.00
Pittsburgh	PA	1,000,000.00
Reading	PA	500,000.00
Vancouver	WA	1,000,000.00
Total	.....	5,150,000.00

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Request for Nominations for the Invasive Species Advisory Committee; Extension of Submission Deadline

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, National Invasive Species Council.

ACTION: Request for Nominations for the Invasive Species Advisory Committee; Extension of Submission Deadline.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior, on behalf of the interdepartmental National Invasive Species Council, proposes to appoint new members to the Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC). The Secretary of the Interior, acting as administrative lead, is requesting nominations for qualified persons to serve as members of the ISAC.

DATES: *The submission deadline for nominations has been extended.* All must now be postmarked by February 13, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Lori Williams, Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council (OS/NISC), Regular Mail: 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; Express Mail: 1201 Eye Street, NW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelsey Brantley, Program Analyst, at (202) 513–7243, fax: (202) 371–1751, or by e-mail at *Kelsey_Brantley@ios.doi.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Advisory Committee Scope and Objectives

The purpose and role of the ISAC are to provide advice to the National Invasive Species Council (NISC), as authorized by Executive Order 13112, on a broad array of issues including preventing the introduction of invasive species, providing for their control, and minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause. NISC is Co-chaired by the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce, and is charged with providing coordination, planning and leadership regarding invasive species issues. Pursuant to the Executive Order, the Council developed a National Invasive Species Management Plan, which is available on the Web at *http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov*. The Council is responsible for effective implementation of the Plan including any revisions of the Plan, and also coordinates Federal agency activities concerning invasive species; encourages planning and action at local, tribal, State, regional and ecosystem-based levels; develops recommendations for international cooperation in addressing invasive species; facilitates the development of a coordinated network to document, evaluate, and monitor impacts from invasive species; and facilitates establishment of an information-sharing system on invasive species that utilizes, to the greatest extent practicable, the Internet.

The role of ISAC is to maintain an intensive and regular dialogue regarding the aforementioned issues. ISAC provides advice in cooperation with stakeholders and existing organizations addressing invasive species. The ISAC meets up to three (3) times per year.

Terms for many of the current members of the ISAC will expire in June 2008. After consultation with the other members of NISC, the Secretary of the Interior will actively solicit new nominees and appoint members to ISAC. Prospective members of ISAC should be knowledgeable in and represent one or more of the following communities of interests: weed science, fisheries science, rangeland management, forest science, entomology, nematology, plant pathology, veterinary medicine, the broad range of farming or agricultural practices, biodiversity issues, applicable laws and regulations relevant to invasive species policy, risk assessment, biological control of invasive species, public health/epidemiology, industry activities, international affairs or trade, tribal or State government interests, environmental education, ecosystem monitoring, natural resource database design and integration, and Internet-based management of conservation issues.

Prospective nominees should also have practical experience in one or more of the following areas: representing sectors of the national economy that are significantly threatened by biological invasions (e.g., agriculture, fisheries, public utilities, recreational users, tourism, etc.); representing sectors of the national economy whose routine operations may pose risks of new or expanded biological invasions (e.g., shipping, forestry, horticulture, aquaculture, pet trade, etc.); developing natural resource management plans on regional or ecosystem-level scales; addressing invasive species issues, including prevention, control and monitoring, in multiple ecosystems and on multiple scales; integrating science and the human dimension in order to create effective solutions to complex conservation issues including education, outreach, and public relations experts; coordinating diverse groups of stakeholders to resolve complex environmental issues and conflicts; and complying with NEPA and other Federal requirements for public involvement in major conservation plans. Members will be selected in order to achieve a balanced representation of viewpoints, so to effectively address invasive species issues under consideration. No member may serve on the ISAC for more than two (2) consecutive terms. All terms will be limited to three (3) years in length.