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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: The Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's (RHS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for "Section 515 Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Revitalization Restructuring Demonstration Program (MPR) for Fiscal Year 2006."

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by March 8, 2010 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melinda Price, Finance and Housing Analyst, Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Direct Loan Division, USDA Rural Development, Federal Building, Room 507, 200 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215-2418, telephone (614) 255-2403.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Section 515 Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Revitalization Restructuring (MPR) demonstration Program.

OMB Number: 0575-0190.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2010.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-97) provides funding for, and authorizes Rural Development to conduct a demonstration program for the

preservation and revitalization of the section 515 multi-family housing portfolio. The section 515 multi-family housing program is authorized by section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1485) and provides Rural Development the authority to make loans for low-income multi-family housing and related facilities.

Rural Development refers to this program as Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Revitalization Restructuring Program (MPR). This NOFA sets forth the eligibility and application requirements. Information will be collected from applicants and grant recipients by Rural Development staff in its Local, Area, State, and National offices. This information will be used to determine applicant eligibility for this demonstration program. If an applicant proposal is selected, that applicant will be notified of the selection and given the opportunity to submit a formal application.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

Respondents: Individuals, partnerships, public and private nonprofit corporations, agencies, institutions, organizations, and Indian tribes.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,500.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses: 2,420.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,720.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Linda Watts Thomas, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0226.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the RD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RD's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information 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 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. Comments may be sent to Linda Watts Thomas, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 29, 2009.

Sylvia Bolivar,

Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS).

Title: National Security and Critical Technology Assessment of the U.S. Industrial Base.

OMB Control Number: 0694-0119.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

Burden Hours: 24,000.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Average Hours per Response: 8.

Needs and Uses: The Department of Commerce/BIS, in coordination with other government agencies and private entities, conduct assessments of U.S. industries deemed critical to our national security. The information gathered is needed to assess the health and competitiveness as well as the needs of the targeted industry sector in order to maintain a strong U.S. industrial base. Data obtained from the surveys will be used to prepare an assessment of the current status of the

targeted industry, addressing production, technological developments, economic performance, employment and academic trends, and international competitiveness. The surveys used for the assessments are approved using the generic clearance process.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: Jasmeet Seehra, (202) 395-3123.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jasmeet Seehra, OMB Desk Officer, via the Internet at Jasmeet_K_Seehra@omb.eop.gov, or via FAX (202) 395-5607.

Dated: December 30, 2009.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

[07-BIS-02]

**Action Affecting Export Privileges:
Ning Wen**

In the Matter of: Ning Wen, No. 07511-089, Federal Prison Camp—H Dorm, P.O. Box 1000, Duluth, MN 55814; and 1218 Dewey St., #14, Manitowoc, WI 54220, Respondent.

Order Relating to Ning Wen

The Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce (“BIS”) has initiated an administrative proceeding against Ning Wen (“Wen”) pursuant to Section 766.3 of the Export Administration Regulations (the “Regulations”),¹ and Section 13(c) of

the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (the “Act”),² through issuance of a charging letter to Wen that alleged that he committed 124 violations of the Regulations. Specifically, the charges are:

Charge 1: 15 CFR 764.2(d)—Conspiracy To Export Electronic Components to People's Republic of China Without the Required Licenses

Between on or about March 16, 1992 and on or about September 30, 2004, Wen conspired with others, known and unknown, to bring about acts that violated the Regulations. The object of the conspiracy was to export electronic components from the United States to the People's Republic of China (PRC) in violation of U.S. export control laws by failing to obtain the proper export licenses for certain shipments, and/or providing false descriptions and/or withholding required information on the invoices provided to the shippers. In furtherance of this conspiracy, the co-conspirators, through Wen Enterprises—a business run out of Wen's home—caused exports of electronic components controlled under Export Control Classification Numbers (“ECCNs”) 3A001 and 3A002 on the Commerce Control List to the PRC without the licenses required by the Regulations. Items classified under ECCNs 3A001 and 3A002 are controlled for national security reasons and their export to the PRC requires a license from the U.S. Department of Commerce pursuant to Section 742.2 of the Regulations. Also in furtherance of this conspiracy, the co-conspirators made false representations regarding the true value of shipments being exported to the PRC and, on several occasions between May 2004 and July 2004, Wen consulted directly with Ms. Hailin Lin regarding matters relevant to the conspiracy, including on methods to avoid detection of illegal exports. In conspiring to bring about acts that violate the Regulations, Wen committed one violation of Section 764.2(d) of the Regulations.

Charges 2-56: 15 CFR 764.2(b)—Causing an Export Without the Required License

Between on or about January 28, 2002 through on or about September 30, 2004, Wen caused 55 acts prohibited by the Regulations. Specifically, Wen

caused 55 exports of items controlled under ECCNs 3A001 and 3A002 to the PRC without the licenses required by Section 742.2 of the Regulations. These exports were committed in furtherance of and as a reasonably foreseeable consequence of the conspiracy described in Charge One above. In so doing, Wen committed 55 violations of Section 764.2(b) of the Regulations.

Charges 57-111: 15 CFR 764.2(e)—Acting With Knowledge of a Violation

In connection with each of the transactions described in Charges 2 through 56 above, on 55 occasions between on or about January 28, 2002 through on or about September 30, 2004, Wen bought, sold, and/or transferred electronic components subject to the Regulations to be exported from the United States with knowledge that a violation of the Regulations was about to occur or was intended to occur in connection with the components. Specifically, at the time that the electronic components were bought, sold and/or transferred, all of which were done as a reasonably foreseeable consequence of the conspiracy described in Charge One above, Wen knew or had reason to know that the export of the items required an export license but that an export license would not be obtained. In so doing, Wen committed 55 violations of Section 764.2(e) of the Regulations.

Charges 112-124: 15 CFR 764.2(h)—Taking Action With Intent To Evade the Regulations

In connection with certain transactions described above, on thirteen occasions between on or about April 5, 2004 through on or about September 30, 2004, Wen took actions with intent to evade the provisions of the Regulations. Specifically, in connection with the preparation of export control documents, Wen did make false statements and conceal material facts by representing on shipping invoices that the value of thirteen different shipments was less than \$2500 when in fact the true value of the shipments exceeded \$2500. This was done so that Shipper's Export Declarations, which are filed with the U.S. Government and which must contain information about export license requirements, would not be requested for the exports. In so doing, Wen committed 13 violations of Section 764.2(h) of the Regulations.

Whereas, BIS and Wen have entered into a Settlement Agreement pursuant to Section 766.18(b) of the Regulations whereby they agreed to settle this matter

¹ The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 CFR parts 730-774 (2009). The violations charged occurred between 2002 and 2004. The Regulations governing the violations at issue are found in the 2002-2004 versions of the Code of Federal Regulations. The 2009 Regulations govern the procedural aspects of this case.

² 50 U.S.C. app. sections 2401-2420 (2000). Since August 21, 2001, the Act has been in lapse and the President, through Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (3 CFR, 2001 Comp. 783 (2002)), as extended most recently by the Notice of August 13, 2009 (74 FR 41325 Aug. 14, 2009)), has continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701-1706).