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

Abstract: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is authorized under Section 517(d) of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, to issue loan guarantees for the acquisition of new or existing dwellings and related facilities to provide decent, safe, and sanitary living conditions and other structures in rural areas by eligible recipients.

The Act also authorizes the Secretary to pay the holder of a guaranteed loan the difference between the rate of interest paid by the borrower and the market rate of interest.

The purpose of the program is to assist low and moderate income individuals and families acquire or construct a single family residence in a rural area with loans made by private lenders. Eligibility for this program includes low and moderate income families or persons whose income does not exceed 115 percent of the median income for the area, as determined by the Secretary.

The Guaranteed Rural Housing (GRH) program was authorized under the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, and the Agency issued a final rule implementing the GRH program on April 17, 1991, before departmental reorganization. The program began as a pilot program in 20 States on May 17, 1991. In 1992, the GRH program was offered on a nationwide basis. During the implementation process, the Agency looked for ways to improve the program and make it more user-friendly.

The Agency recognized the need to make its program even more compatible with the existing structure of the mortgage lending community. On May 22, 1995, the Agency published a final rule incorporating the needed changes to encourage greater participation by lenders and the secondary market for mortgage loans.

The information requested by the Agency includes borrower financial information such as household income, assets and liabilities, and monthly expenses. All information collected is vital for the Agency to determine if borrowers qualify for and assure they receive all assistance for which they are eligible. Information requested on lenders is required to ensure lenders are eligible to participate in the GRH program. Lender requirements are in compliance with OMB Circular A–129.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.44 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households and business or other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 33,393.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 8.7.

Estimated Number of Responses: 293,053.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 204,081 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Linda Watts-Thomas, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, 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 RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS’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 20250-0742. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 12, 2010.

Tammye Treviño,
Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Correction
In the Federal Register of February 2, 2010, in FR Doc. 2010–2067, on page 5281, in the third column, correct the date for Mississippi to read March 29, 2010.

Dated: March 10, 2010.

Tammye Treviño,
Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Meetings

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) plans to hold its regular committee and Board meetings in Washington, DC, Monday through Wednesday, March 29–31, 2010, at the times and location noted below.

DATES: The schedule of events is as follows:

Monday, March 29, 2010
10:30–11 a.m. Budget Committee.
11–Noon Planning and Evaluation Committee.
1:30–3:30 p.m. Ad Hoc Committee Meetings (Closed to the Public).
3:30–4:30 p.m. Technical Programs Committee.

Tuesday, March 30, 2010
9:30–2:30 p.m. Ad Hoc Committee Meetings, Continued (Closed to the Public).
2:30–3:30 p.m. Frontier Issues Ad Hoc Committee.
3:30–4:30 p.m. Accessible Design in Education Ad Hoc Committee.

Wednesday, March 31, 2010
9:30–11 a.m. Briefing on Health Information Technology.
1:30–3 p.m. Board Meeting.
COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Hearing on the Department of Justice’s Actions Related to the New Black Panther Party Litigation and its Enforcement of Section 11(b) of the Voting Rights Act

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of hearing.

DATES AND TIME: Friday, April 23, 2010; 9:30 a.m. EDT.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, NW., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of 1994, 42 U.S.C. 1975a, and 45 CFR 702.3, that public hearings before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will commence on Friday, April 23, 2010, beginning at 9:30 a.m. EDT in Washington, DC at the Commission’s offices located at 624 Ninth Street, NW., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425, and continue until completed. If on April 23, 2010, the operating status of the Federal Government in the Washington, DC area is closed or the hearing is otherwise not initiated on said date, the hearing will be rescheduled for May 14, 2010 at the same time and location. An executive session not open to the public may be convened at any appropriate time before or during the hearing.

The purpose of this hearing is to collect information within the jurisdiction of the Commission, under 42 U.S.C. 1975a, related particularly to the Department of Justice’s actions in the New Black Panther Party Litigation and enforcement of Section 11(b) of the Voting Rights Act.

The Commission is authorized to hold hearings and to issue subpoenas for the production of documents and the attendance of witnesses pursuant to 45 CFR 701.2. The Commission is an independent bipartisan, fact finding agency authorized to study, collect, and disseminate information, and to appraise the laws and policies of the Federal Government, and to study and collect information with respect to discrimination or denials of equal protection of the laws under the Constitution because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin, or in the administration of justice. The Commission has broad authority to investigate allegations of voting irregularities even when alleged abuses do not involve discrimination.


Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Pamela Dunston at least seven days prior to the meeting at 202–376–8105. TDD: (202) 376–8116.

Dated: March 12, 2010.

David Blackwood,
General Counsel.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[DOCKET NO. 100226117–0125–01]
Privacy Act of 1974; Altered System of Records

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.


SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, Title 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) 552A(e)(4) and (11); and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–130, Appendix I, “Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals,” the