

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Regulations Governing United States Savings Bonds Series E/EE and H/HH.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 22, 2010, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Judi Owens, 200 Third Street, A4–A, Parkersburg, WV 26106–1328, or [judi.owens@bpd.treas.gov](mailto:judi.owens@bpd.treas.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Judi Owens, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, A4–A, Parkersburg, WV 26106–1328, (304) 480–8150.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Regulations Governing United States Savings Bonds Series E/EE and H/HH.

*OMB Number:* 1535–0095.

*Abstract:* The regulations mandate the payment of H/HH interest by Direct Deposit (ACH Method).

*Current Actions:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Individuals, Businesses or other for-profit, and State or local governments.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) 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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Dated: March 22, 2010.

**Judi Owens,**

*Manager, Information Management Branch.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Bureau of the Public Debt**

**Proposed Collection: Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the transaction request for U.S. Treasury Securities State and Local Government Series Early Redemption.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 22, 2010, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Judi Owens, 200 Third Street, A4–A, Parkersburg, WV 26106–1328, or [judi.owens@bpd.treas.gov](mailto:judi.owens@bpd.treas.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Judi Owens, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, A4–A, Parkersburg, WV 26106–1328, (304) 480–8150.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* U.S. Treasury Securities State and Local Government Series Early Redemption Request.

*OMB Number:* 1535–0121.

*Form Numbers:* PD F 5377.

*Abstract:* The information is requested to process early redemption requests for the owners of securities of State and Local Government Series.

*Current Actions:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* State or Local Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,350.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,675.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of

information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) 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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Bureau of the Public Debt**

**Proposed Collection: Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Public Debt within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the application for disposition of savings bonds after the death of the registered owner(s).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before May 22, 2010, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of the Public Debt, Judi Owens, 200 Third Street, A4–A, Parkersburg, WV 26106–1328, or [judi.owens@bpd.treas.gov](mailto:judi.owens@bpd.treas.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Judi Owens, Bureau of the Public Debt, 200 Third Street, A4–A, Parkersburg, WV 26106–1328, (304) 480–8150.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Application for Disposition of Series I Savings Bonds After the Death of the Registered Owner(s).

*OMB Number:* 1535-0131.

*Form Number:* PD F 5394.

*Abstract:* The information is requested to request payment or reissue of savings bonds belonging to a deceased owner.

*Current Actions:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,100.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,050.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) 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; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

#### Bank Enterprise Award (BEA) Program; Notice of Funds Availability

*Funding Opportunity Title:* Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) inviting applications for the FY 2010 Funding Round of the Bank Enterprise Award (BEA) Program.

*Announcement Type:* Announcement of funding opportunity.

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number:* 21.021.

**DATES:** Applications for the FY 2010 funding round of the BEA Program must be received by 5 p.m. ET on May 5,

2010. Applications must meet all eligibility and other requirements and deadlines, as applicable, set forth in this NOFA. Applications received after 5 p.m. ET on May 5, 2010 will be rejected.

*Executive Summary:* Subject to funding availability, this NOFA is issued in connection with the FY 2010 funding round of the BEA Program. The BEA Program is administered by the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund. The BEA Program encourages Insured Depository Institutions to increase their levels of loans, investments, services, and technical assistance within Distressed Communities, and financial assistance to CDFIs through grants, stock purchases, loans, deposits, and other forms of financial and technical assistance, during a specified period.

#### I. Funding Opportunity Description

*A. Baseline Period and Assessment Period dates:* A BEA Program award is based on an Applicant's increases in Qualified Activities from the Baseline Period to the Assessment Period. For the FY 2010 funding round, the Baseline Period is calendar year 2008 (January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008), and the Assessment Period is calendar year 2009 (January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009).

*B. Program regulations:* The regulations governing the BEA Program can be found at 12 CFR part 1806 (the Interim Rule) and provide guidance on evaluation criteria and other requirements of the BEA Program. The CDFI Fund encourages Applicants to review the Interim Rule. Detailed application content requirements are found in the application related to this NOFA. Each capitalized term in this NOFA is more fully defined either in the Interim Rule or the application.

*C. Qualified Activities:* Qualified Activities are defined in the Interim Rule to include CDFI Related Activities, Distressed Community Financing Activities, and Service Activities (12 CFR 1806.103(nn)). CDFI Related Activities include Equity Investments, Equity-Like Loans, and CDFI Support Activities (12 CFR 1806.103(r)). Distressed Community Financing Activities (12 CFR 1806.103(u)) include Affordable Housing Loans, Affordable Housing Development Loans and related Project Investments; Education Loans; Commercial Real Estate Loans and related Project Investments; Home Improvement Loans; and Small Business Loans and related Project Investments. Service Activities (12 CFR 1806.103(nn)) include Deposit Liabilities, Financial Services, Community Services, Targeted

Financial Services, and Targeted Retail Savings/Investment Products.

When calculating BEA Program award amounts, the CDFI Fund will count only the amount that an Applicant reasonably expects to disburse for a Qualified Activity within 12 months from the end of the Assessment Period. Subject to the requirements outlined in Section VII. B.1. of this NOFA, in the case of Commercial Real Estate Loans and CDFI Related Activities, the total principal amount of the transaction must be \$10 million or less to be considered a Qualified Activity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the CDFI Fund, in its sole discretion, may consider transactions with a total principal value of over \$10 million, subject to review. Qualified Activities funded with prior funding round Award dollars shall not constitute a Qualified Activity for the purposes of calculating or receiving an Award.

*D. Designation of Distressed Community:* Each CDFI Partner that is the recipient of CDFI Support Activities from an Applicant must designate a Distressed Community. CDFI Partners that receive Equity Investments are not required to designate Distressed Communities. Applicants applying for a BEA Program award for carrying out Distressed Community Financing Activities or Service Activities must verify that addresses of both Baseline and Assessment Period activities are in Distressed Communities when completing their application. Please note that a Distressed Community as defined by the BEA Program is not necessarily the same as an Investment Area as defined by the CDFI Program or a Low-Income Community as defined by the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program.

*1. Definition of Distressed Community:* A Distressed Community must meet certain minimum geographic area and distress requirements, which are defined in the Interim Rule at 12 CFR 1806.103(t) and more fully described in 12 CFR 1806.200.

*2. Designation of Distressed Community:* A CDFI Partner (as appropriate) shall designate an area as a Distressed Community by:

(a) Selecting Geographic Units which individually meet the minimum area eligibility requirements; or

(b) selecting two or more Geographic Units which, in the aggregate, meet the minimum area eligibility requirements set forth in paragraph (1) of this section provided that no Geographic Unit selected by the Applicant within the area has a poverty rate of less than 20 percent.