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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCIES: Rural Housing Service (RHS), USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the above-named Agencies to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of debt settlement of Community Facilities and Direct Business Program Loans and Grants.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 26, 2013 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For inquiries on the Information Collection Package, contact Derek Jones, Community Programs Specialist, Community Programs, RHS, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Mail Stop 0787, Washington, DC 20250-0787, Telephone (202) 720-1504, Email derek.jones@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* 7 CFR part 1956, subpart C—“Debt Settlement-Community and Business Programs.”

OMB Number: 0575-0124.

Expiration Date of Approval: September 30, 2013

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

Abstract: The following Community and Direct Business Programs loans and grants are debt settled by this currently approved docket (0575-0124). The Community Facilities loan and grant program is authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926) to make loans to public entities, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes through the Community Facilities program for the development of essential community facilities primarily serving rural residents.

The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, Title 3 (Pub. L. 88-452), authorizes Economic Opportunity Cooperative loans to assist incorporated

and unincorporated associations to provide low-income rural families essential processing, purchasing, or marketing services, supplies, or facilities.

The Food Security Act of 1985, Section 1323 (Pub. L. 99-198), authorizes loan guarantees and grants to Nonprofit National Corporations to provide technical and financial assistance to for-profit or nonprofit local businesses in rural areas.

The Business and Industry program is authorized by Section 310 B (7 U.S.C. 1932) (Pub. L. 92-419, August 30, 1972) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to improve, develop, or finance business, industry, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities, including pollution abatement control.

The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, Section 310 B(c) (7 U.S.C. 1932(c)), authorizes Rural Business Enterprise Grants to public bodies and nonprofit corporations to facilitate the development of private businesses in rural areas.

The Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, Section 310 B(f)(i) (7 U.S.C. 1932(c)), authorized Rural Cooperative Development Grants to nonprofit institutions for the purpose of enabling such institutions to establish and operate centers for rural cooperative development.

The purpose of the debt settlement function for the above programs is to provide the delinquent client with an equitable tool for the compromise, adjustment, cancellation, or charge-off of a debt owned to the Agency.

The information collected is similar to that required by a commercial lender in similar circumstances.

Information will be collected by the field offices from applicants, borrowers, consultants, lenders, and attorneys.

Failure to collect information could result in improper servicing of these loans.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 7.3 hours per response.

Respondents: Public bodies and nonprofit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 29.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 4.6.

Estimated Number of Responses: 134.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 990 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, (202) 692-0040.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the Agency'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 Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, 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 also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 17, 2013.

Tammye Treviño,

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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
Title: National Estuaries Restoration Inventory.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0479.
Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (revision and extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 31.

Average Hours per Response: New entries into project database, 4 hours; updates, 2 hours.

Burden Hours: 103.

Needs and Uses: This request is for revision and extension of a currently approved information collection.

Collection of estuary habitat restoration project information (e.g.,

location, habitat type, goals, status, monitoring information) will be undertaken in order to populate a restoration project database mandated by the Estuary Restoration Act of 2000. The database is intended to provide information to improve restoration methods, provide the basis for required reports to Congress, and track estuary habitat acreage restored. Estuary habitat restoration project information will be submitted by habitat restoration project managers and will be accessible to the public via Internet for data queries and project reports.

Revision: The collection method has been revised to only include paper or fillable Adobe forms, instead of web-based data entry forms, as maintaining the web-based data entry option is not cost-effective.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer:

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at JJessup@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: June 21, 2013.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Architecture Services Trade Mission to Rio de Janeiro and Recife, Brazil, October 7-10, 2013

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Mission Description

The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA), U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service (CS), with support

from the American Institute of Architects (<http://www.aia.org>), is organizing an executive-led Architecture Services Trade Mission to Brazil from October 7 to 10, 2013. The purpose of the mission is to introduce U.S. firms to Brazil's rapidly expanding infrastructure projects, and to assist U.S. companies to pursue export opportunities in this sector. The mission to Brazil is designed for U.S. architectural, project management, and design services companies, that provide state-of-the-art and world class designs. Target sectors holding high potential for U.S. exporters include: master planning (regional design—city planning or regional planning, port re-development—design of the walkways, buildings, etc. along the port); hospitals and health care architecture; airports/ other transportation infrastructure facility architecture; mixed-use projects architectural services; and educational facilities.

The mission will include stops in Rio de Janeiro and Recife, where participants will receive market briefings and participate in customized meetings with key officials and prospective partners.

The mission supports President Obama's National Export Initiative (NEI) and his goal of doubling U.S. exports by 2015 to strengthen the U.S. economy and U.S. competitiveness through meaningful job creation. The mission will help U.S. companies already doing business in Brazil to increase their footprint and deepen their business interests.

The mission will help participating firms and associations/organizations gain market insights, make industry contacts, solidify business strategies, and advance specific projects, with the goal of increasing U.S. exports of services to Brazil. The mission will include one-on-one business appointments with pre-screened potential buyers, agents, distributors and joint venture partners; meetings with state and local government officials and industry leaders; and networking events. Participating in an official U.S. industry delegation, rather than traveling to Brazil on their own, will enhance the companies' ability to secure meetings in Brazil.

The mission will be supported by the American Institute of Architects (AIA) (<http://www.aia.org>). All U.S. architecture/construction/engineering (ACE) trade associations or organizations are encouraged to apply. The mission is open broadly to all U.S. firms, service providers, and organizations in the ACE sector, whether or not they are members of AIA

or any other ACE trade association/ organization. Selection criteria for participation, as set out below, are the same for all applicants.

Commercial Setting

Brazil is experiencing major growth in the ACE industry. The country will capture global attention as its major cities are undergoing a construction boom in preparation for the World Cup in 2014 and, specifically for Rio de Janeiro, the Olympic Games in 2016.

Architectural design and Engineering projects around the country, from roads and stadiums to airports and retail space, are abundant. Although there is strong competition from local firms, American ACE firms with a niche expertise are welcome to do business in Brazil by working with local partners, provided they understand the legal and regulatory requirements and procedures for being able to work in Brazil. U.S. and international ACE companies are finding business in Brazil because of the high level of private sector and government investments in infrastructure.

The Brazilian Equipment and Maintenance Technology Association (Sobratema) states that the infrastructure sector is estimated to receive US\$600 billion in investments from 2013 through 2017. The sum will be divided between the energy and infrastructure sectors, with a larger amount allocated for infrastructure development such as road, rail, ports and stadiums.

US\$66.5 billion will be invested over 25 years in building 7,500 km of highways and 10,000 km of railways in Brazil. US\$1.10 billion will be invested in Ports and another US\$3.15 billion will be invested in Port terminals.

In the airport sector, three of the major airports have been recently privatized and two more are scheduled to be privatized by the end of 2013, in the major cities of Rio de Janeiro and Belo Horizonte. The Brazilian Federal Government will invest US\$3.65 billion in 270 airports around the country, with the goal that 96% of Brazilians will be no more than 100 km from an airport. Please see Country Commercial Guide Airport Industry best prospect at <http://export.gov/brazil/doingbusinessinbrazil/index.asp>.

The outlook for the coming years seems positive, especially due to the model outlined in the Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) of Brazil's Growth Acceleration Program (PAC) (<http://homologacao.brasilglobalnet.gov.br/CDInvestimento/dados/1/7.3.ParceriasPublicoPrivadasPPPs.aspx>). It is expected that concessions and privatizations in many infrastructure