

to save lives, protect property and public health and safety, and lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in the designated areas. Specifically, you are authorized to provide assistance for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program. This assistance excludes regular time costs for subgrantees' regular employees. In addition, you are authorized to provide such other forms of assistance under Title V of the Stafford Act as you may deem appropriate.

Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal emergency assistance and administrative expenses.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director, Department of Homeland Security, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Kenneth Clark, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared emergency.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Oklahoma to have been affected adversely by this declared emergency:

All 77 counties in the State of Oklahoma for Public Assistance Category B (emergency protective measures), including direct Federal assistance.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individuals and Households Program-Other Needs; 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**R. David Paulison,**

*Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management and Director of FEMA.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

[CIS No. 2395-06; DHS Docket No. USCIS-2006-0052]

**RIN 1615-ZA41**

**Direct Mail Program for Submitting Form N-565, Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is expanding its Direct Mail Program to provide that filings of Form N-565, Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document, be filed at a designated Service Center for processing. Applicants were previously required to file at a USCIS field office having jurisdiction over their place of current residence. The Direct Mail Program allows U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to more efficiently process applications by eliminating duplicative work, maximizing staff productivity, and introducing better information management tools. USCIS intends for this Direct Mail process to be implemented on February 26, 2007 and it will affect all applicants filing Form N-565.

**DATES:** This notice is effective February 26, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leah Torino, HQ Adjudications Officer, Office of Field Operations, or Deanna Garner, Adjudications Officer, Office of Service Center Operations, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20529, Telephone (202) 272-1001 or (202) 272-1688.

**Background**

*What is the Direct Mail program?*

Under the Direct Mail program, applicants for certain immigration benefits mail the designated application or petition directly to a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Service Center instead of submitting it to their local USCIS office. The purpose and strategy of the Direct Mail program have been discussed in detail on previous rulemakings and Notices (see 59 FR 33903 and 59 FR 33985).

*What is Form N-565?*

The Form N-565 is an application for replacement naturalization or citizenship documents. This form is used by individuals seeking a replacement Naturalization Certificate, Certificate of Citizenship, Declaration of Intention, or Repatriation Certificate, or to apply for a special certificate of naturalization as a U.S. citizen to be recognized by a foreign country.

Interested individuals may find eligibility requirements for Form N-565 as well as all other applications at the USCIS Web site: <http://www.uscis.gov>.

**Explanation of Changes**

*Does this Notice change an alien's eligibility for issuance of a replacement naturalization or citizenship document?*

No. This Notice only changes the filing location for these applications. These forms, previously filed at several locations nationwide, will now be filed under the Direct Mail Program at specified Service Centers.

*What is the new filing location for Form N-565?*

Effective February 26, 2007, those applicants residing in Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Virgin Islands, Vermont and West Virginia, will forward their application to the Texas Service Center at: DHS/USCIS, Texas Service Center, PO Box 851182, Mesquite, TX 75185-1182.

Those individuals residing in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming, will forward their application to the Nebraska Service Center at: DHS/USCIS, Nebraska Service Center, PO Box 87565, Lincoln, NE 68501-7565.

*What will happen to Form N-565s that are filed at the wrong address?*

USCIS will have a 30-day transition period, beginning February 26, 2007, through March 26, 2007, during which USCIS will automatically forward any locally filed Form N-565 to the correct designated Service Centers.

After March 26, 2007, all local USCIS offices will no longer accept any Form N-565 filings. Applications received by

a local USCIS office after March 26, 2007, or received by an incorrect designated Service Center, will be returned to the applicant with accompanying fees for resubmission at the proper filing location.

*Which version of the Form N-565 will USCIS accept?*

As of February 26, 2007, USCIS will accept Form N-565 (edition date 09/29/06, OMB Control No. 1615-0091). Any prior versions submitted after March 26, 2007 will be returned to the applicant with accompanying fees for resubmission of the proper form edition.

*Does this Direct Mail Notice affect Form N-565s that have already been filed with USCIS?*

No. Applications received by a local USCIS office prior to February 26, 2007 will remain within the jurisdiction of that office for the completion of processing. Therefore, it is not necessary for individuals who previously filed an application at a local USCIS office to file a new application in connection with this change of procedure.

**Paperwork Reduction Act**

USCIS will be amending the instructions to the Form N-565 to reflect the new filing instructions. Accordingly, USCIS will provide the Office of Management and Budget with a copy of the amended form through the automated Regulatory Office Combined Information System (ROCIS). Changing the filing instructions will not have any affect on the reporting burden hours.

Dated: November 21, 2006.

**Emilio T. Gonzalez,**

*Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5117-N-09]

**Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Fair Housing Initiatives Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

This information is required by the grant application to assist the Department in selecting the highest ranked applicants to receive funds under the Fair Housing Initiatives Program and carry out fair housing enforcement and/or education and outreach activities under the following initiatives; Private Enforcement, Education and Outreach, and Fair Housing Organizations. The information collected from quarterly and final progress reports and enforcement log will enable the Department to evaluate the performance of agencies that receive funding and determine the impact of the program on preventing and eliminating discriminatory housing practices.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* February 26, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2529-0033) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lillian Deitzer, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail *Lillian\_L\_Deitzer@HUD.gov* or telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Deitzer or from HUD's Web site at *http://hlannwp031.hud.gov/po/i/icbts/collectionsearch.cfm*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described below. This notice

is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (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 agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Fair Housing Initiatives Program.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2529-0033.

*Form Numbers:* Forms HUD-904-A, HUD-904-B, and HUD-904-C, SF-424, SF-424-Supplement, SF-269-A, SF-LLL, HUD-2880, HUD-2990, HUD-2991, HUD-2993, HUD-424-CB, HUD-424CBW, HUD-2994-A, HUD-22081, HUD-96010, HUD-27061, and HUD-96011.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:* This information is required by the grant application to assist the Department in selecting the highest ranked applicants to receive funds under the Fair Housing Initiatives Program and carry out fair housing enforcement and/or education and outreach activities under the following initiatives; Private Enforcement, Education and Outreach, and Fair Housing Organizations. The information collected from quarterly and final progress reports and enforcement log will enable the Department to evaluate the performance of agencies that receive funding and determine the impact of the program on preventing and eliminating discriminatory housing practices.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion, Quarterly, Semi-annually, Annually, Other as required by application and award documents.

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