

session will be held from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at a meeting room in or near the main Treasury Building at 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis M. O'Connell, Director, Office of Tariff and Trade Affairs, Office of the Under Secretary for Enforcement, Room 4004, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20220. Tel.: (202) 622-0220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is the fifth meeting of the current two-year term of the Committee. The provisional agenda to be considered at the meeting is as follows:

1. Automated Export System: Establishment and operation of the subcommittee to develop industry recommendations.

2. The Treasury Investment Review Board role in the future of Customs automation.

It is expected that several additional items will be added to the provisional agenda prior to the meeting. Members of the public may obtain the final content of the agenda and the precise location of the meeting by calling the information number one week prior to the meeting. The Committee, in its discretion, may take up other matters, time permitting.

The meeting is open to the public. However, participation in the discussion is limited to Committee members and Treasury and Customs staff. It is necessary for any person other than an Advisory Committee member who wishes to attend the meeting to give notice by contacting Ms. Theresa Manning no later than December 4, 1997 at 202-622-0220.

Dated: November 19, 1997.

John P. Simpson,

Deputy Assistant Secretary (Regulatory, Tariff and Trade Enforcement).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

RIN 1505-AA71

Bank Enterprise Award Program; Amended Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) for the Bank Enterprise Award (BEA) Program

AGENCY: Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department.

ACTION: Amended Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).

SUMMARY: The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the Fund) issues this amendment to the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) published in the **Federal Register** on March 7, 1997, which invited applications for the Bank Enterprise Award (BEA) Program. That NOFA identified the applicable Assessment Period as March 1, 1997 through August 31, 1997. Since publication, the Fund has learned that technical advice that the Fund provided to an entity in connection with the entity's certification as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) under 12 CFR part 1805 may have led the entity to obtain investment capital from insured depository institutions prior to the commencement of the Assessment Period. Currently, pursuant to the BEA Program as set forth in the March 7, 1997 NOFA and the BEA Program regulations at 12 CFR part 1806, CDFI Related Activities carried out by insured depository institutions before March 1, 1997 are not eligible for an award. To fulfill the purpose of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4701 *et seq.*), the Fund will allow insured depository institution applicants the option of electing an Assessment Period from February 1, 1997 through July 31, 1997, provided that they meet certain conditions. The Fund is confident that there are sufficient funds available to make full cash awards to all insured depository institution applicants in the second round of the BEA Program that qualified to receive awards, and assures all such applicants that no awards will be reduced as a result of this amendment.

DATES: Elections must be received in the offices of the Fund on or before December 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Elections shall be mailed or faxed to: The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW, Suite 200 South, Washington, D.C. 20005, Fax Number (202) 622-7754.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW, Suite 200 South, Washington, D.C. 20005, or call (202) 622-8662.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The purpose of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (Act) was to create the Fund to promote economic revitalization and community

development through investment in and assistance to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs). The Fund's BEA Program helps achieve this purpose through an incentive system for insured depository institutions to increase their lending to and investment in CDFIs by rewarding participating institutions with awards.

II. Reasons for Amending the March 7, 1997 Notice of Funds Availability

In early 1997, the Fund provided technical advice to an entity regarding the Fund's requirements for certification as a CDFI under 12 CFR part 1805. The Fund understands that its technical advice led the entity to obtain investment capital from insured depository institutions in February 1997, and that the Fund also certified it as a CDFI in February 1997.

Under the BEA Program, insured depository institutions which engage in CDFI Related Activities, including equity investments in CDFIs, during an Assessment Period will be eligible for an award (see 12 CFR part 1806). The Fund sets forth the applicable Assessment Period in a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA). On March 7, 1997 (62 FR 10679), the Fund published a NOFA in the **Federal Register** setting the applicable Assessment Period as March 1, 1997 through August 31, 1997. As a result, CDFI Related Activities conducted by insured depository institutions in February 1997 are not eligible for a Bank Enterprise Award.

The Fund believes that such a result would be inconsistent with the purpose of the Act under circumstances where insured depository institutions carried out CDFI Related Activities prior to the Assessment Period as a direct or indirect result of the Fund's technical advice, and would have carried out such activities during the Assessment Period but for such advice. Specifically, the Act is intended to reward insured depository institutions for increased investments in CDFIs. If the Fund does not amend the NOFA, at least two insured depository institutions would not be eligible to receive a Bank Enterprise Award for CDFI Related Activities carried out in February 1997.

III. Amended Optional Assessment Period

The amended optional Assessment Period is February 1, 1997 through July 31, 1997.

IV. Eligibility

Any insured depository institution that timely submitted to the Fund an application in response to the March 7, 1997 NOFA may elect the amended

optional Assessment Period, provided that the Fund receives the following by the date set forth above:

- (a) A detailed written explanation, with any and all supporting documentation, describing the Fund's technical advice, the impact of such advice on the insured depository institution's carrying out of CDFI Related Activities in February 1997; and
- (b) A revised "Worksheet," "Certification," and "Documentation" to reflect the Qualified Activities carried out during the February 1, 1997 through July 31, 1997 Assessment Period (see 12 CFR 1806.301 and 1806.202(d)).

V. Acceptance

Elections received in the offices of the Fund after the date set forth above will be rejected. The Fund will accept a timely election from an eligible insured depository institution which meets its burden of establishing to the Fund that: (1) it carried out CDFI Related Activities in February 1997 as a direct or indirect result of the Fund's technical advice; and (2) it would have carried out those Activities during the March 1, 1997 through August 31, 1997 Assessment Period but for the Fund's technical advice. The Fund reserves the right to make follow-up inquiries.

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1834a, 4701, 4704, 4713; 12 CFR part 1806.

Maurice A. Jones,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Financial Management Service; Proposed Collection of Information: Annual Financial Statement of Surety Companies—Schedule F

AGENCY: Financial Management Service, Fiscal Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Financial Management Service, 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 a continuing information collection. By this notice, the Financial Management Service solicits comments concerning the form "Annual Financial Statement of Surety Companies—Schedule F."

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 26, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Financial Management Service, 3361-

L 75th Avenue, Landover, Maryland 20785.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form(s) and instructions should be directed to the Surety Bond Branch, 3700 East-West Highway, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, (202) 874-6850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), the Financial Management Service solicits comments on the collection of information described below.

Title: Annual Financial Statement of Surety Companies—Schedule F.

OMB Number: 1510-0012.

Form Number: FMS 6314.

Abstract: This form provides information that is used to determine the amount of unauthorized reinsurance of a Treasury Certified Company, and to compute its underwriting limitations. This computation is necessary to ensure the solvency of companies certified by Treasury, and their ability to carry out contractual surety requirements.

Current Actions: Extension of currently approved collection.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 385.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: varies from 8 hrs-80 hrs.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 16,324.

Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget 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: November 19, 1997.

Mitchell A. Levine,

Assistant Commissioner.

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: United States Information Agency.

ACTION: Proposed Collection; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The United States Information Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the public use form entitled "Application for Administrative and Teaching Exchanges/Seminars Abroad". This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 [Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)].

USIA is requesting OMB approval for a three-year reinstatement to the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program, Application for Teaching Positions/Seminars Abroad, IAP-92 under OMB control number 3116-0181 which is scheduled to expire on February 28, 1998. The information collection activity involved with this program is conducted pursuant to the mandate given to the United States Information Agency under the terms and conditions of the Mutual Education and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Pub. L. 87-256.

DATES: Comments are due on or before January 26, 1998.

COPIES: Copies of the Request for Clearance (OMB 83-I), supporting statement, and other documents that will be submitted to OMB for approval may be obtained from the USIA Clearance Officer. Comments should be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for USIA, and also to the USIA Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Agency Clearance Officer, Mrs. Jeannette Giovetti, United States Information Agency, M/ADD, 301 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547, telephone (202) 619-4408, internet address: JGiovett@USIA.GOV; and OMB review: Mr. Victoria Wassmer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building,