

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's (RBS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for 7 CFR part 4279.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 7, 2013 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Griffin, Loan Specialist, Business and Industry Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 3224, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20250-3224. Telephone: (202) 720-6802. The TDD number is (800) 877-8339 or (202) 708-9300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Guaranteed Loanmaking—Business and Industry Loans.

OMB Number: 0570-0017.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2013.

Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

Abstract: The Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program was legislated in 1972 under Section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, as amended. The purpose of the program is to improve, develop, or finance businesses, industries, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities. This purpose is achieved through bolstering the existing private credit structure through the guaranteeing of quality loans made by lending institutions, thereby providing lasting community benefits.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal; Lenders, accountants, attorneys.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,260.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses: 6,260.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 16,067 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (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 RBS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RBS'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, Support Services Division, 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: February 21, 2013.

Lillian E. Salerno,

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Collection of Public Information With the Use of a Survey

AGENCY: Rural Development, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Development's intention to request clearance for continuation of information collection to measure the quality of loan servicing provided by the Rural Development, Centralized Servicing Center (CSC) in St. Louis, MO.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 7, 2013 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terrie Barton, Customer Service Branch Director, Centralized Servicing Center, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Mail Code FC 25, St. Louis, Missouri 63120-1703,

phone: (314) 457-5133, email: terrie.barton@stl.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Development—Customer Satisfaction Survey.

Type of Request: Continuation of information collection.

OMB No.: 0575-0187.

Abstract: USDA, Rural Development provides insured loans to low- and moderate-income applicants located in rural geographic areas to assist them in obtaining decent, sanitary and safe dwellings. Rural Development currently processes loan originations through approximately 542 Field Offices. The Rural Development, Centralized Servicing Center (CSC), located in St. Louis, Missouri, provides support to the Field Offices and is responsible for loan servicing functions for Single Family Housing direct loan program borrowers. The CSC was established to achieve a high level of customer service and operating efficiency. The CSC has established a fully integrated call center and is able to provide borrowers with convenient access to their loan account information.

To facilitate CSC's mission and in an effort to continuously improve service delivery, a survey has been developed that will measure the change in quality of service that borrower's receive when they contact the CSC. Four previous surveys have been completed under prior authorization. Respondents will only need to report information on a one-time basis.

The results of the survey will provide a general satisfaction level among borrowers throughout the nation. The data analysis will provide comparisons to prior surveys and reveal areas of increased satisfaction as well as areas in need of improvement. CSC's goal is to continuously improve program delivery, accessibility and overall customer service satisfaction. A follow up survey will be conducted in 24-36 months, but may or may not be sent to the same initial respondents. Additionally, in accordance with Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), the survey will enable CSC to measure the results and overall effectiveness of customer services provided as well as implement action plans and measure improvements.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response.

Respondents: Rural Development, SFH Program Borrowers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses: 6,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 960.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Jeanne Jacobs, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (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 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 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, 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: February 22, 2013.

Tammye H. Treviño,
Administrator, Housing and Community Facilities Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Economic Analysis

[Docket No. 130215143-3143-01]

XRIN 0691-XC012

BE-15: Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Reporting Requirements.

SUMMARY: By this Notice, the Bureau of Economic Analysis is informing the public that it is conducting the mandatory survey titled BE-15, Annual Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in

the United States. This survey is authorized by the International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice constitutes legal notification to all United States persons (defined below) who meet the reporting requirements set forth in this Notice that they must respond to, and comply with, the survey. A completed report covering a reporting company's fiscal year ending during the previous calendar year is due by May 31 (or by June 30 for reporting companies that use BEA's eFile system). The BE-15 survey forms and instructions are available on the BEA Web site at www.bea.gov/fdi.

Definitions

(a) *United States*, when used in a geographic sense, means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and all territories and possessions of the United States.

(b) *Foreign*, when used in a geographic sense, means that which is situated outside the United States or which belongs to or is characteristic of a country other than the United States.

(c) *Person* means any individual, branch, partnership, associated group, association, estate, trust, corporation, or other organization (whether or not organized under the laws of any State), and any government (including a foreign government, the United States Government, a State or local government, and any agency, corporation, financial institution, or other entity or instrumentality thereof, including a government-sponsored agency).

(d) *Business enterprise* means any organization, association, branch, or venture that exists for profit making purposes or to otherwise secure economic advantage, and any ownership of any real estate.

Who Must Report

(a) Reports are required from each U.S. business enterprise in which a foreign person has a direct and/or indirect ownership interest of at least 10 percent of the voting stock if an incorporated business enterprise or an equivalent interest if an unincorporated business enterprise and that meets the additional conditions detailed in Form BE-15.

(b) Entities required to report will be contacted individually by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Entities not contacted by BEA have no reporting responsibilities.

Note that there is no BE-15 survey covering fiscal year 2012; operations

data on U.S. affiliates of foreign companies for fiscal year 2012 are collected on the BE-12, Benchmark Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States.

What To Report: The survey collects information on the operations of U.S. affiliates of foreign companies.

How To Report: Reports can be filed using BEA's electronic reporting system at www.bea.gov/efile. Copies of the survey forms and instructions, which contain complete information on reporting procedures and definitions, may be obtained at the BEA Web site given above. Form BE-15 inquiries can be made by phone to (202) 606-5615 or by sending an email to be12/15@bea.gov.

When To Report: A completed report covering a reporting company's fiscal year ending during the previous calendar year is due by May 31 (or by June 30 for reporting companies that use BEA's eFile system).

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice: This data collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act and assigned control number 0608-0034. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid control number assigned by OMB. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 19.5 hours per response. Send comments regarding this burden estimate to Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BE-1), U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project 0608-0034, Washington, DC 20503.

Authority: 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108.

J. Steven Landefeld,

Director, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-1-2013]

Foreign-Trade Zone 3—San Francisco, California; Amendment to Application for Expansion of Service Area; Under Alternative Site Framework

An application is currently pending with Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) (FTZ Board Docket B-1-2013, 78 FR 2952, 01/05/2013), submitted by the San Francisco Port