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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: The Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Rural Housing Service's (RHS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for Borrower Supervision, Servicing and Collection of Single Family Housing Loan Accounts.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 4, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lucia A. McKinney, Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing Servicing and Property Management Division, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Ag Box 0784, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone (202) 720-1452.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Borrower Supervision, Servicing and Collection of Single Family Housing Loan Accounts.

OMB Number: 0575-0060.

Expiration Date of Approval: April 1996.

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

Abstract: The rural housing loan program under section 502 of the Housing Act of 1949, 42 U.S.C. Section 1472, enables persons of low to moderate income to purchase adequate but modest dwellings in rural areas. In addition, the program includes borrowers that obtain financing from the RHS under Section 504 of the Housing

Act of 1949. The section 504 program enables very low-income owner-occupants in rural areas to obtain loans to remove unsafe, unhealthy, and hazardous conditions from their homes. In order to assist its borrowers to become successful homeowners and to protect the Government's security interest, RHS provides borrowers who receive section 502 and 504 loans with counseling and supervision.

RHS will be collecting information from borrowers who may be experiencing financial difficulty and could be in danger of losing their homes. At this time this information is collected and evaluated by the local RHS County Office. This information is needed by RHS to determine if borrowers, based on their individual situations, qualify for various servicing authorities that are available. The information is collected on an as needed basis, since the circumstances that may qualify a borrower for these various authorities cannot be anticipated. The information collected is required for the borrower to obtain the various loan servicing options available. If not collected, RHS would be unable to determine if a borrower would qualify for any of the servicing options; thereby, possibly causing a borrower to lose his or her home.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.27 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 32,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.45.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 14,200 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from the Director, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, at (202) 720-9725.

Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS'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 Director, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, RECD, Ag Box 0743, 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: March 31, 1996.

Maureen Kennedy,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted 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: Patent and Trademark Office.

Title: Customer Input - Patent and Trademark Customer Surveys.

Form Number(s): NA.

Agency Approval Number: NA.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 5,000 hours.

Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: Varies with each survey.

Needs and Uses: This request is for a generic clearance for surveys to be conducted over the next 3 years. The surveys will be designed to obtain customer feedback relating to PTO products, services and related service standards.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit institutions, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, and state, local or tribal government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Maya Bernstein, (202) 395-3785.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Acting DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Maya Bernstein, OMB Desk Officer, room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 29, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Bureau of the Census

Annual Survey of Communication Services

ACTION: Proposed Agency Information Collection Activity; Comment Requested.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, 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)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 4, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instruction(s) should be directed to Thomas E. Zabelsky, Bureau of the Census, Room 2775-FOB 3, Washington, DC 20233-6500, (301)457-2766.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Annual Survey of Communication Services (ASCS) provides detailed estimates of revenue and expenses for the telephone, radio and television broadcasting, cable and

pay television, and other communication service industries. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), the primary Federal user, uses the information in developing the national income and product accounts, and compiling benchmark and annual input-output tables, and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by industry. The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) uses these data as a means for assessing FCC policy. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) uses these data as input to its Producer Price Indices. Private industry uses the data in planning and as a marketing analysis tool. Data are collected from all of the largest firms and from a sample of small- and medium-sized businesses, selected using a stratified random sampling procedure. The ASCS sample is reselected periodically, generally at 5-year intervals. The largest firms continue to be canvassed when the sample is re-drawn, while nearly all of the small- and medium-sized firms from the old sample are replaced. The next such revision, utilizing results from the 1992 economic census, will be effective with the 1996 survey year.

II. Method of Collection

We collect this information by mail.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0706.

Form Numbers: B-516, B-517, B-518, B-519, B-520, B-521.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, not for profit institutions, Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1780.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3.9 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 7000.

Estimated Total Cost: The total cost in fiscal year 1996 for the Annual Survey of Communication Services is \$300,000, all borne by the Bureau of Census. The cost to the respondent is estimated to be \$350,000, based on an annual response burden of 7,000 hours and a rate of \$50 per hour to complete the form.

IV. Request for 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 shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; 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 respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 1, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 25-96]

Foreign-Trade Zone 14—Little Rock, Arkansas; Application for Subzone; Mid States Pipe Fabricating, Inc. (Steel Pipe); El Dorado, AR

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Little Rock Port Authority on behalf of the Industrial Development Commission of the State of Arkansas, grantee of FTZ 14, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the steel pipe fabrication facilities of Mid States Pipe Fabricating, Inc. (Mid States), located in El Dorado, Arkansas, some 110 miles south of Little Rock. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on March 25, 1996.

This application replaces and closes the file on an earlier application filed in 1993 and still pending involving a Mid States plant in Harlingen, Texas (FTZ Doc. 58-93, filed 11/24/93, 58 FR 63911, 12/3/93). Mid States closed its Harlingen plant in 1995 and relocated the operations to the El Dorado, Arkansas, plant that is the subject of this application.

The Mid States El Dorado facilities consist of two sites within the City of El Dorado, Arkansas. The main facility (70,000 sq. ft. on 14 acres) is located at 1130 East Main Street. The second facility is located at 205 Hurley Road (33,000 sq. ft. on 29 acres). The facilities (100 employees) are used to fabricate steel and steel alloy pipe (1/2" to 60" outer diameter). The pipe is used by the oil refining, chemical processing, paper production, power generation, and motor vehicle manufacturing industries.