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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.