

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

Abstract: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) is authorized under Section 517(d) of Title V of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, to issue loan guarantees for the acquisition of new or existing dwellings and related facilities to provide decent, safe, and sanitary living conditions and other structures in rural areas by eligible recipients.

The Act also authorizes the Secretary to pay the holder of a guaranteed loan the difference between the rate of interest paid by the borrower and the market rate of interest.

The purpose of the program is to assist low and moderate income individuals and families acquire or construct a single family residence in a rural area with loans made by private lenders. Eligibility for this program includes low and moderate income families or persons whose income does not exceed 115 percent of the median income for the area, as determined by the Secretary.

The Guaranteed Rural Housing (GRH) program was authorized under the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, and the Agency issued a final rule implementing the GRH program on April 17, 1991, before departmental reorganization. The program began as a pilot program in 20 States on May 17, 1991. In 1992, the GRH program was offered on a nationwide basis. During the implementation process, the Agency looked for ways to improve the program and make it more user-friendly.

The Agency recognized the need to make its program even more compatible with the existing structure of the mortgage lending community. On May 22, 1995, the Agency published a final rule incorporating the needed changes to encourage greater participation by lenders and the secondary market for mortgage loans.

The information requested by the Agency includes borrower financial information such as household income, assets and liabilities, and monthly expenses. All information collected is vital for the Agency to determine if borrowers qualify for and assure they receive all assistance for which they are eligible. Information requested on lenders is required to ensure lenders are eligible to participate in the GRH program. Lender requirements are in compliance with OMB Circular A-129.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.44 hours per response.

Respondents: Individuals or households and business or other for-profits.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 33,393.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 8.7.

Estimated Number of Responses: 293,053.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 204,081 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Linda Watts-Thomas, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, at (202) 692-0226.

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 Linda Watts-Thomas, 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: March 12, 2010.

Tammye Treviño,

Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Notice of Intent To Hold Public Forums To Solicit Feedback From the Public Regarding the Section 523 Mutual Self-Help Housing Program; Correction

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service, USDA published a document in the

Federal Register of February 2, 2010, concerning upcoming public forums and request for comments regarding the Section 523 Mutual Self-Help Housing Program. There has been a change in one of the forum dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Correction

In the **Federal Register** of February 2, 2010, in FR Doc. 2010-2067, on page 5281, in the third column, correct the date for Mississippi to read March 29, 2010.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Meetings

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) plans to hold its regular committee and Board meetings in Washington, DC, Monday through Wednesday, March 29-31, 2010, at the times and location noted below.

DATES: The schedule of events is as follows:

Monday, March 29, 2010

10:30-11 a.m. Budget Committee.
11-Noon Planning and Evaluation Committee.
1:30-3:30 p.m. Ad Hoc Committee Meetings (Closed to the Public).
3:30-4:30 p.m. Technical Programs Committee.

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

9:30-2:30 p.m. Ad Hoc Committee Meetings, Continued (Closed to the Public).
2:30-3:30 p.m. Frontier Issues Ad Hoc Committee.
3:30-4:30 p.m. Accessible Design in Education Ad Hoc Committee.

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

9:30-11 a.m. Briefing on Health Information Technology.
1:30-3 p.m. Board Meeting.