

provide comments on the interim regulations for the Community Development Financial Institutions Program and the Bank Enterprise Award Program and provide general advice on the implementation of the programs. Members of the Advisory Board will also discuss how the Fund's programs and policies can address some of the challenges faced by community development financial institution practitioners, banks and thrifts engaged in community development lending and investment activities.

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AGENCY: Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of extension and availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury is extending the application due dates for the Bank Enterprise Award (BEA) Program from January 16, 1996 to January 29, 1996 and for the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program from January 22, 1996 to January 29, 1996. This notice also serves as a reminder of the availability and distribution of supplemental information to assist potential applicants in completing the applications for these two programs.

DATES: The application deadline for the BEA Program is extended from January 16, 1996 to January 29, 1996. The application deadline for the CDFI Program is extended from January 22, 1996 to January 29, 1996. The deadline for receipt of an application is 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 29, 1996. An application received after the specified date and time will not be accepted and will be returned to the sender. Applications sent by FAX will not be accepted.

ADDRESSES: All questions or comments concerning the contents of this action should be addressed to the Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Room 5116, Washington DC 20220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Room 5116, Washington DC 20220 at (202) 622-8662. (This is not a toll free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 19, 1995 the Department of the Treasury published a Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) for the CDFI Program (60 FR 54136) and a separate NOFA for the BEA Program (60 FR 54140). The CDFI Program NOFA announced the availability of up to \$31 million for program awards and gave an application deadline of December 22, 1995. The BEA Program NOFA announced the availability of up to \$15.5 million for program awards and gave an application due date of December 15, 1995. The Department of the Treasury subsequently published a Notice on December 8, 1995 (60 FR 63120) extending the application deadline for the BEA Program from

December 15, 1995 to January 16, 1996 and extending the application deadline for the CDFI Program from December 22, 1995 to January 22, 1996.

This Notice extends the application due dates for the Bank Enterprise Award (BEA) Program from January 16, 1996 to January 29, 1996 and for the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program from January 22, 1996 to January 29, 1996. This notice also announces the availability and distribution of supplemental information to assist potential applicants in completing the applications for these two programs. Notice of availability of this information was originally published as part of the Notice published in the Federal Register on December 8, 1995.

The Fund is extending the application deadlines for two reasons. First, many potential applicants to the BEA Program have been unable to obtain required Bureau of Labor Statistics data as a result of the three week furlough of employees at the U.S. Department of Labor. Second, severe weather conditions during the week of January 15, 1996 closed the Federal government in the Washington DC area. This shutdown has adversely impacted the ability of many potential applicants to obtain data and other technical information necessary to complete and submit their applications to the Fund.

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