

of Agriculture, Rural Development, Ag Box 0743, Washington, D.C. 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: May 11, 1996.

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Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: 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 "Rural Housing Loans and Grants" (FmHA Instruction 1944-J).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by July 23, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David J. Adams, Senior Loan Specialist, Single Family Housing Processing Division, RHS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Ag Box 0783, Washington, D.C. 20250, Telephone (202) 720-1532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Rural Housing Loans and Grants.

OMB Number: 0575-0062.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 1996.

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

Abstract: The rural housing loan program under Section 504 of the Housing Act of 1949, 42 U.S.C. Section 1472, enables very low-income owner/occupants of homes to repair homes in rural areas. The repairs may be used to remove health and safety hazards. Grants are available to owner/occupants 62 years or older.

RHS will be collecting information from owner/occupants of homes in rural areas in need of funds to remove hazards from their home. At this time this information is collected and evaluated by the local RHS County Office. This information is needed by RHS to determine if owner/occupants of homes in rural areas, qualify for a rural housing loan and/or grant. This information is collected for all requests

for this type of assistance. The information collected is required for the Agency to make a determination of eligibility. If the information is not collected, RHS would be unable to make an objective determination of eligibility for owner/occupants of homes in rural areas.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average .08 per response.

Respondents: Individual or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 13,000.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondents: 1.40.

Estimated Total Annual Burden of Respondents: 1,464.

Copies of this information 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 function 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 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 the Director, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Ag Box 0743, Washington, D.C. 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.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Telecommunications Act Accessibility Guidelines for Telecommunications Equipment and Customer Premises Equipment

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of appointment of advisory committee members and notice of first meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) is announcing the appointment of members to its Telecommunications Access Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee will make recommendations to the Access Board on accessibility guidelines for telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment. These recommendations will be used by the Access Board to develop accessibility guidelines under section 255 (e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Committee is composed of representatives of manufacturers of telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment; organizations representing the access needs of individuals with disabilities; telecommunications providers and carriers; and other persons affected by the guidelines. This notice also announces the time and place of the first Committee meeting, which will be open to the public.

DATES: The first meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 1996 through Friday, June 14, 1996, beginning at 9:30 a.m. each day. Decisions with respect to future meetings will be made at the first meeting and from time to time thereafter. Notices of future meetings will be published in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: The first meeting of the Committee will be held at the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association offices, 10801 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. Persons attending the meetings are strongly encouraged to use public transportation since parking is extremely limited. The American Speech-Language and Hearing Association offices are located north of the Grosvenor Metro subway station. Persons who must drive should call Dennis Cannon at the Access Board. The facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening systems and real time transcription will be available.