

allocation application to the Fund. Upon receipt of such applications, the Fund will conduct a competitive review process to evaluate applications for the receipt of NMTC allocations. Entities receiving an NMTC allocation must enter into an allocation agreement with the Fund. The allocation agreement contains the terms and conditions, including all reporting requirements, associated with the receipt of a NMTC allocation. The Fund will require each allocatee to use an electronic data collection and submission system, known as the allocation tracking system, to report on the information related to its receipt of a Qualified Equity Investment.

The Fund has developed the allocation tracking system to, among other things: (1) Enhance the allocatee's ability to report to the Fund timely information regarding the issuance of its Qualified Equity Investments; (2) enhance the Treasury Department's ability to monitor the issuance of Qualified Equity Investments to ensure that no allocatee exceeds its allocation authority, and to ensure that Qualified Equity Investments are issued within the timeframes required by the allocation agreement and the NMTC Program regulations; and (3) provide the Treasury Department with basic investor data which may be aggregated and analyzed in connection with NMTC Program evaluation efforts.

**Current Actions:** Selected allocatees for the NMTC Program.

**Type of Review:** Renewal.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit institutions, not-for-profit institutions and State, local and Tribal entities.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 170.

**Estimated Annual Time per Respondent:** 12 hour.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 2040 hours.

**Requests for Comments:** Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. The specific section of the allocation agreement for which comments are sought is the reporting requirement that allocatees provide notice to the Fund, through the Fund's allocation tracking system, of the receipt of a Qualified Equity Investment. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 the burden of the

collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services required to provide information.

**Authority:** Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001, Public Law 106-554; 31 U.S.C. 321.

Dated: October 31, 2006.

**Arthur A. Garcia,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (the Fund), a government corporation within the Department of the Treasury, 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)). Currently, the Fund is soliciting comments concerning the Fund's conflict of interest reporting requirements for contract readers of applications submitted for funding under the Fund's various programs.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before January 5, 2007 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments must be submitted in writing and sent to Jeffrey C. Berg, Legal Counsel, as follows: (i) by mail to: Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005; (ii) by e-mail to: [conflictofinterestcomments@cdfi.treas.gov](mailto:conflictofinterestcomments@cdfi.treas.gov); or (iii) by fax to: 202/622-8244.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the conflict of interest

information collection or requests for additional information may be obtained by contacting Ashanti McCallum, Paralegal Specialist, as follows: (i) By mail to: Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005; (ii) by e-mail to: [mccalluma@cdfi.treas.gov](mailto:mccalluma@cdfi.treas.gov); or (iii) by fax to: 202/622-8244.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund—Conflict of Interest Package for Non-Federal Readers.

**OMB Number:** 1559-0011.

**Abstract:** Through its programs the Fund supports financial institutions around the country that are specifically dedicated to financing and supporting community and economic development activities. This strategy builds strong institutions that make loans and investments and provide financial services in markets (including economically distressed investments areas and targeted populations) whose needs for loans, investments, and financial services have not been fully met by traditional financial institutions, particularly in the areas of promoting homeownership, developing of affordable housing, and stimulating small business development, as well as providing financial services to those that have not previously accessed financial institutions.

Consistent with the Federal Acquisition Regulations provisions on conflicts of interest, the Fund has applied, and will continue to apply, a conflict of interest policy with respect to its contract (non-Federal employee) readers that avoids a reader's participation in the evaluation or process of selection of applications where such participation creates a conflict of interest or an appearance of a conflict of interest. The conflict of interest review materials are used by the Fund to determine whether or not a contractor's financial interest, or that of the contractor's spouse, parent, dependent child, or member of household, may result in a conflict, or apparent conflict of interest with the individual's duties and responsibilities as a contractor evaluating applications. The completion of the package is mandatory for all contractors prior to their selection as readers.

**Current Action:** Extension.

**Type of Review:** Renewal.

**Affected Public:** Individuals.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 150.

**Estimated Annual Time per Respondent:** 45 minutes (0.75 hours).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 112.5 hours.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services required to provide information.

**Authority:** 12 U.S.C. 4703(c) and 48 CFR subpart 9.5.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, 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)). Currently, the Fund within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the NMTC Program allocation agreement for NMTC Program allocatees.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 5, 2007 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all comments on the information collections related to the specified sections of the NMTC Program Allocation Agreement to: Jeffrey C. Berg, Legal Counsel, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, *allocationagreementcomments@cdfi.treas.gov*, Facsimile Number (202) 622-8244.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the allocation agreement information collection may be obtained from the Fund's Web site at *http://www.cdfifund.gov*. Requests for additional information regarding the specified sections of the NMTC Program Allocation Agreement should be directed to Jeffrey C. Berg, Legal Counsel: (i) By mail to: Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005; (ii) by e-mail to: *allocationagreementcomments@cdfi.treas.gov*; or (iii) by fax to: (202) 622-8244.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* NMTC Program Allocation Agreement—Disclosure, Audited Financial Statements.

*OMB Number:* 1559-0023.

*Abstract:* In order to qualify for an allocation of tax credits under the NMTC Program, an entity must be certified as a qualified community development entity and submit an allocation application to the Fund. Upon receipt of such applications, the Fund will conduct a competitive review process to evaluate applications for the receipt of NMTC allocations. Entities receiving an NMTC allocation must enter into an allocation agreement with the Fund. The allocation agreement contains the terms and conditions associated with the receipt of an NMTC allocation. Comments are requested on certain disclosure requirements contained in the allocation agreement as well as the requirement for the submission of a copy of the allocatee's audited financial statements. The specific sections of the allocation agreement for which comments are sought may be obtained from the Fund's Web site at *http://www.cdfifund.gov*.

*Current Action:* Extension.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit institutions; not-for-profit institutions, and tribal entities.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* Allocation Agreement (§§ 6.2 and 6.9): 5.

Allocation Agreement (§ 6.10): 62.

*Estimated Annual Time Per Respondent:*

Allocation Agreement (§§ 6.2 and 6.9): 2 hours.

Allocation Agreement (§ 6.10): 1 hour.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:*

Allocation Agreement (§§ 6.2 and 6.9): 10 hours.

Allocation Agreement (§ 6.10): 62 hours.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services required to provide information.

Comments are also requested on §§ 6.2, 6.5(c), 6.9 and 6.10 of the NMTC Program Allocation Agreement (please note that there is no burden anticipated for § 6.5(c) since this collection of information is usual and customary for the respondents).

**Authority:** Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001, Public Law 106-554; 31 U.S.C. 321.

Dated: October 31, 2006.

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