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Supporting Statement for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

OMB Control Number: 1660-0013

Title: Exemption of State-Owned Properties Under Self-Insurance

Form Number(s): None

General Instructions

A Supporting Statement, including the text of the notice to the public required by 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(i)(iv) and its actual or estimated date of publication in the Federal Register, must accompany each request for approval of a collection of information. The Supporting Statement must be prepared in the format described below, and must contain the information specified in Section A below. If an item is not applicable, provide a brief explanation. When Item 17 or the OMB Form 83-I is checked "Yes", Section B of the Supporting Statement must be completed. OMB reserves the right to require the submission of additional information with respect to any request for approval.

Specific Instructions

A. Justification

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of information. Provide a detailed description of the nature and source of the information to be collected.

The Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, Section 102 (c) enables Federal Insurance Administration (FIA) to grant a State having an adequate plan of self-insurance for its State-owned buildings an exemption from the insurance purchase requirements of the 1973 Act. 44 CFR Part 75 establishes standards with respect to the Administrator's determinations that a State's plan of self-insurance is adequate and satisfactory for the purposes of the Act, from the requirement of purchasing flood insurance coverage, for State-owned structures and their contents in areas identified by the Administrator as A, AO, AH, A1-A30, AE, A99, M, V, VO, V1-V30, VE, and E zones, in which the sale of insurance has been made available, and to establish the procedures by which a State may request exemption.

2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used.
Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection. Provide a detailed description of: how the information will be shared, if applicable, and for what programmatic purpose.

Application for exemption is made to the Federal Insurance Administration by the Governor or other duly authorized official of the State accompanied by sufficient supporting documentation, which certifies that the plan of self-insurance upon which the application for exemption is based meets or exceed the standards set forth in 44 CFR sections 75.11. Upon determining that the State's plan of self insurance equals or exceeds the standards, the Administrator then certifies that the State is exempt from the requirements for the purchase of flood insurance for State-owned structures and their contents.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.

This collection of information does not involve the use of automated, mechanical or electronic equipment.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above.

There is no duplication efforts involved with this data collection.

5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities (Item 5 of OMB Form 83-I), describe any methods used to minimize.

This information collection does not have an impact on small businesses or other small entities.

6. Describe the consequence to Federal/FEMA program or policy activities if the collection of information is not conducted, or is conducted less frequently as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.

Failure to collect this information will hamper FEMA's ability to exempt States from purchasing flood insurance based on their meeting or exceeding standards (certification) under their Self-Insurance Plans as set forth by 44 CFR Section 75.11.

7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in a manner:

(a) Requiring respondents to report information to the agency more often than quarterly.

There are no requirements for respondents to report information to the agency more often than quarterly.

(b) Requiring respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it.

There are no requirements for respondents to prepare a written response to this collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it.

(b) Requiring respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document.

There are no requirements for respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document.

(c) Requiring respondents to retain records, other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records for more than three years.

States are required to maintain an inventory of all State-owned structures located in Special Flood Hazard Areas and to maintain a history of flood losses to State-owned property. However, this information is typically maintained by the state and/or local government as a routine business practice.

(d) In connection with a statistical survey, that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results that can be generalized to the universe of study.

There is no statistical survey involved with this data collection.

(f) Requiring the use of a statistical data classification that has not been reviewed and approved by OMB.

There is no statistical data classification required for this data collection.

(g) That includes a pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation, that is not supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge, or which unnecessarily impedes sharing of data with other agencies for compatible confidential use.

There is no pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation required for this collection.

(h) Requiring respondents to submit proprietary trade secret, or other confidential information unless the agency can demonstrate that it has instituted procedures to protect the information's confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.

There are no requirements for respondents to submit proprietary trade secret or other confidential information for this data collection.

8. Federal Register Notice:

a. Provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.

A 60-day Federal Register Notice was published for comment on September 11, 2007, volume 72, number 175, Page 51829-51830. There were no comments received for this collection.

b. Describe efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

There is no need for consultation with persons outside the agency for this data collection.

c. Describe consultations with representatives of those from whom information is to be obtained or those who must compile records. Consultation should occur at least once every three years, even if the collection of information activities is the same as in prior periods. There may be circumstances that may preclude consultation in a specific situation. These circumstances should be explained.

FEMA may consult with States plan of self-insurance is adequate for granting exemption from the purchase of flood insurance for State-owned structures and have submitted adequate support documentation set forth in 44 CFR sections 75.11.

9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

There is no payment or gift to respondents for this data collection.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents. Present the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

There are no requirements for assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents. There is no privacy information required for this data collection.

11. Provide additional justification for any question of a sensitive nature (such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs and other matters that are commonly considered private). This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.

There are no questions of a sensitive nature required for this data collection.

12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information. The statement should:

a. Indicate the number of respondents, frequency of response, annual hour burden, and an explanation of how the burden was estimated. Unless directed to do so, agencies should not conduct special surveys to obtain information on which to base hour burden estimates. Consultation with a sample (fewer than 10) of potential respondents is desired. If the hour burden on respondents is expected to vary widely because of differences in activity, size, or complexity, show the range of estimated hour burden, and explain the reasons for the variance. Generally, estimates should not include burden hours for customary and usual business practices.

Annual Hour Burden

| Data Collection Activity/Instrument | No. of Respondents | Frequency of Responses | Hour Burden Per Response | Annual Responses | Total Annual Burden Hours |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) = (Ax B) | (CxD) |
| Letter of Application | 20 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 100 |
| TOTAL | 20 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 100 |

b. If this request for approval covers more than one form, provide separate hour burden estimates for each form and aggregate the hour burdens in Item 13 of OMB Form 83-I.

c. Provide an estimate of annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens for collections of information, identifying and using appropriate wage rate categories. The cost to the respondents of contracting out or paying outside parties for information collection activities should not be included here. Instead this cost should be included in Item 13.

Annual Cost to Respondents for Hour Burden

| Respondent's Occupational Category | Total Annual Burden Hours | Mean Hour Rate (\$) | Average Cost per Respondent (\$) | Total Annual Cost Burden (\$) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| State Government Managerial | 100 | \$30.90 | \$154.50 | \$3090.00 |
| Total | 100 | \$30.90 | \$154.50 | \$3090.00 |

⁽¹⁾ Based on 2004 median hourly rate for state government managerial positions per Bureau of Labor Statistics.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. The cost of purchasing or contracting out information collection services should be a part of this cost burden estimate. (Do not include the cost of any hour burden shown in Items 12 and 14.)

The cost estimates should be split into two components:

a. Operation and Maintenance and purchase of services component. These estimates should take into account cost associated with generating, maintaining, and disclosing or providing information. Include descriptions of methods used to estimate major cost factors including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, the discount rate(s), and the time period over which costs will be incurred.

There is no Operation and Maintenance or purchase of service components involved with this data collection.

b. Capital and Start-up-Cost should include, among other items, preparations for collecting information such as purchasing computers and software, monitoring sampling, drilling and testing equipment, and record storage facilities.

There is no Capital and Start-up-Cost involved with this data collection.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the federal government. Also, provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, which should include quantification of hours, operational expenses (such as equipment, overhead, printing and support staff), and any other expense that would have been incurred without this collection of information. You may also aggregate cost estimates for Items 12, 13, and 14 in a single table.

Annual Cost to the Federal Government

| Item | Cost (\$) |
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| Contract Costs [Describe] | |
| Saff Salaries (1 GS-12/5 spending about 50 hours processing information on the exemption requests@ \$34/hr) | |

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| | \$1,700.00 |
| Facilities <small>[cost for renting, overhead, ect. for data collection activity]</small> | |
| Computer Hardware and Software <small>[cost of equipment annual lifecycle]</small> | |
| Equipment Maintenance <small>[cost of annual maintenance/service agreements for equipment]</small> | |
| Travel | |
| Printing <small>[number of data collection instruments annually]</small> | |
| Postage <small>[annual number of data collection instruments x postage]</small> | |
| Other | |
| Total | \$1,700.00 |

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB Form 83-I in a narrative form. Present the itemized changes in hour burden and cost burden according to program changes or adjustments in Table 5. Denote a program increase as a positive number, and a program decrease as a negative number.

There is no change in burden hours for this submission. However; the estimated cost burden for respondents using wage rate categories have been captured in this submission to OMB. An increase adjustment for cost is estimated to be +\$3090.00 for this data collection.

16. For collections of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation and publication. Address any complex analytical techniques that will be used. Provide the time schedule for the entire project, including beginning and ending dates of the collection of information, completion of report, publication dates, and other actions.

There is no information to be published, outline plans or tabulation and publication of information in this data collection.

17. If seeking approval not to display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain reasons that display would be inappropriate.

This collection does not seek approval not to display the expiration data for OMB approval.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions," of OMB Form 83-I.

This collection does not seek exception to "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions". This collection does not use efficient statistical survey methodology or use of information technology. Statistical Survey methodology "is not applicable" Question #3 in the supporting statement justifies the non-use of information technology.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

When Item 17 on the Form OMB 83-I is checked “Yes”, the following documentation should be included in the Supporting Statement to the extent it applies to the methods proposed:

THERE IS NO STATISTICAL METHODOLOGY INVOLVED IN THIS COLLECTION