

estimated hour burden per response is 1 hour.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 16,000 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$0. Costs for this collection of information are included in those reported for USCIS Form I-485 (OMB Control Number 1615-0023) and USCIS Form I-140 (OMB Control Number 1615-0015).

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[OMB Control Number 1615-0137]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection: Application for Employment Authorization for Abused Nonimmigrant Spouse

AGENCY: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: 30-Day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until February 18, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal website at <http://www.regulations.gov> under e-Docket ID

number USCIS-2016-0004. All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615-0137 in the body of the letter, the agency name and Docket ID USCIS-2016-0004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommnes, Chief, Telephone number (240) 721-3000 (This is not a toll-free number; comments are not accepted via telephone message.). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS website at <http://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS Contact Center at (800) 375-5283; TTY (800) 767-1833.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments

The information collection notice was previously published in the **Federal Register** on October 29, 2021, at 86 FR 60060, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS received two comments in connection with the 60-day notice.

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter USCIS-2016-0004 in the search box. The comments submitted to USCIS via this method are visible to the Office of Management and Budget and comply with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.12(c). All submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the

functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:*

Application for Employment Authorization for Abused Nonimmigrant Spouse.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I-765V; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. USCIS uses Form I-765V, Application for Employment Authorization for Abused Nonimmigrant Spouse, to collect the information needed determine if the applicant is eligible for an initial EAD or renewal EAD as a qualifying abused nonimmigrant spouse. Noncitizens are required to possess an EAD as evidence of work authorization. To be authorized for employment, a noncitizen must be lawfully admitted for permanent residence or authorized to be so employed by the INA or under regulations issued by DHS. Pursuant to statutory or regulatory authorization, certain noncitizens are authorized to be employed in the United States without restrictions as to location or type of employment as a condition of their admission or subsequent change to one of the indicated classes. USCIS may determine the validity period assigned to any document issued evidencing a noncitizen's authorization to work in the United States. USCIS also collects biometric information from EAD applicants to verify their identity, check or update their background information, and produce the EAD card.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time*

estimated for an average respondent to respond: The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-765V is 350 and the estimated hour burden per response is 3.75 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Biometric Processing is 350 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.17 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 1,723 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$87,500.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6310-N-01]

Identification of Federal Financial Assistance Infrastructure Programs Subject to the Build America, Buy America Provisions of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

AGENCY: Office of Chief Financial Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD, the Department) has conducted an initial review required by the Build America, Buy America Act (the Act) to identify and evaluate its Federal financial assistance programs for infrastructure to determine whether they are inconsistent with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (the IJJA). The Act imposes domestic content procurement preference requirements on Federal financial assistance programs for infrastructure that do not currently have such a requirement and requires Federal agencies to evaluate each financial assistance program for infrastructure administered by the agency to identify programs inconsistent with the Act's requirements for application of a domestic procurement preference. Each Federal agency must submit its report on the agency's programs and related

determinations to Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and publish its report in the **Federal Register**. Today's notice complies with the Act's publication and reporting requirements and contains HUD's list of identified Federal financial assistance programs for infrastructure. HUD has determined that none of the programs it has reviewed to date are consistent with the Act. HUD's initial analysis errs on the side of over-inclusiveness based on the Department's current understanding of information contained in the Act and the imminent timing requirements for reporting.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Malcom Smith, Management and Program Analyst, Grants Management and Oversight Division, Office of the Assistant Chief Financial Officer of Systems, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone number 202-402-6472 (this is not a toll-free number), or email AskGMO@hud.gov with the subject line "Build America, Buy America". Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 (this is a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 15, 2021, the President signed into law the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117-58) (the IJJA), which includes the Build America, Buy America Act at sections 70911 through 70927 (the Act). The Act ensures that Federal financial assistance programs for infrastructure require the use of materials produced in the United States, increases requirements for American-made content, and strengthens the waiver process associated with Buy American provisions. Section 70913 of the Act requires, within 60 days of the enactment of the IJJA, that each Federal agency, including HUD,¹ file a report with Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) which identifies and evaluates all financial assistance programs for infrastructure to determine whether the program is inconsistent with section 70914 of the Act. The report must be published in the **Federal Register**. The reports must identify and provide a list of which of these programs are "deficient," as defined in section 70913(c) of the Act.²

¹ The Act applies to "any authority of the United States that is an "agency"" as defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502. Public Law 117-58, section 70912(3).

² The Act defines "deficient programs" as "any Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure . . . for which a domestic content

Section 70914 of the Act requires that no later than 180 days after enactment of the IJJA (which would be May 14, 2022), Federal agencies "shall ensure that none of the funds made available for a Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure, including each deficient program, may be obligated for a project unless all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States."³ Federal agencies must identify all infrastructure programs and determine whether a program is inconsistent with section 70914 of the Act, regardless of whether the program received funding from IJJA. (HUD did not receive funding.) Pursuant to the Act, an infrastructure program is considered inconsistent with section 70914 if: (1) It does not require that all the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States; (2) it does not issue waivers and written justifications as specified in section 70914; or (3) it is subject to a waiver of general applicability under section 70914(b) of the Act. On December 20, 2021, OMB issued a memorandum titled "Identification of Federal Financial Assistance Infrastructure Programs Subject to the Build America, Buy America Provisions of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act," M-22-08, to implement these requirements and provide guidance to Federal agencies.⁴

HUD awards discretionary funding through over 20 Grant programs and 10 formula programs in support of HUD's mission. These programs generally meet the definition of "Federal financial assistance" as defined in the Act. HUD has evaluated these programs and they are included in this report, but a full assessment of whether they fund infrastructure as described by the Act has not yet been completed. HUD has

procurement preference requirement does not apply in a manner consistent with section 70914 of the law; or is subject to a waiver of general applicability not limited to the use of specific products for use in a specific project." *Id.* at section 70913(c).

³ Section 70912(4) of the Act defines "Federal financial assistance" and provides that the definition is consistent with the definition in 2 CFR 200.1 and includes "all expenditures by a Federal agency to a non-Federal entity for an infrastructure project, except that it does not include expenditures for assistance authorized under section 402, 403, 404, 406, 408, or 502 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170a, 5170b, 5170c, 5172, 5174, or 5192) relating to a major disaster or emergency declared by the President under section 401 or 501, respectively, of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5170, 5191) or pre and post disaster or emergency response expenditures."

⁴ Available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/M-22-08.pdf>.