

must meet specific timeframes, a centralized mailbox or website would not be a practical method of submission. Submission of protest information through contracting officers' email or through facsimile are the best methods to use to document receipt of protest information, and are the methods most commonly used in the Government protest process. This information collection may involve small business contractors, depending on the particular transaction. The burden applied to small businesses is minimal and consistent with the goals of achieving timely resolution of agency protests. This information is collected only when contractors choose to file a protest to the agency. The information is requested from contractors so that the Government will be able to evaluate protests effectively and provide prompt resolution of issues in dispute when contractors file such claims.

DHS/ALL/PIA-006 General Contact Lists covers the basic contact information that must be collected for DHS to address these protests. The other information collected will typically pertain to the contract itself, and not individuals. However, all information for this information collection is submitted voluntarily. Technically, because this information is not retrieved by personal identifier, no SORN is required. However, DHS/ALL-021 DHS Contractors and Consultants provides coverage for the collection of records on DHS contractors and consultants, to include resume and qualifying employment information. There is no assurance of confidentiality provided to the respondents.

The burden estimates provided in response to Item 12 above are based upon the Department's findings in its FY 2022 Procurement Line of Business, Operational Status Report. No program changes have occurred or changes to the information being collected, however, the burden was adjusted to reflect an agency adjustment increase of 33 respondents within DHS for Fiscal Year 2022, as well as an increase in the average hourly wage rate.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

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 submissions of responses.

#### Analysis

*Agency:* Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

*Title:* Regulation on Agency Protests.

*OMB Number:* 1600-0004.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit/Individuals or Households.

*Number of Respondents:* 126.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 2 hrs.

*Total Burden Hours:* 252.

#### Robert Dorr,

*Acting Executive Director, Business Management Directorate.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

#### U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

[OMB Control Number 1653-0021]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection: Application for a Stay of Deportation or Removal

**AGENCY:** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will submit the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance. This information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on June 9, 2023, allowing for a 60-day comment period. ICE received one non-substantive comment. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until September 21, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of the publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific question related to collection activities, please contact James Laforge, ERO Domestic Operations, (973-392-8026), [james.a.laforge@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:james.a.laforge@ice.dhs.gov), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Comments

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information 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 agencies 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 a Stay of Deportation or Removal.

- (3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* I-246, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

- (4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: individual or households, business or other non-profit; The information collected on the I-246 is necessary for ICE to make a determination the eligibility

requirements for a request for a stay of deportation or removal are met by the applicant.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of responses and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* ICE estimates a total of 3,664 responses at 30 minutes (.50 hours) per response

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 1,832 annual burden hours.

Dated: August 17, 2023.

**Scott Elmore,**

*ICE PRA Clearance Officer, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-6416-N-01]

**Credit Watch Termination Initiative Termination of Direct Endorsement (DE) Approval**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises of the cause and effect of termination of Direct Endorsement (DE) approval taken by HUD’s Federal Housing Administration (FHA) against HUD-approved mortgagees through the FHA Credit Watch Termination Initiative. This notice includes a list of mortgagees that have had their DE Approval terminated.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Higgins, Director, Quality Assurance Division, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone (202) 402-6730 (this is not a toll-free number). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to

make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** HUD has the authority to address deficiencies in the performance of lenders’ loans as provided in HUD’s mortgagee approval regulations at 24 CFR 202.3. On May 17, 1999, HUD published a notice (64 FR 26769) on its procedures for terminating Origination Approval Agreements with FHA lenders and placement of FHA lenders on Credit Watch status (an evaluation period). In the notice, HUD advised that it would publish in the **Federal Register** a list of mortgagees that have had their Approval Agreements terminated. HUD Handbook 4000.1 section V.E.3.a.iii outlines current procedures for terminating Underwriting Authority of Direct Endorsement mortgagees.

*Termination of Direct Endorsement Approval:* HUD approval of a DE mortgagee authorizes the mortgagee to underwrite single family mortgage loans and submit them to FHA for insurance endorsement. The approval may be terminated on the basis of poor performance of FHA-insured mortgage loans underwritten by the mortgagee. The termination of a mortgagee’s DE Approval is separate and apart from any action taken by HUD’s Mortgagee Review Board under HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 25.

*Cause:* HUD regulations permit HUD to terminate the DE Approval of any mortgagee having a default and claim rate for loans endorsed within the preceding 24 months that exceeds 200 percent of the default and claim rate within the geographic area served by a HUD field office, and that exceeds the national default and claim rate for insured mortgages.

*Effect:* Termination of DE Approval precludes the mortgagee from underwriting FHA-insured single-family mortgages within the HUD field office jurisdiction(s) listed in this notice. Mortgagees authorized to hold or service FHA-insured mortgages may continue to do so.

Loans that closed or were approved before the termination became effective

may be submitted for insurance endorsement. Approved loans are those already underwritten and approved by a DE underwriter and cases covered by a firm commitment issued by HUD. Cases at earlier stages of processing cannot be submitted for insurance by the terminated mortgagee; however, the cases may be transferred for completion of processing and underwriting to another mortgagee with DE Approval in that geographic area. Mortgagees must continue to pay existing insurance premiums and meet all other obligations associated with insured mortgages.

A terminated mortgagee may apply for reinstatement if their DE Approval in the affected area or areas has been terminated for at least six months and the mortgagee continues to be an approved mortgagee meeting the requirements of 24 CFR 202.5, 202.6, 202.7, 202.10 and 202.12. The mortgagee’s application for reinstatement must be in a format prescribed by the Secretary and signed by the mortgagee. In addition, the application must be accompanied by an independent analysis of the terminated office’s operations as well as its mortgage production, specifically including the FHA-insured mortgages cited in its termination notice. This independent analysis shall identify the underlying cause for the mortgagee’s high default and claim rate. The analysis must be prepared by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) qualified to perform audits under Government Auditing Standards as provided by the Government Accountability Office. The mortgagee must also submit a written corrective action plan to address each of the issues identified in the CPA’s report, along with evidence that the plan has been implemented. The application for reinstatement must be submitted through the Lender Electronic Assessment Portal (LEAP). The application must be accompanied by the CPA’s report and the corrective action plan.

*Action:* The following mortgagees have had their DE Approval terminated by HUD:

Mortgagee name	Mortgagee home office address	HUD office jurisdiction	Termination effective date	Homeownership center
Southwest Funding, LP .....	13150 Coit Rd., Suite 100, Dallas, TX 75240-5775	Shreveport .....	7/18/2023	Denver.