

Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia do not have current state mapping conventions to be replaced.

The revisions to the Field Office Technical Guides are needed to clarify procedures and improve consistency in application. SOSM are used in completing wetland determinations for USDA program eligibility purposes.

There are separate SOSM documents for each state, except for North Carolina and South Carolina, which share a single SOSM. To fully understand the proposed revisions, commenters are encouraged to compare the SOSMs with state mapping conventions for the states listed above, as shown in Section 1 of the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide at <https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/#/>. The electronic copies of each state's SOSM are available through <http://www.regulations.gov> by accessing Docket ID NRCS-2024-0008. Requests for paper versions or inquiries may be directed to the specific State Conservationist as identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

In general, all documents have similar language and technical methodologies with some variations based on natural resource information available and state-specific considerations.

All comments will be considered. If no comments are received, guidance contained in each state's SOSM will be considered final at the end of the comment period for this notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Housing Service

[Docket No. RHS-24-NONE-0019]

#### 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Rural Housing Service Finance Office Forms; OMB Control No.: 0575-0184

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service (RHS), USDA.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), RHS announces its intention to request a revision of a currently approved information collection and invites comments on this information collection.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by September 20, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the "Search for dockets and documents on agency actions" box, enter the docket number "RHS-24-NONE-0019," and click the "Search" button. From the search results: click on or locate the document title: "60-Day Notice of Proposed

Information Collection: Title Clearance and Loan Closing; OMB Control No.: 0575-0147" and select the "Comment" button. Before inputting comments, commenters may review the "Commenter's Checklist" (optional). To submit a comment: Insert comments under the "Comment" title, click "Browse" to attach files (if available), input email address, select box to opt to receive email confirmation of submission and tracking (optional), select the box "I'm not a robot," and then select "Submit Comment."

Information on using [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "FAQ" link.

All comments will be available for public inspection online at the Federal eRulemaking Portal (<https://www.regulations.gov>).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Crystal Pemberton, Rural Development Innovation Center—Regulations Management Division, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, South Building, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 260-8621. Email [Crystal.Pemberton@usda.gov](mailto:Crystal.Pemberton@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) regulation (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) requires that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see, 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies the following information collection that RHS is submitting to OMB as extension to an existing collection with Agency adjustment.

*Title:* Form RD 3550-28, Authorization Agreement for Preauthorized Payments, Form RD 1951-65, Customer Initiated Payments (CIP), and Form RD 1951-66, FedWire Worksheet.

*OMB Control Number:* 0575-0184.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* January 31, 2025.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .25 hours per response. Each Rural Development borrower who elects to participate in electronic loan payments will only prepare one response for the life of their loan unless they change financial institutions or accounts.

This information collection reflects an estimate of an increase of an additional 1,464 responses and an estimate of an increase of an additional 366 hours to the burden hours due to an increase in respondents for the Single Family Housing and Community Programs and an increase in burden for Forms 3550–28/A.

*Respondents:* Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 11,062.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 2,765.50 hours.

*Abstract:* RHS uses electronic methods (Customer Initiated Payments [CIP], FedWire, and Preauthorized Debits [PAD]) for receiving and processing loan payments and collections. These electronic collection methods provide a means for RHS borrowers to transmit loan payments from their financial institution (FI) accounts to Rural Development's Treasury Account and receive credit for their payments.

To administer these electronic loan collection methods, RHS collects the borrower's FI routing information (routing information includes the FI routing number and the borrower's account number). RHS uses Agency approved forms for collecting bank routing information for CIP, FedWire, and PAD.

*Comments are invited on:*

(a) 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;

(b) 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;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to 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.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Crystal Pemberton, Innovation Center–Regulations Management Division, at Telephone: (202) 260–8621. Email [Crystal.Pemberton@usda.gov](mailto:Crystal.Pemberton@usda.gov).

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request

for OMB approval. All comments also will become a matter of public record.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Economic Analysis

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Direct Investment Surveys: BE–10, Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad**

The Department of Commerce will submit 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, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on 05/02/2024 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Commerce.

*Title:* Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad.

*OMB Control Number:* 0608–0049.

*Form Number:* BE–10.

*Type of Request:* Revision.

*Number of Respondents:* 29,000 respondents (U.S. parents). A complete response includes a BE–10 A form for the U.S. parent's domestic operation and one or more BE–11 B, C, or D forms for its foreign affiliates that meet the BE–10 survey requirements. BEA estimates that U.S. parents will submit 29,000 A forms, 20,100 B forms, 15,500 C forms, 29,000 D forms, and 1,700 Claim for Exemption forms.

*Average Hours per Response:* 29 hours per respondent (842,700 hours/29,000 U.S. parents) is the average but may vary considerably among respondents because of differences in company structure, complexity, and the number of foreign affiliates each U.S. parent must report.

*Burden Hours:* 842,700 hours. Total annual burden is calculated by multiplying the estimated number of

submissions of each form by the average hourly burden per form, which is 11 hours for the A form, 18.5 hours for the B form, 6 hours for the C form, 2 hours for the D form, and 0.5 hours for the Claim for Not Filing form.

*Needs and Uses:* The Benchmark Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad (BE–10) obtains data on the financial structure and operations of U.S. parents and their foreign affiliates. The data are needed to provide reliable, useful, and timely measures of U.S. direct investment abroad, measure changes in such investment, and assess its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies. Such data are generally found in enterprise-level accounting records of respondent companies. The benchmark data provide a baseline for subsequent sample-based estimates in non-benchmark years. In particular, they serve as benchmarks for the quarterly direct investment estimates included in the U.S. international transactions, international investment position, and national income and product accounts, and for annual estimates of the U.S. direct investment abroad position and of the activities of U.S. multinational enterprises. The data collected include balance sheets; income statements; property, plant, and equipment; employment and employee compensation; merchandise trade; sales of goods and services; taxes; and research and development activity.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Every five years and covers years ending in 4 and 9.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act (Pub. L. 94–472, 22 U.S.C. 3101–3108, as amended).

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [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 and