

proposed idea would make interoperable PTC deployment more technically or economically practical (includes contribution to cost-effectiveness, reliability, safety, availability, or maintainability), and fit within FRA's primary mission of ensuring the safety of the Nation's approximately 700 railroads.

3. Technical Merit (20%): Degree to which proposed ideas exhibit a sound scientific and engineering basis; how well the proposed ideas could be practically applied in and would be compatible with the railroad environment; and perceived likelihood of technical and practical success.

4. Key Personnel and Supporting Organization (15%): Technical qualifications and demonstrated experience of key personnel proposed to lead and perform the technical efforts; qualifications of primary and supporting organizations to fully and successfully execute proposal plan within the proposed timeframe and budget.

5. Collaborative Efforts (15%): Degree to which the proposed effort is supported by multiple entities and the applicability and availability of results to the larger railroad industry.

*Cost/Price Factor (25% overall weighting):*

1. Affordability and degree to which proposed effort appears to be a good value for the amount of funding requested. This includes the reasonableness and realism of the proposed costs (60%).

2. The extent of proposed cost-sharing or cost-participation under the proposed effort (exclusive of the applicant's prior investment) (40%).

An offer must be found acceptable under all applicable evaluation factors to be considered eligible for award. Awards will be made to responsible applicants whose offers provide the best value to the Government in terms of technical excellence, cost or price, and performance risk, to include consistency and accord with the objectives of the solicitation and FRA's expressed areas of interest.

*Requirements and Conditions for Grant Applications:* Detailed application requirements and conditions may be found in the grant application guidance for this solicitation on Grants.gov. Before submitting their proposals, applicants must carefully read the grant guidance associated with this funding opportunity, ensure that their applications are submitted on or before the closing date provided herein, and ensure that they have complied with all of the requirements of the grant application guidance, including providing applicable certifications.

*Information Collection:* The Office of Management and Budget (OMB), under emergency clearance procedures, has approved the information collection associated with the PTC grant program for 6 months. The approval number for this collection of information is OMB No. 2130-0587, and the expiration date is September 30, 2010. FRA will be publishing a Notice in the **Federal Register** shortly in which the agency will be seeking regular OMB clearance for this collection of information. Such approvals are normally good for 3 years. FRA will publish a Notice for this second OMB approval once it is obtained.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Community Development Financial Institutions Fund

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request: CDFI/CDE Project Profiles Web Form

**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, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A). Currently, the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund, Department of the Treasury, is soliciting comments concerning the CDFI/CDE Project Profile Web Form, a voluntary information collection effort involving all CDFI Fund programs. The specific information collection relates to the voluntary collection of narrative descriptions of projects financed by CDFI Fund awardees and allocatees in response to the public's request for better and more narrative information on impact and best practices associated with all of the CDFI Fund's programs. The purpose of the information collection is to more fully describe and record the innovative approaches community development financial institutions (CDFIs) and community development entities (CDEs) use in

revitalizing communities and serving families, and the impact that these CDFIs and CDEs are realizing. CDFI Fund awardees and allocatees will be invited to submit narratives on community development projects that they believe demonstrate innovation or high impact. The project description may be for a project previously reported to the CDFI Fund through the Community Investment Impact System (CIIS) or for a new project that has not yet been reported in CIIS. The CDFI Fund plans to use the descriptions in CDFI Fund publications, on its Web site and in other ways to highlight the work of its awardees and allocatees.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before September 27, 2010 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Please direct all comments on the CDFI/CDE Project Profiles Web Form in writing to Kimberly Beauman, Legislative and External Affairs Specialist, CDFI Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, by e-mail to [LegislativeAndExternalAffairsOffice@cdfi.treas.gov](mailto:LegislativeAndExternalAffairsOffice@cdfi.treas.gov), or by facsimile to (202) 622-7754. **Please note:** This is not a toll free number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A draft of the information collection may be obtained from the CDFI Fund's Web site at <http://www.cdfifund.gov>. Requests for additional information should be directed to Kimberly Beauman, Legislative and External Affairs Specialist, CDFI Fund, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 601 13th Street, NW., Suite 200 South, Washington, DC 20005, or by phone to (202) 622-4436.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* CDFI/CDE Project Profile Web Form.

*Abstract:* The voluntary collection of narrative descriptions of projects financed by CDFI Fund awardees and allocatees via the CDFI/CDE Project Profile Web Form is in response to the public's request for better and more narrative information on impact and best practices associated with all of the CDFI Fund's programs. The purpose is to more fully describe and record the innovative approaches CDFIs (Community Development Financial Institutions) and CDEs (Community Development Entity) use in revitalizing communities and serving families, and the impact that these CDFIs and CDEs are realizing.

Each best practice is generated by one or more of the following six CDFI Fund programs:

1. Through the CDFI Program by directly investing in, supporting and

training CDFIs that provide loans, investments, financial services and technical assistance to underserved populations and communities;

2. Through the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program by providing an allocation of tax credit authority to CDEs which enable them to attract investment from the private-sector and to reinvest these amounts in low-income communities;

3. Through the Bank Enterprise Award (BEA) Program by providing an incentive to FDIC insured banks and thrifts to invest in their communities and in CDFIs;

4. Through the Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) Program, by providing financial assistance, technical assistance, and training to Native CDFIs and other Native entities proposing to become or create Native CDFIs;

5. Through the Capital Magnet Fund (CMF) Program, by providing competitively awarded grants to CDFIs

and qualified nonprofit housing organizations to finance affordable housing activities as well as related economic development activities and community service facilities; and

6. Through the Financial Education and Counseling (FEC) Pilot Program, by providing grants to CDFIs and other eligible organizations to enable them to provide a range of financial education and counseling services to prospective homebuyers.

*Current Actions:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Type of review:* Regular review.

*Affected Public:* CDFIs and CDEs, including business or other for-profit institutions, nonprofit entities, and State, local and Tribal entities.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Estimated Annual Time per Respondent:* 2.5 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 250 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. *Comments are invited on:* (a) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (b) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (c) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of technology.

**Authority:** 12 U.S.C. 4707 *et seq.*; 26 U.S.C. 45D.

Dated: July 21, 2010.

**Donna J. Gambrell,**

*Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.*

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