

insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the MIRS in 1994 when it statutorily linked these FHA insurance limits to the purchase price limitations for Fannie Mae. *See* Pub. L. 103-327, 108 Stat. 2314 (Sept. 28, 1994), *codified at* 12 U.S.C. 1709(b)(2)(A)(ii).

- The Internal Revenue Service uses the MIRS data in establishing "safe-harbor" limitations for mortgages purchased with the proceeds of mortgage revenue bond issues. *See* 26 CFR 6a.103A-2(f)(5).

- Statutes in several states and U.S. territories, including California, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Wisconsin and the Virgin Islands, refer to, or rely upon, the MIRS. *See, e.g.,* Cal. Civ. Code 1916.7 and 1916.8 (mortgage rates); Iowa Code 534.205 (1995) (real estate loan practices); Mich. Comp. Laws 445.1621(d) (mortgage index rates); Minn. Stat. 92.06 (payments for state land sales); N.J. Rev. Stat. 31:1-1 (interest rates); Wis. Stat. 138.056 (variable loan rates); V.I. Code Ann. tit. 11, sec. 951 (legal rate of interest).

The Finance Board uses the information collection to produce the MIRS and for general statistical purposes and program evaluation. Economic policy makers use the MIRS data to determine trends in the mortgage markets, including interest rates, down payments, terms to maturity, terms on ARMs and initial fees and charges on mortgage loans. Other federal banking agencies use the MIRS results for research purposes. Information concerning the MIRS is regularly published on the Finance Board's Web site (<http://www.fhfb.gov/mirs>) and in press releases, in the popular trade press, and in publications of other Federal agencies.

The likely respondents include a sample of 359 savings associations, mortgage companies, commercial banks and savings banks. The information collection requires each respondent to complete FHF Form 10-91 on a monthly basis.

The OMB number for the information collection is 3069-0001. The OMB clearance for the information collection expires on June 30, 2004.

## B. Burden Estimate

The Finance Board estimates the total annual number of respondents at 359, with 12 responses per respondent. The estimate for the average hours per response is 30 minutes. The estimate for the total annual hour burden is 2,154 hours (359 respondents  $\times$  12 responses  $\times$  0.5 hours).

## C. Comment Request

The Finance Board requests written comments on the following: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of Finance Board functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Finance Board's estimates of the burdens of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 12, 2004.

By the Federal Housing Finance Board.

**Donald Demitros,**

*Chief Information Officer.*

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## FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

[No. 2004-N-02]

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Housing Finance Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Housing Finance Board (Finance Board) is seeking public comments concerning a three-year extension by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the information collection entitled "Affordable Housing Program (AHP)".

**DATES:** Interested persons may submit comments on or before April 19, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments by e-mail to [comments@fhfb.gov](mailto:comments@fhfb.gov), by facsimile to 202/408-2580, or by regular mail to the Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006, ATTN: Public Comments. Comments will be available on the Finance Board Web site at [http://www.fhfb.gov/pressroom/pressroom\\_regs.htm](http://www.fhfb.gov/pressroom/pressroom_regs.htm).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles E. McLean, Jr., Associate Director, Community Investment and Affordable Housing Division, Office of Supervision, by telephone at 202/408-2537 or by electronic mail at [mcleanc@fhfb.gov](mailto:mcleanc@fhfb.gov), or Melissa L. Allen, Program Analyst, Community Investment and Affordable Housing Division, Office of Supervision, by telephone at 202/408-2524 or by electronic mail at [allenm@fhfb.gov](mailto:allenm@fhfb.gov), or

by regular mail at the Federal Housing Finance Board, 1777 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### A. Need for and Use of the Information Collection

Section 10(j) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (Bank Act) requires the Federal Housing Finance Board (Finance Board) to promulgate regulations under which the 12 Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLBanks) must establish an Affordable Housing Program (AHP) to make subsidized advances to members engaged in lending for long term, low- and moderate-income, owner-occupied and affordable rental housing at subsidized interest rates. *See* 12 U.S.C. 1430(j). Section 10(j) also establishes the standards and requirements for making subsidized AHP advances to FHLBank members. Part 960 of the Finance Board regulations implements the statutory requirements and authorizes the FHLBanks to make AHP funding decisions. *See* 12 CFR part 951.

The information collection contained in part 951 is used by the FHLBanks to determine whether an AHP applicant satisfies the statutory and regulatory requirements to receive subsidized advances or direct subsidies under the AHP. The Finance Board requires and uses the information, through examination of the FHLBanks, to ensure that FHLBank funding decisions, and the use of the funds awarded, are consistent with statutory and regulatory requirements.

The OMB number for the information collection is 3069-0006. The OMB clearance for the information collection expires on June 30, 2004.

The likely respondents include applicants for AHP funding.

### B. Burden Estimate

The Finance Board estimates the total annual average number of respondents at 7,720, with 1.39 responses per respondent. The estimate for the average hours per response is 6.1 hours. The estimate for the total annual hour burden is 65,461 hours (7,720 respondents  $\times$  1.39 responses per respondent  $\times$  6.1 hours per response).

### C. Comment Request

The Finance Board requests written comments on the following: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of Finance Board functions, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Finance Board's estimates of the burdens of the collection of information; (3) ways to

enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 12, 2004.

By the Federal Housing Finance Board.

**Donald Demitros,**

*Chief Information Officer.*

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## Federal Reserve System

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**TIME AND DATE:** 11:30 a.m., Monday, February 23, 2004.

**PLACE:** Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

**STATUS:** Closed.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michelle A. Smith, Director, Office of Board Members; 202-452-2955.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 13, 2004.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel: World Trade Center Responder Health Consortium, Request for Applications OH-04-004

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): World Trade Center Responder Health Consortium, Request for Applications OH-04-004.

#### *Times and Dates:*

6 p.m.-6:30 p.m., March 3, 2004 (open).

6:30 p.m.-8 p.m., March 3, 2004 (closed).

9 a.m.-5 p.m., March 4, 2004 (closed).

*Place:* Grand Hyatt Hotel, 1000 H Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001, telephone (202) 582-1234.

*Status:* Portions of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(4) and (6), title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

*Matters to be Discussed:* The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to Request for Applications OH-04-004.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Price Connor, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Office of Extramural Programs CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, GA 30333, MS E-74, Telephone (404) 498-2511.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: February 10, 2004.

**Alvin Hall,**

*Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee meeting.

#### *Times and Dates:*

8:30 a.m.—5 p.m., March 4, 2004.

8:30 a.m.—4 p.m., March 5, 2004.

*Place:* Westin Peachtree Plaza, 210 Peachtree St. NW., Atlanta, GA 30303.

*Status:* Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

*Purpose:* The Committee is charged with providing advice and guidance to the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary for Health, the Director, CDC, and the Director, National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID), regarding: (1) The practice of hospital infection control; (2) strategies for surveillance, prevention, and control of infections (e.g., nosocomial infections), antimicrobial resistance, and related events in settings where healthcare is provided; and (3) periodic updating of guidelines and other policy statements regarding prevention of healthcare-associated infections and healthcare-related conditions.

*Matters To Be Discussed:* Agenda items will include an overview of issues related to public reporting of nosocomial infection rates; healthcare preparedness; influenza (avian and human); infection control in ambulatory care settings; strategies for surveillance of healthcare-associated infections; and updates on CDC activities of interest to the committee.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

*For Further Information Contact:* Michele L. Pearson, M.D., Executive Secretary, HICPAC, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, NCID, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., M/S A-07, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/498-1182.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: February 11, 2004.

**Alvin Hall,**

*Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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