

approval on a new and/or currently approved information collection.

DATES: Submit comments on or before December 5, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimates are accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collection, to Joseph Sobota, Assistant Advocate, Office of Advocacy, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 7800, Washington, DC 20416

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Sobota, Assistant Advocate, 202-205-6952, Joseph.sobota@sba.gov. Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030, curtis.rich@sba.sba.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: "Veterans Business Ownership Survey".

Description of Respondents: The general veteran population, veterans business owners and veterans who have a service connected disability.

Form No: N/A.

Annual Responses: 1.

Annual Burden: 400.

Send all comments regarding whether this information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, whether the burden estimates are accurate, and if there are ways to minimize the estimated burden and enhance the quality of the collection, to Randy Christopherson, Director, Denver Finance Center, Small Business Administration, 721 19th Street, Denver, CO 80202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Christopherson, Director, 313-844-0054, Randy.christopherson@sba.gov. Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202-205-7030, curtis.rich@sba.sba.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: "Transaction Report Loans Serviced by Lenders".

Description of Respondents: Small Business Administration Participating Lenders.

Form No: 172.

Annual Responses: 18,637.

Annual Burden: 3,089.

Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Interest Rates; Quarterly Determinations

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional "peg" rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 4.500 (4½) percent for the October-December quarter of FY 2006.

James E. Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Financial Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Region II Buffalo District Advisory Council; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration Region II Advisory Council located in the geographical area of Buffalo, New York, will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2005, starting at 10 a.m. eastern standard time. The meeting will take place at the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M&T Plaza, Buffalo, New York to discuss such matters that may be presented by members and staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Board must contact Franklin J. Sciortino, District Director, Buffalo District Office, in writing by letter or fax no later than Friday, October 7, 2005 in order to be put on the agenda. Franklin J. Sciortino, District Director, Buffalo District Office, U.S. Small Business Administration, Niagara Center, 130 S. Elmwood, Suite 540, Buffalo, New York 14202; telephone (716) 551-4301 or fax (716) 551-4418.

Matthew K. Becker,

Committee Management Officer.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

National Small Business Development Center Program Advisory Board; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Small Business Development Centers, National

Advisory Board will be hosting a public meeting via conference call to discuss such matters that may be presented by members, and the staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or interested others. The conference call will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2006 at 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Board must contact Erika Fischer, Senior Program Analyst, U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Small Business Development Centers, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, telephone (202) 205-7045 or fax (202) 481-0681.

Matthew K. Becker,

Committee Management Officer.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Small Business Development Centers, National Advisory Board will be hosting a public meeting via conference call to discuss such matters that may be presented by members, and the staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or interested others. The conference call will be on Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Board must contact Erika Fischer, Senior Program Analyst, U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Small Business Development Centers, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, telephone (202) 205-7045 or fax (202) 481-0681.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Small Business Development Centers, National Advisory Board will be hosting a public meeting via conference call to discuss such matters that may be presented by members, and the staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or interested others. The conference call will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 1 p.m. eastern standard time.

Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Board must contact Erika Fischer, Senior Program Analyst, U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Small Business Development Centers, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, telephone (202) 205-7045 or fax (202) 481-0681.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Small Business Development Centers, National Advisory Board will be hosting a public meeting via conference call to discuss such matters that may be presented by members, and the staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or interested others. The conference call will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2005 at 1 p.m. eastern standard time.

Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Board must contact Erika Fischer, Senior Program Analyst, U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Small Business Development Centers, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, telephone (202) 205-7045 or fax (202) 481-0681.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5199]

Bureau of Consular Affairs; Registration for the Diversity Immigrant (DV-2007) Visa Program

ACTION: Notice of Registration for the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program.

This public notice provides information on how to apply for the DV 2007 Program. This notice is issued pursuant to 22 CFR 42.33(b)(3) which implements sections 201(a)(3), 201(e), 203(c) and 204(a)(1)(G) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, (8 U.S.C. 1151, 1153, and 1154(a)(1)(G)).

Instructions for the 2007 Diversity Immigrant Visa Program (DV-2007)

The congressionally mandated Diversity Immigrant Visa Program is

administered on an annual basis by the Department of State and conducted under the terms of Section 203(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Section 131 of the Immigration Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-649) amended INA 203 to provide for a new class of immigrants known as "Diversity Immigrants" (DV immigrants). The Act makes available 50,000 permanent resident visas annually to persons from countries with low rates of immigration to the United States.

The annual DV program makes permanent residence visas available to persons meeting the simple, but strict, eligibility requirements. Applicants for Diversity Visas are chosen by a computer-generated random lottery drawing. The visas, however, are distributed among six geographic regions, with a greater number of visas going to regions with lower rates of immigration, and with no visas going to citizens of countries sending more than 50,000 immigrants to the U.S. in the past five years. Within each region, no one country may receive more than seven percent of the available Diversity Visas in any one year.

For DV-2007, natives of the following countries are not eligible to apply because the countries sent a total of more than 50,000 immigrants to the U.S. in the previous five years (the term "country" in this notice includes countries, economies and other jurisdictions explicitly listed in this notice):

Canada, China (mainland-born), Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Korea, United Kingdom (except Northern Ireland) and its dependent territories, and Vietnam. Persons born in Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR and Taiwan are eligible.

Application Submission Dates

Entries for the DV-2007 Diversity Visa Lottery must be submitted electronically between noon, eastern standard time, (e.s.t.) Wednesday, October 5, 2005 and noon, e.s.t. Sunday, December 4, 2005. Applicants may access the Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form (EDV Entry Form) at <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov> during the registration period beginning noon, e.s.t. October 5, 2005. Paper entries will not be accepted. Applicants are strongly encouraged to not wait until the last week of the registration period to enter. Heavy demand may result in delays. No entries will be accepted after noon, e.s.t., on December 4, 2005.

Requirements for Entry

Applicant must be a native of one of the countries listed. See "List of Countries by Region Whose Natives Qualify."

In most cases this means the country in which the applicant was born. However, there are two other ways a person may be able to qualify. First, if a person was born in a country whose natives are ineligible but his/her spouse was born in a country whose natives are eligible, such person can claim the spouse's country of birth provided both the applicant and spouse are issued visas and enter the U.S. simultaneously. Second, if a person was born in a country whose natives are ineligible, but neither of his/her parents was born there or resided there at the time of his/her birth, such person may claim nativity in one of the parents' country of birth if it is a country whose natives qualify for the DV-2007 program.

Applicants must meet either the education or training requirement of the DV program.

An applicant must have either a high school education or its equivalent, defined as successful completion of a 12-year course of elementary and secondary education; or two years of work experience within the past five years in an occupation requiring at least two years of training or experience to perform. The U.S. Department of Labor's O*Net OnLine database will be used to determine qualifying work experience.

If the applicant cannot meet these requirements, he/she should not submit an entry to the DV program.

Procedures for Submitting an Entry to DV-2007

The Department of State will only accept completed EDV Entry Forms submitted electronically at <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov> during the registration period beginning at 12 p.m. e.s.t. (GMT-5) on October 5, 2005 and ending at 12 p.m. e.s.t. (GMT-5) on December 4, 2005.

All entries by an applicant will be disqualified if more than one entry for the applicant is received, regardless of who submitted the entry. Applicants may prepare and submit their own entries or have someone submit the entry for them.

Successfully registered entries will result in a display of a confirmation screen containing the applicant's name, date of birth, country of chargeability, and a date/time stamp. The applicant may print this confirmation screen for his/her records using the print function of the Web browser.

Paper entries will not be accepted.