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Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Liquidation and Debt Collection Activities; Fees for Liquidation Activities Performed by Authorized CDC Liquidators

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

ACTION: Notice of Compensation Fees Percentages.

SUMMARY: SBA is setting the compensation fees for Authorized CDC Liquidators ("ACLs") for their liquidation activities on 504 loans that have been completed as of the date of this notice, and for ongoing liquidation activities being pursued according to an approved liquidation plan, at 10% of the net recovery proceeds realized from the sale of collateral or other liquidation actions on an individual loan up to \$25,000 for each such loan and 5% of the realized net recovery proceeds above such amounts. SBA is also setting compensation fees for liquidations by ACLs of 504 loans where the debenture was purchased during the period after May 14, 2007, through the date of this notice, and for which a liquidation plan has not yet been approved by SBA, at 4% of the net recovery proceeds realized from the sale of collateral or other liquidation action on an individual loan up to \$25,000 for each such loan and 2% of the realized net recovery proceeds above such amounts.

DATES: These compensation fee percentages are effective as of April 4, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walter Intlekofer, Chief, Portfolio Management Division, (202) 205-7543, walter.intlekofer@sba.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 12, 2007, SBA published in the **Federal Register** at 72 FR 18349, a final rule amending the regulations pertaining to guaranteed loan and debenture liquidation and litigation cases for the Certified Development Company Program and the 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program. This final rule had an effective date of May 14, 2007. In Section 120.542(c) of the amended regulations, SBA published the formula for determining the compensation fee that SBA would pay to Authorized CDC Liquidators for their liquidation actions on 504 loans. SBA

stated that the compensation fee was to be a percentage (to be published in the **Federal Register** from time to time, but not to exceed 10%) of the net recovery proceeds realized from the sale of collateral or other liquidation activities, on an individual loan, up to a fee of \$25,000 for such loan, and a lower percentage (also to be published in the **Federal Register** from time to time, but not to exceed 5%) of the realized net recovery proceeds above such amounts.

SBA recognizes that some ACLs have been performing liquidation activities on certain 504 loans since the publication of the final rule. Therefore, SBA will provide compensation from its administrative budget and on an interim basis, is setting the liquidation compensation percentages as follows:

For all liquidations of 504 loans that have been completed by an ACL as of the date of this notice, where the liquidation plan was approved by SBA after the date the CDC became an ACL, SBA will pay a compensation fee of 10% of the net recovery proceeds realized from the sale of collateral or other liquidation actions on an individual loan up to \$25,000 for each such loan and 5% of the realized net recovery proceeds above such amounts.

For all liquidations currently in progress that are being pursued by an ACL in accordance with an SBA approved liquidation plan that was approved after the date the CDC became an ACL, SBA will pay a compensation fee of 10% of the net recovery proceeds realized from the sale of collateral or other liquidation actions on an individual loan up to \$25,000 for each such loan and 5% of the realized net recovery proceeds above such amounts.

For all liquidations by an ACL on 504 loans for which the debentures were purchased after May 14, 2007 (the effective date of the final rule), through the date of this notice, and for which a liquidation plan has not yet been approved, SBA will pay a compensation fee of 4% of the net recovery proceeds realized from the sale of collateral or other liquidation actions on an individual loan up to \$25,000 for each such loan and 2% of the realized net recovery proceeds above such amounts. Liquidation plans for these loans must be submitted to SBA Commercial Loan Centers in Fresno, CA or Little Rock, AK within 90 calendar days from the date of this notice.

For any 504 loan for which the debenture has not yet been purchased, SBA is unable to pay any compensation fees at this time. Any future change will be communicated in the **Federal Register**.

Pursuant to 13 CFR 120.542(c), all requests for compensation fees must be received by SBA within nine months from the date of SBA's purchase of the defaulted debenture. Fee requests not received within such timeframe will be automatically rejected.

Authority: 13 CFR 120.542.

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Director of 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 Buffalo District Advisory Council located in the geographical area of Buffalo, New York, will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, starting at 10 a.m. eastern standard time.

The meeting will take place at HSBC Bank USA, One HSBC Center, 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, April 4, 2008 in order to be put on the agenda. Franklin J. Sciortino, District Director, Buffalo District Office, U.S. Small Business Administration, Niagara Center, 540 Niagara Center, 130 S. Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14202; telephone (716) 551-4301 or fax (716) 551-4418.

Cheryl H. Lebon,

Committee Management Officer.

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comment

AGENCY: Office of Special Counsel.

ACTION: First Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), and implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC), plans to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for use of four previously approved information collections consisting of complaint

forms. These collections are listed below. The current OMB approval for Forms OSC-11, OSC-12, OSC-13, OSC-14 and the OSC Survey expire 9/30/08. We are submitting all four forms and the electronic survey for renewal, based on the upcoming date of expiration. Two of the four forms are being revised, Forms OSC-11 and OSC-12. Form OSC-11 has had major changes made to its electronic version, so that it has a certain amount of "intelligence" now built in. Depending upon your responses, it navigates you to the proper sections; it also has help menus for those who need more information prior to making their selections. The electronic form OSC-12 had minor modifications made to it, in order to allow it to be integrated into the new software used to support form OSC-11.

Current and former Federal employees, employee representatives, other Federal agencies, state and local government employees, and the general public are invited to comment on this information collection for the first time. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of OSC functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of OSC's estimate of the burden of the proposed collections of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments should be received by May 16, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Roderick Anderson, Director of Management and Budget, U.S. Office of Special Counsel, 1730 M Street, NW., Suite 218, Washington, DC 20036-4505.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roderick Anderson, Director of Planning and Analysis at the address shown above; by facsimile at (202) 254-3715. The paper versions of the complaint forms for the collection of information are available for review on OSC's Web site, at <http://www.osc.gov/forms.htm>. The screen captures of the electronic forms are available for review on OSC's web site at <http://www.osc.gov/library.htm>. For those wishing to test out the new functionality of the "interactive" form OSC-11, it will be available to you during the second, 30 day notice, where you will be able to create a user name and password, and log in to test out the form.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OSC is an independent agency responsible for, among other things, (1) investigation of allegations of prohibited personnel practices defined by law at 5 U.S.C. 2302(b), protection of whistleblowers, and certain other illegal employment practices under titles 5 and 38 of the U.S. Code, affecting current or former Federal employees or applicants for employment, and covered state and local government employees; and (2) the interpretation and enforcement of Hatch Act provisions on political activity in chapters 15 and 73 of title 5 of the U.S. Code.

Title of Collections: (1) Form OSC-11, (Complaint of Possible Prohibited Personnel Practice of Other Prohibited Activity); (2) Form OSC-12 (Information about filing a Whistleblower Disclosure with the Office of Special Counsel); (3) Form OSC-13 (Complaint of Possible Prohibited Political Activity (Violation of the Hatch Act)); (4) Form OSC-14 (Complaint of Possible Violation of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)).

Type of Information Collection

Request: Approval of a previously approved collection of information, of which the forms and survey expire on 9/30/08. Also request that the revised electronic versions of forms OSC-11 and OSC-12 be approved.

Affected public: Current and former Federal employees, applicants for Federal employment, state and local government employees, and their representatives, and the general public.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 2,700.

Frequency: Daily.

Estimated Average Amount of Time for a Person to Respond: 64 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,899 hours.

Abstract: This form is used by current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment to submit allegations of possible prohibited personnel practices or other prohibited activity for investigation and possible prosecution by OSC.

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Scott J. Bloch,

Special Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 6148]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-160, Nonimmigrant Visa Electronic Application, OMB 1405-XXXX

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

• *Title of Information Collection:* Nonimmigrant Visa Electronic Application

• *OMB Control Number:* None
• *Type of Request:* New Collection
• *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Visa Services (CA/VO)
• *Form Number:* DS-160
• *Respondents:* All nonimmigrant visa applicants

• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10 million

• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 10 million

• *Average Hours Per Response:* 75 minutes

• *Total Estimated Burden:* 12,500,000 hours

• *Frequency:* Once per visa application

• *Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain benefit

DATES: Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from April 4, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202-395-4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

• *E-mail:* kastrich@omb.eop.gov. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

• *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

• *Fax:* 202-395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Lauren Prosnik, who may be reached at 202-663-2951.