

The EPA SAB Staff Office will acknowledge receipt of nominations. The names and bio-sketches of qualified nominees identified by respondents to this **Federal Register** notice, and additional experts identified by the SAB Staff, will be posted in a List of Candidates on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>. The public will be requested to provide relevant information or other documentation on nominees that the SAB Staff Office should consider in evaluating candidates.

For the EPA SAB Staff Office, a review panel includes candidates who possess the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which, among other factors, can be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience to adequately address the charge. In forming this expert panel, the SAB Staff Office will consider public comments on the List of Candidates, information provided by the candidates themselves, and background information independently gathered by the SAB Staff Office. Selection criteria to be used for Panel membership include: (a) Scientific and/or technical expertise, knowledge, and experience (primary factors); (b) availability and willingness to serve; (c) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (d) absence of an appearance of a lack of impartiality; and (e) skills working in committees, subcommittees and advisory panels; and, (f) for the Panel as a whole, diversity of expertise and viewpoints.

The SAB Staff Office's evaluation of an absence of financial conflicts of interest will include a review of the "Confidential Financial Disclosure Form for Special Government Employees Serving on Federal Advisory Committees at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency" (EPA Form 3110-48). This confidential form allows Government officials to determine whether there is a statutory conflict between that person's public responsibilities (which includes membership on an EPA Federal advisory committee) and private interests and activities, or the appearance of a lack of impartiality, as defined by Federal regulation. The form may be viewed and downloaded from the following URL address <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/epaform3110-48.pdf>.

The approved policy under which the EPA SAB Office selects subcommittees and review panels is described in the following document: *Overview of the Panel Formation Process at the Environmental Protection Agency*

Science Advisory Board (EPA-SAB-EC-02-010), which is posted on the SAB Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/ec02010.pdf>.

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Anthony F. Maciorowski,
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Staff Office.

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FEDERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS EXAMINATION COUNCIL

[Docket No. AS10-7]

Modification of the Annual National Registry Fee

AGENCY: Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council.

ACTION: Notice of modification of the annual National Registry fee to \$40.

SUMMARY: Under authority in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the Dodd-Frank Reform Act), the ASC modified the annual National Registry fee (Registry fee) to \$40 from the current \$25 amount at its meeting on October 13, 2010. The ASC raised the Registry fee to support its supervisory activities, including additional authority and responsibility under the Dodd-Frank Reform Act. The modified Registry fee of \$40 is effective on January 1, 2012. As of January 1, 2012, for all new appraiser credentials and all renewals of existing credentials, States are required to collect and transmit to the ASC the modified Registry fee of \$40.

The National Registry is a database of all State licensed and certified appraisers who are eligible to perform appraisals for federally related transactions. Through the National Registry, lenders and consumers can readily determine whether an appraiser holds the appropriate credential and remains in good standing with the State. Each State maintains procedures for certifying, licensing, supervising and disciplining appraisers. The ASC is responsible for monitoring States' appraiser regulatory programs.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 1, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James R. Park, Executive Director, at (202) 595-7575, or Alice M. Ritter, General Counsel, at (202) 595-7577, via Internet e-mail at jim@asc.gov and alice@asc.gov, respectively, or by U.S. Mail at Appraisal Subcommittee, 1401 H Street, NW., Suite 760, Washington, DC 20005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title XI of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 (Title XI), as amended, requires the ASC to maintain a national registry of State licensed and certified appraisers and to ensure that each State agency transmits to the ASC, along with an annual Registry fee, a roster of State certified and licensed appraisers who are eligible to perform appraisals in federally related transactions.

Title XI, as amended by the Dodd-Frank Reform Act, allows the ASC to modify the Registry fee to an amount not more than \$40. With approval of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, the ASC has authority to modify the Registry fee above \$40 to an amount not to exceed \$80.

At its meeting on October 13, 2010, the ASC approved a modification of the annual Registry fee to \$40 from the current \$25 amount, which had remained unchanged since 1989. The ASC raised the Registry fee to support its supervisory activities, including additional authority and responsibility under the Dodd-Frank Reform Act.

As addressed in ASC Policy Statement 8, *National Registry of State Certified and Licensed Appraisers*, Title XI requires States to transmit to the ASC a roster listing individuals who have received a State certification or license to perform appraisals and a Registry fee from those individuals. The Registry fee and roster requirements apply to all individuals who receive State certifications or licenses originally or by reciprocity. Moreover, the Registry fee is due to the ASC from each State in which an appraiser is certified or licensed.

To provide a reasonable transition period for implementation by the States of the modified Registry fee, the fee increase is effective on January 1, 2012. Accordingly, on or after January 1, 2012, for all new appraiser credentials and all renewals of existing credentials, States are required to collect and transmit to the ASC the modified Registry fee of \$40 in order for a credential to be reflected on the National Registry.

For States that issue multi-year certifications or licenses that do not require renewal in 2012, the modified Registry fee is due to the ASC on the date that the credential is renewed by the State. For example, if a State remitted \$50 to the ASC in 2011 for a two-year certification, the ASC would accept the amount as payment in full of the annual Registry fee for calendar years 2011 and 2012. The State would not have to collect the \$15 difference in the Registry fee amount for 2012. Upon

renewal of the two-year credential in 2013, the State would be required to remit \$80 to the ASC in order for the appraiser to remain on the National Registry in 2013 and 2014.

From the ASC's Web site (<http://www.asc.gov>), the public can access the National Registry for information on a credentialed appraiser. Certain personal information about an individual appraiser is protected by the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, and is not available to the public.

By the Appraisal Subcommittee.

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Deborah S. Merkle,
Chairman.

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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

[No. 2010-N-16]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals

AGENCY: Federal Housing Finance Agency.

ACTION: Submission of information collection for Approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review, revisions to the information collection, "Survey of FHLBank Economic Development Programs," OMB No. 2590-0010. Specifically, FHFA requests review of the use of surveys at an agency-sponsored conference being held October 25-26, 2010. The surveys will be used for open-forum discussions at the conference, and will be distributed prior to the conference with the intent that they will help to initiate and focus the discussions. The surveys are part of the collection of information that was previously submitted for emergency review and subsequently approved on August 19, 2010, under OMB No. 2590-0010, in connection with open-forum discussions that were held in August and September, 2010. Since that approval, one of the surveys has been substantively revised for its use in October, therefore FHFA is requesting emergency review of these revisions, in addition to the general use of the surveys in October. This revision did not result in a change in burden. The collection of information is due to

expire April 30, 2011. To allow interested persons to comment on this information collection, FHFA is publishing this notice and plans to submit a request for a three-year extension of OMB's approval.

Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Washington, DC 20503, Fax: 202-395-6974, E-mail: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov. Please also submit comments to FHFA using any one of the following methods and include "Comments: Survey of FHLBank Economic Development Programs, No. 2010-N-16" as the subject:

- E-mail: RegComments@fhfa.gov;
- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- U.S. Mail/Hand Delivery: Federal Housing Finance Agency, Fourth Floor, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

We will post all public comments we receive without change, including any personal information you provide, such as your name and address, on the FHFA Web site at <http://www.fhfa.gov>. In addition, copies of all comments received will be available for examination by the public on business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., at the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Fourth Floor, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552. To make an appointment to inspect comments, please call the Office of General Counsel at 202-414-6924.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about this information collection, or to obtain a copy with applicable supporting documentation, contact Charles McLean, Associate Director, Office of Housing and Community Investments, (202) 408-2537, Charles.McLean@fhfa.gov.

Overview of the Information Collection

Title of the Collection: Survey of FHLBank Economic Development Programs.

OMB No.: 2590-0010,

Expires: April 30, 2011.

Need and Use of the Information Collection: The Office of Housing and Community Investment (OHCI) of FHFA is conducting research and outreach initiatives to determine ways to enhance the Federal Home Loan Banks' (FHLBanks) capacity to meet the

nation's unmet economic development credit needs. At the conclusion of these processes, OHCI expects to propose for public comment amendments to the Community Investment Cash Advance (CICA) Regulation in late 2011.

Amending the regulation will update the regulatory standards to reflect current community and economic development investment strategies and priorities, and clarify a regulation that may be difficult to apply.

OHCI is conducting research and outreach initiatives in two phases. The first phase consisted of two on-line surveys and open-forum discussion sessions held in August and September 2010 at Federal Home Loan Banks in Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, and Des Moines. The open-forum discussion sessions were attended by approximately 120 community and economic development practitioners and experts from all segments of the community development field.

This request for an emergency ICR approval is for the second phase of the research and outreach initiatives. OHCI will host an Economic Development Conference in October 2010. This conference will be attended by OHCI staff, FHLBank staff and approximately 100 individuals representing economic development organizations from all segments of the community development field. Participants will discuss current and future national economic development issues, financing challenges, opportunities in the field, and best practices. OHCI staff will send four surveys electronically. At the conference, OHCI staff will conduct concurrent open-forum discussions and use the survey responses to initiate the discussions. The discussions will center on opportunities and challenges in using FHLBank financing to fund economic development projects and activities that will create jobs and spur economic growth. Information from the discussions at the FHLBanks and at the conference will be used to inform OHCI how the CICA regulation may be enhanced.

Affected Public: Private sector.

Costs: FHFA estimates that there will be no annualized capital/start-up costs for the respondents to collect and submit this information.

Type of Respondents: Federal Home Loan Bank Members, Economic and Community Development Trade Associations, State and Local Economic Development Authorities, and Economists.