MEMORANDUM FOR:   Write Your Own (WYO) Principal Coordinators  
and the NFIP Servicing Agent

FROM:   WYO Clearinghouse

SUBJECT:   Federal Register Notice on Financial Assistance/Subsidy Arrangement

Today, the Federal Emergency Management Agency published a notice in the Federal Register providing the terms for companies to subscribe or re-subscribe to the Arrangement for participation in the Write Your Own Program. A copy of the notice is attached.

If you have questions, please contact your WYO Business Analyst.

Attachment

c: Vendors, IBHS, FIPNC, WYO Standards Committee, Government Technical Representative

Suggested Routing: Accounting, Legal, Marketing, Underwriting

DATES: Effective Date: September 7, 2006.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated September 7, 2006, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of Arizona resulting from severe storms and flooding during the period of July 25 to August 4, 2006, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5206 (the Stafford Act). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of Arizona.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses. You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas, Hazard Mitigation throughout the State, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. If Other Needs Assistance under section 408 of the Stafford Act is later requested and warranted, Federal funding under that program will also be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director, under Executive Order 12148, as amended, Michael L. Karl, of FEMA is appointed to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of Arizona to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Pima and Pinal Counties, the Gila River Indian Community within Pinal County, and the Tohono O’odham Nation within Pima and Pinal Counties for Public Assistance.

All counties within the State of Arizona are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Cora Brown Fund Program; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services Program; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance; 97.048, Individuals and Households Housing; 97.049, Individuals and Households Disaster Housing Operations; 97.050 Individuals and Households Program-Other Needs, 97.036, Public Assistance Grants; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward L. Connor, FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, 202-646–3429 (Phone), 202–646–3445 (facsimile), or Edward.Connor@dhs.gov (e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Arrangement, approximately 90 private sector property insurers issue flood insurance policies and adjust flood insurance claims under their own names based on the Arrangement with the Federal Insurance Administration (FIA) (44 CFR part 62, appendix A). The WYO insurers receive an expense allowance and remit the remaining premium to the Federal Government. The Federal Government pays WYO insurers for flood losses and pays loss adjustment expenses based on a fee schedule. Litigation costs, including court costs, attorney fees, judgments, and settlements, are paid by FIA based on submitted documentation. The Arrangement provides that under certain circumstances reimbursement for litigation costs will not be made. The complete Arrangement is published in 44 CFR part 62, appendix A.

Each year FEMA is required to publish in the Federal Register and make available to the Companies the terms for subscription or re-subscription to the Financial Assistance/Subsidy Arrangement. During the 2005–2006 Arrangement year FEMA published (70 FR 59915, Sept. 23, 2005) notice of the changes to the Arrangement. No changes have been made to the Arrangement since the publication of the previous notice.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); Assistance to Private Sector Property Insurers


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Each year FEMA is required by the Write-Your-Own ("WYO") program Financial Assistance/Subsidy Arrangement ("Arrangement") to notify the private insurance companies ("Companies") and make available to the Companies the terms for subscription or re-subscription to the Arrangement. In keeping with that requirement, this notice provides the terms to the Companies to subscribe or re-subscribe to the Arrangement.

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During September 2006, FEMA will send a copy of the offer for the 2006–2007 Arrangement year, together with related materials and submission instructions, to all private insurance companies participating under the current 2005–2006 Arrangement. Any private insurance company not currently participating in the WYO Program but wishing to consider FEMA’s offer for 2006–2007 may request a copy by writing: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Mitigation Division, Attn: WYO Program; 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, or contact Edward Connor 202–646–3445 (facsimile), or Edward.Connor@dhs.gov (e-mail).


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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request


The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until November 17, 2006.

Written comments and suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially with regard to the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), USCIS, Director, Regulatory Management Division, Clearance Office, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529. Comments may also be submitted to DHS via facsimile to 202–272–8352 or via e-mail at rfs.regs@dhs.gov. When submitting comments by e-mail please make sure to add OMB Control Number 1615–0091 in the subject box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) Type of Information Collection: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document.


(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or households. This form is used to apply for a replacement of a Declaration of Intention, Naturalization Certificate, Certificate of Citizenship or Repatriation Certificate, or to apply for a special certificate of naturalization as a U.S. citizen to be recognized by a foreign country.

(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: 22,567 responses at 55 minutes (.916) per response.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: 20,671 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit the USCIS Web site at http://uscis.gov/graphics/formfee/forms/pra/index.htm. We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529, Telephone Number 202–272–8377.

Dated: September 13, 2006.


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