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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
 URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4200-N-32]

**Notice of Proposed Information
 Collection for Public Comment**

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Financial
 Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information
 collection requirement described below
 will be submitted to the Office of
 Management and Budget (OMB) for
 review, as required by the Paperwork
 Reduction Act. The Department is
 soliciting public comments on the
 subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments due:* April 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are
 invited to submit comments regarding
 this proposal. Comments should refer to
 the proposal by name and/or OMB
 Control Number and should be sent to:
 Erie T. Davis, Jr., CFO Management
 Staff, Department of Housing and Urban
 Development, 451 Seventh Street SW.,
 Room 2102, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Patrick Wallis, Telephone number (202)
 708-0313 (this is not a toll-free number)
 for copies of the proposed forms and
 other available documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
 Department will submit the proposed
 information collection to OMB for
 review, as required by the Paperwork
 Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C.
 Chapter 35, as amended).

The Notice is soliciting comments
 from interested persons regarding the
 burden estimated or any other aspect of
 this collection of information, including
 any of the following subject: (1) The
 necessity and utility of the proposed
 information collection for the proper
 performance of the agency's functions;
 (2) the accuracy of the estimated
 burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality,
 utility, and clarity of the information to
 be collected; and (4) the use of
 automated collection techniques or
 other forms of information technology to
 minimize the information collection
 burden.

This Notice also lists the following
 information:

Title of Proposal: HUD-27053,
 Request for Grant Payment, HUD-

27053A, Request for Homeless Grant
 Payment, HUD-27054 LOCCS Voice
 Response Access Authorization.

OMB Control Number: 2535-0102.

*Description of the need for the
 information and the proposed use:*
 HUD/CFO decided to process requests
 for payments to its grant recipients
 through a Voice Response System after
 the Department of Treasury closed
 down its Treasury Financial
 Communications System—Letter of
 Credit (TRCS-LOC) at the end of
 calendar year 1990. Under Voice
 Response, a caller submits a payment
 request directly to HUD using a touch
 tone telephone. The caller is greeted by
 a "DEC-TALK Simulator" prompting
 the caller to enter numbers and symbols
 from the touch tone keypad. The above
 mentioned forms will be used in lieu of
 the SF-270, Request for Advance or
 Reimbursement or the TFS-5805,
 Request for Funds, or the FMS-5401,
 Payment Voucher on Letter of Credit
 pursuant to the requirements of Circular
 A-102, A-110, and TFM 6-2000. These
 forms impose no additional burden on
 the recipient except for filling out the
 access authorization form. Recipients
 will fill out these forms in order to
 request payment of grant funds or to
 designate the appropriate officials who
 can have access to the HUD voice
 activated payment system. The request
 for payment forms have been specially
 designed to help the recipient when
 calling in for a request of funds. These
 forms will be used in lieu of the SF-270,
 Request for Advance or Reimbursement
 or the SF-5805, Request for Funds. In
 addition, these forms will be used as an
 internal control feature instituted to
 support and safeguard Federal funds, as
 well as provide a service to the
 recipients. The voice activated payment
 concept is the latest in technology and
 provides a recipient a fast, reliable
 method to obtain Federal funding. This
 method should improve the payment
 process because the recipient will know
 before he/she hangs up the phone
 whether their request will be paid or
 who to call if there is a problem and the
 request was not processed by the
 system. All requests processed by the
 system will be paid by ACH within 48
 hours. No duplication is involved with
 these forms since HUD will not require
 the SF-270, Request for Advance or
 Reimbursement. HUD is not using the
 SF-270, Request for Advance or
 Reimbursement because we wanted a
 custom designed form to prompt the
 caller to enter numbers and symbols
 from a touch tone keypad. The SF-270,
 Request for Advance or Reimbursement
 would not easily facilitate this type of
 payment method. The associated burden

is the minimum needed to request
 payment of funds. The Voice Response
 System will accept request of funds
 from a recipient on a daily basis.
 However, a recipient should be using
 good cash management practices and
 request payment of HUD funds
 administratively close to when they
 have to pay their bills. Therefore, the
 frequency a recipient requests funds
 will depend upon the types of activities
 he or she is managing. We [HUD] do not
 violate the guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.6.
 We consulted only with the Department
 of Health and Human Services in
 February 1990, concerning their system
 and the costs associated with using it.
 This payment system will require that
 the latest security features be installed
 to deter excessive fraudulent payments.
 Only a limited number of authorized
 officials will have access to the system
 for updating purposes. No sensitive
 questions are asked. Cost to the Federal
 Government is based on approximately
 \$.03 a copy for the form HUD-27054
 and \$.08 a copy for forms HUD-27053
 and HUD-27053A to be printed and
 distributed (including overhead) to
 recipients; *Frequency:* Annually;
*Affected Public: Number of
 Respondents:* 2,000; *Total Annual
 Responses:* 237,200; *Total Annual
 Hours:* 41,133.

Agency form numbers: HUD-27053,
 HUD-27053A, HUD-27054.

Members of affected public: State,
 Local or Tribal Governments, not-for-
 profit institutions.

An estimation of the total number of
 hours needed to prepare the information
 collection is 41,133, number of
 respondents is 2,000, frequency of
 response is annually and the total
 annual responses is 237,200.

*Status of the proposed information
 collection:* Extension of a currently
 approved collection.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork
 Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35,
 as amended.

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William H. Eargle, Jr.,
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 Accounting.

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**Federal Property Suitable as Facilities
 to Assist the Homeless**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant
 Secretary for Community Planning and
 Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.
