

information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the names and telephone numbers of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: December 15, 1997.

David S. Cristy,
Director, Information Resources, Management Policy and Management Division.

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB

Title of Proposal: American Housing Survey (AHS)—1998 Metropolitan Sample.

Office: Policy Development and Research.

OMB Approval Number: 2528-0016.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: The 1998 AHS is a longitudinal study that

collects current information on the quality, availability, and cost of housing in fifteen selected metropolitan areas. The study also provides information on demographic and other characteristics of the occupants. Federal and local government agencies use AHS data to evaluate housing issues.

Form Number: AHS-66(L), AHS-66(SP), AHS-68(L), and AHS-68(SP).

Respondents: Individuals or Households.

Frequency of Submission: On Occasion.

Reporting Burden:

	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Information Collection	70,793		1		.58		41,010

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 41,010.

Status: Reinstatement, with changes.

Contact: Ronald Sepanik, HUD, (202) 708-1060 x334, Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB, (202) 395-7316.

Dated: December 15, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-3918-N-15]

Privacy Act of 1974; Notice of a Computer Matching Program

AGENCY: Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ACTION: Notice of a Computer Matching Program between HUD and the Department of Education.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, (Pub. L. 100-503), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs (54 FR 25818 (June 19, 1989)), and OMB Bulletin 89-22, "Instructions on Reporting Computer Matching Programs to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Congress and the Public," the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is issuing a public notice of its intent to conduct a computer matching program with the Department of Education to utilize a computer information system of HUD, the Credit Alert Interactive Voice Response System (CAIVRS), with the Department of Education's debtor files. This match will allow prescreening of applicants for loans or loans guaranteed

by the Federal Government to ascertain if the applicant is delinquent in paying a debt owed to or insured by the Federal Government for HUD or the Department of Education for direct or guaranteed loans.

Before granting a loan, the lending agency and/or the authorized lending institution will be able to interrogate the CAIVRS' debtor file which contains delinquent debt information from the Departments of Agriculture, Education, Veterans Affairs, the Small Business Administration and judgment lien data from the Department of Justice, and verify that the loan is not in default on a Federal judgment or delinquent on direct or guaranteed loans of participating Federal programs. This match will allow prescreening of applicants for debts owed or loans guaranteed by the Federal Government to ascertain if the applicant is delinquent in paying a debt owed to or insured by the Federal Government.

Authorized users do a prescreening of CAIVRS to determine a loan applicant's credit status with the Federal Government. As a result of the information produced by this match, the authorized users may not deny, terminate, or make a final decision of any loan assistance to an applicant or take other adverse action against such applicant, until an officer or employee of such agency has independently verified such information.

DATES: *Effective date:* Computer matching is expected to begin February 4, 1998 unless comments are received which will result in a contrary determination, or 40 days from the date a computer matching agreement is signed, whichever is later.

Comments due by: February 4, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410.

Communications should refer to the above docket number and title. A copy of each communication submitted will be available for public inspection and copying between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION FROM RECIPIENT AGENCY CONTACT:

Jeanette Smith, Departmental Privacy Act Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th St., SW, Room 4178, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number (202) 708-2374. [This is not a toll-free number.]

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION FROM SOURCE AGENCY CONTACT:

Adara Walton, Branch Chief, Student Receivables Division, Department of Education, Regional Office Building, 7th & D Streets, SW, Washington, DC 20202, telephone number (202) 708-4766. [This is not a toll-free number.]

Reporting

In accordance with Pub. L. 100-503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, as amended, and Office of Management and Budget Bulletin 89-22, "Instructions on Reporting Computer Matching Programs to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Congress and the Public;" copies of this Notice and report are being provided to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget.

Authority: The matching program will be conducted pursuant to Pub. L. 100-503, "The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988," as amended, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-129 (Managing Federal Credit Programs) and A-70 (Policies and Guidelines for Federal Credit Programs). One of the purposes of all Executive departments and agencies—including HUD—is to implement efficient management practices for Federal credit programs. OMB Circulars A-129 and A-70 were issued under the authority of the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, as amended; the Budget and Accounting Act of 1950, as amended; the Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended; and, the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, as amended.

Objectives To Be Met by the Matching Program

The matching program will allow the Department of Education access to a system which permits prescreening of applicants for loans or loans guaranteed by the Federal Government to ascertain if the applicant is delinquent in paying a debt owed to or insured by the Government. In addition, HUD will be provided access to the Department of Education's debtor data for prescreening purposes.

Records To Be Matched

HUD will utilize its system of records entitled HUD/DEPT-2, *Accounting Records*. The debtor files for HUD programs involved are included in this system of records. HUD's debtor files contain information on borrowers and co-borrowers who are currently in default (at least 90 days delinquent on their loans); or who have any outstanding claims paid during the last three years on Title II insured or guaranteed home mortgage loans; or individuals who have had a claim paid in the last three years on a Title I loan. For the CAIVRS match, HUD/DEPT-2, System of Records, receives its program inputs from HUD/DEPT-28, Property Improvement and Manufactured (Mobile) Home Loans—Default; HUD/DEPT-32, Delinquent/Default/Assigned Temporary Mortgage Assistance Payments (TMAP) Program; and HUD/CPD-1, Rehabilitation Loans—Delinquent/Default.

The Department of Education will provide HUD with debtor files contained in its system of records (Title IV Program File, 18-40-0024). HUD is maintaining the Department of Education's records only as a ministerial action on behalf of the Department of Education, not as part of HUD's HUD/DEPT-2 system of records. The Department of Education's data contain information on individuals who have defaulted on their guaranteed loans. The Department of Education will retain

ownership and responsibility for their system of records that they place with HUD. HUD serves only as a record location and routine use recipient for the Department of Education's data.

Notice Procedures

HUD and the Department of Education have separate notification procedures. When the Federal credit being sought is a HUD/FHA mortgage, HUD will notify individuals at the time of application (ensuring that routine use appears on the application form). The Department of Education will notify individuals at the time of application for Federal student loan programs that their records will be matched to determine whether they are delinquent or in default on a Federal debt. HUD and the Department of Education will also publish notices concerning routine use disclosures in the **Federal Register** to inform individuals that a computer match may be performed to determine a loan applicant's credit status with the Federal Government.

Categories of Records/Individuals Involved

The debtor records include these data elements: SSN, claim number, the Department of Education's Regional Office Code, Collection Agency Code, program code, and indication of indebtedness. Categories of records include: records of claims and defaults, repayment agreements, credit reports, financial statements, and records of foreclosures. Categories of individuals include former mortgagors and purchasers of HUD-owned properties, manufactured (mobile) home and home improvement loan debtors who are delinquent or in default on their loans, and rehabilitation loan debtors who are delinquent or in default on their loans.

Period of the Match

Matching will begin at least 40 days from the date copies of the signed (by both Data Integrity Boards) computer matching agreement are sent to both Houses of Congress or at least 30 days from the date this Notice is published in the **Federal Register**, whichever is later, providing no comments are received which would result in a contrary determination.

Issued at Washington, DC, December 29, 1997.

Leslie H. Graham, Jr.,

Deputy Director, Office of Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

ACTION: Notice of Receipt of Applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Permit No. PRT-836329

Applicant: Don Blanton, Blanton & Associates, Inc., Austin, Texas.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for the following species within the state of Texas:

Birds

northern aplomado falcon (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*)
black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapillus*)
golden-cheeked warbler (*Dendroica chrysoparia*)
red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*)
bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)
Attwater's greater prairie chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido attwateri*)

Amphibian

Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*)

Mammals

ocelots (*Felis pardalis*)
jaguarundi (*Felis yagouaroundi cacomitli*)

Plants

Texas prairie dawn (*Hymenoxys texana*)
large-fruited sand verbena (*Abronia macrocarpa*)
Navasota ladies'-tresses (*Spiranthes parksii*)
Texas trailing phlox (*Phlox nivalis ssp. texensis*)
South Texas ragweed (*Ambrosia cheiranthifolia*)
Texas ayenia (*Ayenia limitaris*)
Walker's Manioc (*Manihot walkerae*)
ashy dogwood (*Thymophylla tephroleuca*)
Johnston's frankenia (*Frankenia johnstonii*)
Star cactus (*Astrophytum asterius*)
white bladderpod (*Lesquerella pallida*)

Permit No. PRT-836371

Applicant: Robert X. Barry, Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range, Luke AFB, Arizona.

Applicant requests authorization to conduct presence/absence surveys for