

Task	Number of respondents	Frequency of responses	Hours per response	Burden hours
Application Development .....	2	1	100	200
Number of copies to be submitted to Office of Lead Hazard Control for evaluation: Original and five (5) copies.				
Quarterly Reports .....	2	8	4	32
Total Estimated Burden Hours: 232				

*Status of the proposed information collection:* New Collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: May 26, 1998.

**David Jacobs,**

*Director, Office of Lead Hazard Control.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4351-N-07]

**Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Emergency Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before June 8, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1305. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB, for

emergency processing, an information collection package regarding random digit dialing (RDD) rent surveys. HUD is requesting a 7-day OMB review of this information collection.

Section 8(C)(1) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 requires the Secretary to publish Fair Market Rents (FMRs) annually to be effective on October 1 of each year. FMRs are used for the Section 8 Rental Certificate Program (including space rentals by owners of manufactured homes under that program); the Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy program; housing assisted under the Loan Management and Property Disposition programs; payment standards for the Rental Voucher program; and any other program whose regulations specify their use.

Random digit dialing (RDD) telephone surveys have been used for several years to adjust FMRs. These surveys are based on a sampling procedure that uses computers to select statistically random samples of telephone numbers to locate certain types of rental housing units for surveying. HUD contracts with a private company to conduct two types of RDD surveys: (1) Approximately 50 individual FMR areas are surveyed every year to test the accuracy of their FMRs; (2) In addition, 20 RDD surveys are conducted every year to provide updating factors for FMRs not surveyed individually and for Annual Adjustment Factors (AAFs.) These surveys are conducted in the nonmetropolitan portions of all 10 HUD regions, and in the 10 metropolitan portions that do not have their own Consumer Price Index (CPI) surveys.

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (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 agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

**Title of Proposal:** Section 8 Random Digit Dialing Fair Market Rent Telephone Survey.

**OMB Control Number:** 2528-0142.

**Description of the need for the information and proposed use:** This provides HUD with a fast, inexpensive way to estimate and update Section 8 Fair Market Rents (FMRs) in areas not covered by AHS or CPI surveys, and in areas where FMRs are believed to be incorrect. It also provides estimates of annual rent changes.

**Members of affected public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:** The RDD surveys require a great many telephone calls to reach the required number of eligible respondents—those living in 1 or 2 bedroom nonsubsidized rental housing, who had moved in recently. Most numbers are screened out on the first completed telephone call, which is brief. The few that are eligible are asked a longer series of questions, for a total elapsed time of about 4 minutes each. Information collection is voluntary.

**Status of the proposed information collection:** Pending OMB approval.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and Section 8(C)(1) of the United States Housing Act of 1937.

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**Paul A. Leonard,**

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