

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4652-N-12]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment for the Office of Public and Indian Housing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Improvement Plan (IP) in Connection With the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS)**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, 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 Date:* April 30, 2001.**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: Mildred M. Hamman, Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4238; Washington, DC 20410-5000.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mildred M. Hamman, (202) 708-3642 extension 4128, for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents. [This is not a toll-free number.]**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).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected 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 response.

This Notice also list the following information:

Title of Proposal. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Improvement Plan (IP).

OMB Control Number:

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: A Public Housing Agency (PHA) which is designated troubled or substandard under the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) must enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with HUD to outline its planned improvements. Similarly, a PHA which is a standard performer, but receives a total PHAS score of less than 70% but not less than 60% is required to submit an Improvement Plan (IP). These plans are designed to address deficiencies in a PHA's operations found through the PHAS assessment process (management, financial, physical, or resident related) and any other deficiencies identified by HUD through independent assessments or other methods.

Agency form number, if applicable: NA.

Members of affected public: Public Housing Agencies.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response: 939 respondents for either a MOA or in IP and either monthly or quarterly reports, 36 hours average response (including reporting), 34,026 hours total reporting burden hours.

Status of the proposed information collection: New collection.

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

Dated: February 21, 2001.

Gloria Cousar,

Acting General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4649-N-02]

Announcement of OMB Approval Number for Rural Housing and Economic Development Program**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.**ACTION:** Announcement of OMB Approval Number.**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to announce the OMB approval number for the collection of information pertaining to Rural Housing and Economic Development Program.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jackie Mitchell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-2290. This is not a toll-free number.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), this notice advises that OMB has responded to the Department's request for approval of the information collection pertaining to Rural Housing and Economic Development Program. The OMB approval number for this information collection is 2506-0169, which expires on November 30, 2003.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Dated: February 15, 2001.

Donna M. Abbenante,

Acting General Deputy Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4649-N-03]

Announcement of OMB Approval Number for Annual Progress Report (APR) for Competitive Homeless Assistance Program**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.**ACTION:** Announcement of OMB Approval Number.**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to announce the OMB approval number for the collection of information