

soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments due:* October 9, 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: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 800a, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Q, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne.Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2374 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

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 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: HUD Alternative for SF 424 Forms, Application for Federal Assistance and Attendant Forms.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2501-0017.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: HUD-alternative to the SF 424, Application for Federal Assistance, and directly related forms intended to offer consolidated and streamlined grant application processes in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 106-107, the Federal Financial Assistance Improvement Act of 1999.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-424, HUD-424-B, HUD-424-C.
Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: An estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the forms for each grant application is 1, however, the burden will be assessed against each individual grant program submission under the Paperwork Reduction Act; number of respondents is 9,091; frequency of response is on the occasion of application for benefits.

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.

Dated: July 27, 2001.

Wayne Eddins,

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. 4696-N-01]

Delegation of Authority From the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner to Serve on the Federal Housing Finance Board

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of Delegation of Authority from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner to serve on the Federal Housing Finance Board.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is delegating to the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner all of the Secretary's functions, powers, and duties as a director of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John P. Kennedy, Associate General Counsel for Finance and Regulatory Enforcement, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-2203. This is not a toll-free number. This number may be accessed via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2A(b)(1)(A) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1422a(d)(2)) as amended by Section 702(a) of Title VII of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989, provides that the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall serve as a director of the Federal Housing Finance Board. Under section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d), the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may delegate any of the Secretary's functions, powers and duties to such officers and employees of the Department as the Secretary may designate. In the delegation of authority issued today, the Secretary is delegating to the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner all of the Secretary's functions, powers and duties as a director of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

Accordingly, the Secretary delegates as follows:

Section A. Authority Delegated

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development delegates to the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner all of the Secretary's functions, powers and duties as a director of the Federal Housing Finance Board, under section 2A(b)(1)(A) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1422a(d)(2)) as amended by section 702(a) of Title VII of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989.

Section B. No Further Redlegation of Authority

The Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner may not redelegate the authority delegated in Section A to any other official or employee of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Section C. Delegations of Authority Superseded

This Delegation of Authority supersedes all delegations of authority concerning this function prior to August 1, 2001, including the delegation of authority dated May 25, 1993 (58 FR 45910).

Authority: Sec. 2A(b)(1)(A), Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1422a(d)(2)); sec. 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: August 1, 2001.

Mel Martinez,

Secretary.

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