

Development will submit the proposed information collection package 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 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. 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 programs 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 non-metropolitan portions of all 10 HUD regions, and in the 10 metropolitan portions that do not have their own Consumer Price Index (CPI) surveys.

*Members of affected public:* Individuals or households living in areas surveyed.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:*

Type of survey	Number of phone calls made	Average minutes each	Minutes	Hours
<b>TELEPHONE SURVEYS:</b>				
Number who pick up phone but are screened out .....	416,970	1.16	484,942	8,082
Total interviewed (movers and stayers) .....	42,205	4.32	182,364	3,039
<b>MAIL SURVEYS</b> .....	3,984	5.00	19,920	332
Annual Total .....	463,159	.....	687,226	11,453

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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**Lawrence L. Thompson,**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4737-N-01]

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: HOME Investment Partnership Program Study: 2001-2003**

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement concerning a project to obtain information on the HOME Investment Partnership Program Study 2001-2003 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 16, 2002.

**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: Report Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Room 8228, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judson James, Office of Policy

Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 8140, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number (202) 708-1336 extension 5707 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents may be obtained from Mr. James.

**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 to 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 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:* Mail survey of HOME Investment Partnership Program administrators regarding homebuyer activities funded by the HOME Program.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The information to be collected is part of a larger study, conducted by Abt Associates Inc., of homebuyer programs funded with HUD's HOME block grant program. Since HOME is the principal

HUD-funded program for supporting homebuyer assistance and homebuyer development programs, it is imperative that HUD understands the type of homebuyer programs being developed using HOME. All participating jurisdictions (PJS) will receive a mail survey designed to gather information about the key characteristics of homebuyer programs. The topics to be covered include: listing the individual homebuyer programs funded; general information on each of these programs; targeting eligibility for the programs; underwriting requirements; use of sub-recipients and contractors; counseling provided; marketing and outreach; program partners; use of direct assistance or development programs; and types of loan-level data available (but not about the loans themselves). The data will be used to develop a comprehensive database on HOME-

funded homebuyer programs. This research is intended to help HUD better understand the characteristics of homebuyer programs funded by the HOME program. This understanding is crucial in: (a) Determining how and to what extent the HOME program is being used for homebuyer activities; and (b) informing policy development decisions regarding the HOME program. At present there is no systematic information on how HOME funds are used to support homebuyer activities. This survey will fill this gap.

*Members of affected public:* State and local administrators of the HOME program.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection, including the number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:*

Types of respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Hours per respondent	Total burden hours
State and Local Program Administrators .....	595	1	1	595

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 595 (one time).

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

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

Dated: February 7, 2002.

**Lawrence L. Thompson,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Initial Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1018-\_\_\_\_\_, on Training Applications**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** 30-Day Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is announcing its intention to automate the collection of training applications and provide an optional alternative application specifically for the training conducted by the USFWS National Conservation Training Center. Applicants who wish to participate in training sponsored by the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) fill out a training request nomination application offered in both hard copy

and web registration format. Fish and Wildlife Service employees requesting non NCTC training or conference attendance complete the electronic SF-182 application via the Training Server Application. The USFWS currently utilizes the Office of Personnel Management, Standard Form 182 (Rev 12/79) which was designed with five or ten parts with carbon attachments and to be completed via type writer and is not kept electronically. The new form, which will be used by both Federal and non-Federal applicants is expected to take 3 to 12 minutes to fill out. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form.

We will submit the collection of information listed below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. If you wish to obtain copies of the proposed information collection requirement, related forms, and explanatory material, contact the Collection Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties should send comments and suggestions on specific requirements to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Interior Desk Officer, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503 and

they should send a copy of the comments to Rebecca Mullin, Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact Rebecca A. Mullin, Collection Clearance Officer at 703-358-2287, or electronically to: [Rebecca\\_Mullin@fws.gov](mailto:Rebecca_Mullin@fws.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and record keeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (We) has submitted a request to OMB to approve collection of information for the Service's training application form. We are requesting a 3-year approval for the information collection activity. Applicants who wish to participate in training sponsored by the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) fill out a training request nomination application offered in both hard copy and web registration format. Fish and Wildlife Service employees requesting non NCTC training or conference attendance complete the