

performance of functions to the agency, including if 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; (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who respond, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology that will reduce respondent burden (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

This notice also provides the following information:

Title of Proposal: Data Collection Techniques for Identifying the Housing Subsidy Status of Survey Respondents.

Description of the Need for Information and Proposed Use: The Department is conducting under contract a study to develop techniques to more accurately identify respondents' housing subsidy status in the American Housing Survey (AHS). The AHS provides information about the Nation's housing needs, with emphasis on the condition of the housing of low income households, as required by the Housing and Urban/Rural Recovery Act of 1983. The AHS data are also the basis of an annual report on housing quality that Congress requires of the President. Further, AHS data allow the Department

to evaluate the housing needs of low-income families.

Accuracy of the results has been an issue in past versions of the AHS. Specifically, a substantial proportion of respondents misidentify their housing subsidy status in the survey. This threatens the accuracy of information that is reported to Congress, and it also can lead the Department to provide inadequate amounts of housing assistance to low-income families.

Some housing subsidy misidentifications in the AHS involve a 'false positive' pattern: individuals who do not receive a housing subsidy based on program records indicate that they do receive a subsidy in the AHS. The present investigation is an attempt to determine whether alternative survey questions would reduce the number of false positives in the AHS.

To identify false positives, it is necessary to first identify individuals who believe themselves in receipt of a housing subsidy, then use program records to determine whether they are actually receiving a subsidy. In the present study, screening interviews matched with program records will be used to identify individuals who fit the false positive pattern. Alternative questions designed to more effectively identify false positives will be tested in a second interview with a sample of such individuals.

Members of the Affected Public: (1) Randomly selected individuals will participate in screening interviews; and (2) a subset of the randomly selected individuals will participate in a second interview.

Estimation of the Total Number of Hours Needed With Those Surveyed to Conduct the Information Collection, Including Number of Respondents, Frequency of Response, and Hours of Response: The researchers will complete screening interviews with 800 individuals. The individuals will be interviewed by telephone, in their homes, or in another place that is convenient for them. The screening interviews will involve questions about housing subsidies, to identify individuals who believe themselves in receipt of a subsidy. Fifteen individuals who believe themselves in receipt of a subsidy but who are not according to program records will participate in a second interview. This second interview will test alternative questions designed to more accurately identify individuals' housing subsidy status.

Estimation of the Total Number of Hours Needed With Those Surveyed to Conduct the Information Collection, Including Number of Respondents, Frequency of Response, and Hours of Response:

Types of respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Minutes per respondent	Total burden hours
Randomly selected individuals	800	1	5	67
Low-income individuals who incorrectly believe that they are receiving a housing subsidy	15	1	60	15
Total	815	82

Status of the Proposed Information Collection: Pending OMB for approval.

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

Dated: October 23, 2002.

Harold L. Bunce,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4734-N-63]

Notice of Submission of proposed Information Collection to OMB: Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Management Operations Certification

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been 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:* December 2, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2535-0106) and should be sent to: Lauren Wittenberg, OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; Fax number (202) 395-6974; E-mail Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2374. 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: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) The office of the agency to collect the information; (3) The OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) The description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) The agency form number, if applicable;

(6) What members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) How frequently information submissions will be required; (8) An estimate of the total number of hours to prepare the 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 name and telephone number of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Public Housing Assessment system (PHAS) Management Operations Certification.

OMB Approval Number: 2535-0106.

Form Numbers: HUD-50072.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: Public Housing Assessment Systems (PHAS) indicators will be used to assess the management performance of PHAS designated troubled PHAs and troubled with respect to the program, for assistance from the Capital Fund.

Respondents: Not-for profit institutions, state, Local or Tribal Government.

Frequency of Submission: Annually.

	Number of respondents	x	Annual responses	x	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	3,169		1		1.95		6,202

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 6,202.
Status: Revision of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: October 22, 2002.

Wayne Eddins,

Departmental Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4730-N-44]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired, (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988

court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless.

Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: October 24, 2002.

John D. Garrity,

Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Natural Gas Pipeline Right-of-Way Permit Application To Cross Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice advises the public that Eastern North Carolina Natural Gas, has applied for a right-of-way permit for the installation of a twelve (12)-inch outer-diameter natural gas pipeline across 8.5 acres of Roanoke River National Wildlife Refuge in Bertie County, North Carolina, described as follows: A right-of-way with a total width of twenty (20) feet on, over, across, and through that part of the Roanoke River National Wildlife lying

and being in Bertie County, North Carolina. The proposed route is within the existing Department of Transportation right-of-way.

The proposed pipeline will cross approximately 3.5 miles of refuge lands between Windsor and Williamston, North Carolina. Commencing at the Northern entrance to the refuge running along the highway to the Roanoke River.

The purpose of the notice is to inform the public that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is currently considering the merits of approving this application.

DATES: Interested persons desiring to comment on this application should do so within thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Room 400, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. You may also comment via the Internet to *Roger_Beckham@fws.gov*. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include "Attn: Roger Beckham" and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Realty, Roger Beckham, 1-800-419-9582. Finally, you may hand deliver comments to Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 400, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home