

infrastructure. Personnel levels are expected to remain the same.

The USCG also intends to replace the 41-foot UTBs with RB-Ms. In some cases, the RB-Ms will replace the 41-foot UTBs on a one-for-one basis. Some facilities may receive additional RB-Ms and supplementary personnel may be required. For Homeland Security considerations, the USCG may add additional RB-Ss and RB-Ms at existing USCG facilities. Actual homeporting of additional RB-Ms or RB-Ss will be addressed in follow-on NEPA documentation as necessary.

As part of the USCG's homeland security mission, some of the 700 RB-Ss will be used as part of the establishment and operation of Maritime Safety and Security Teams (MSSTs). Separate NEPA analyses are being conducted for the MSST program. The USCG is still formulating plans regarding the homeporting and personnel requirements of these boats. As homeporting decisions are made, the USCG will use this PEA as a tiering document, and if necessary, appropriate follow-on NEPA assessments will be completed.

Dated: April 2, 2003.

George Molessa,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Acquisition, Acting.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2003-14500]

Merchant Mariner's Documents: Forms and Procedures for Renewals and Issuances

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of policy.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard published a notice in the *Federal Register* on Thursday, February 20, 2003, in which we stated: "The Coast Guard will begin issuing Merchant Mariner's Documents (MMDs) [on] a new form to new applicants as soon as possible." The Coast Guard has since implemented new, more secure procedures to process new or "original" applicants and is now issuing MMDs on the new form.

DATES: The Coast Guard began issuing MMDs to original applicants on the new form on February 28, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, call Mr. Donald J. Kerlin, Deputy Director,

Coast Guard National Maritime Center (NMC), (202) 493-1006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MMDs both serve as identity cards for merchant mariners and provide information about the mariners' professional qualifications. MMDs, in the previously issued form (CG-2838 [Rev. 7-94]), serve the second of these purposes well enough; however, they no longer serve the first with sufficient confidence. The Coast Guard is replacing them using a new form (CG-2838 [Rev. 09/02]) that it will issue through a more secure process. It will make every effort to effect a smooth and easy transition from the old form to the new form. The issuance of MMDs on the new form for original applicants began on February 28, 2003.

Mariners may encounter delays incident to the new processes now in practice. For further information, mariners may contact their nearest Regional Exam Centers (RECs), a list of which appears at 46 CFR 12.01-7, or call Mr. Donald Kerlin at the National Maritime Center, 4200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 630, Arlington, VA 22203-1804, (202) 493-1006.

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 7301, 7302, 7303, 7304, 7305, 7503, 7505, and Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.

Dated: March 13, 2003.

Kevin J. Eldridge,

Rear Admiral, Coast Guard, Assistant Commandant for Governmental and Public Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4820-N-15]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Application for Multifamily Housing Project

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

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

DATES: Comments Due Date: June 9, 2003.

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 8003, Washington, DC 20410 or Wayne_Eddins@hud.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael McCullough, Director, Office of Multifamily Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 415 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1142 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting 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 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: Application for Multifamily Housing Project.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502-0029.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: This information collection is the basic application used in HUD/FHA multifamily insurance programs. The related exhibits are needed by HUD to determine project feasibility, and mortgagor/contractor acceptability. HUD analyzes specific information including financial data, cost data, drawings, and specifications to determine whether the proposed project meets program requirements for mortgage insurance. This is a revision to include form HUD-92013-E, which accompanies each application for any project intended to

provide housing for the elderly or the disabled for non-assisted housing.

Agency form numbers, if applicable. HUD-92013, HUD-92013-SUPP, HUD-92013-NHICF, & HUD-92013-E.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The estimated total number of burden hours needed to prepare the information collection is 168,680; the number of respondents is 6,350 generating approximately 6,350 annual responses, the frequency of response is on occasion; and the estimated time needed to prepare the response varies from 36 minutes to 68 hours.

Status of the proposed information collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: April 1, 2003.

Sean G. Cassidy,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing—Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4723-FA-31]

Announcement of Funding Awards for the Rural Housing and Economic Development Program; Fiscal Year 2002

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

ACTION: Notice of funding awards.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of funding decisions made by the Department in a competition for funding under the Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA) for the Rural Housing and Economic Development Program. This announcement contains the names of the awardees and the amounts of the awards made available by HUD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jackie Williams-Mitchell, Director, Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 7137, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-2290 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- and speech-impaired persons may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339. For general information on this and other HUD programs, call Community Connections at 1-800-998-9999 or visit the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Rural Housing and Economic Development

program was authorized by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999. The competition was announced in the SuperNOFA published March 26, 2002. Applications were rated and selected for funding on the basis of selection criteria contained in that Notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.250.

The Rural Housing and Economic Development Program is designed to build capacity at the State and local level for rural housing and economic development and to support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas. Eligible applicants are local rural non-profit organizations, community development corporations, Indian tribes, and State housing finance agencies. The funds made available under this program were awarded competitively, through a selection process conducted by HUD in consultation with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

For the Fiscal Year 2002 competition, a total of \$25,000,000 was awarded to 101 projects nationwide. In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing the grantees and amounts of the awards in appendix A to this document.

Dated: March 27, 2003.

Roy A. Bernardi,

Assistant Secretary for Community, Planning and Development.

APPENDIX A.—FISCAL YEAR 2002 FUNDING AWARDS FOR RURAL HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Applicant	City	State	Award
Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc	Anchorage	AK	\$400,000
Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc	Fairbanks	AK	400,000
The Hale Empowerment and Revitalization Organization	Greensboro	AL	93,153
Ark of Love Ministries	Hayneville	AL	110,400
South Arkansas Community Development	Arkadelphia	AR	150,000
Southern Financial Partners	Arkadelphia	AR	150,000
Community Development Partnership	Eureka Springs	AR	149,954
Native Resources Developer, Inc	Pago Pago Samoa	AS	145,000
International Sonoran Desert Alliance	Ajo	AZ	150,000
Elfrida Citizens' Alliance, Inc	Elfrida	AZ	150,000
White Mountain Apache CDC	McNary	AZ	400,000
Comite de Bien Estar, Inc	San Luis	AZ	400,000
Catholic Community Services in Southeastern AZ	Sierra Vista	AZ	400,000
PPEP Microbusiness and Housing Development Cor	Tucson	AZ	400,000
White Mountain Apache Tribe of the Fort Apache Reservation	Yuma	AZ	400,000
Campesinos Unidos, Inc	Brawley	CA	150,000
Timbisha Shoshone Tribe	Brawley	CA	149,112
Housing Assistance Corporation	Fresno	CA	150,000
Community Advocacy Foundation	Fresno	CA	400,000
South County Housing Corporation	Gilroy	CA	400,000
North Fork Community Development Council, Inc	North Fork	CA	100,000