

component responsible for this information collection. For administrative reasons pending final organization realignment decisions, the legacy INS Office of Records, which has overall responsibility for the Employment Eligibility Confirmation Pilot Program, was temporarily placed within ICE, as reflected correctly in the September 19 initial notice. In early October, the INS Office of Records was formally transferred to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS). Therefore the second notice should have listed the CIS as the DHS component responsible for this information collection. Accordingly, the public has 30-days until January 9, 2004 to submit comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10. Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the estimated public burden and associated time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Homeland Security Office, 725—17th Street, NW., Suite 10102, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-5806.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- (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 agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (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, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

- (1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved collection.
- (2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Memorandum of Understanding to

Participate in an Employment Eligibility Confirmation Pilot Program.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* No agency form number; File No. OMB-18, SAVE Program, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Individuals or households. Employers electing to participate in a pilot will execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration (if applicable), that provides the specific terms and conditions governing the pilot and company information for each site that will be performing employment verification queries.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 5,000 responses at 1 hour and 20 minutes (1.33 hours) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 6,650 hours annually.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan, Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, Department of Homeland Security, 425 I Street, NW., Room 4034, Washington, DC 20536; (202) 514-3291. Comments and suggestions regarding items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Steve Cooper, PRA Clearance Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Office of Chief Information Officer, Regional Office Building 3, 7th and D Streets, SW., Suite 4636-26, NW., Washington, DC 20202.

Dated: December 4, 2003.

Richard A. Sloan,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB: Request for Withdrawals from Replacements Reserves/Residual Receipts Funds

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.

The proposed information is to be submitted by multifamily project owners to request authorization to withdraw funds from Replacements Reserves funds and/or Residual Receipts Funds. Invoices, receipts, and other documentation are submitted with the request.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* January 9, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and OMB approval number (2502—pending) 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, AYO, 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 or on HUD's Web site at <http://www5.hud.gov:63001/po/i/icbts/collectionsearch.cfm>.

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 needed 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: Request for Withdrawals from Replacements Reserves/Residual Receipts Funds.

OMB Approval Number: 2502—pending.

Form Numbers: HUD-9250.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: The proposed information is to be submitted by multifamily project owners to request authorization to withdrawal funds from Replacements Reserves funds and/or Residual Receipts Funds. Invoices, receipts, and other documentation are submitted with the request.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions, State, local or tribal government.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion averaging once per annum.

	Number of respondents:	Annual responses:	×	Hours per response:	=	Burden hours:
Reporting Burden	8,500	8,500		0.50		4,250

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 135.

Status: This an existing collection in use without an OMB control number.

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

Dated: December 3, 2003.

Wayne Eddins,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Division of International Conservation Requests for Proposals

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (We) will submit the collection of information described below to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. An estimate of the information collection burden is included in this notice. If you wish to obtain copies of the proposed information collection requirement, related forms, and/or explanatory material, contact the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address listed below.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before February 9, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on specific requirements to the Information 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 submission, explanatory information, and/or related forms, contact Anissa Craghead, Information Collection Clearance Officer, at 703-358-2445 or electronically at Anissa_Craghead@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies be given an opportunity to comment on information collection and record keeping activities (*see* 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). We are submitting a request to OMB to approve: (1) The revision of the collection of information for four of our multinational species conservation grant fund requests for proposals (Form numbers 3-2214 through 3-2217), and (2) the addition of two new requests for proposals (Form numbers 3-2263 and 3-2264). We are requesting a three-year term of approval for this information collection activity. Federal agencies 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. The OMB control number for this collection of information is 1018-0123.

Revisions to the currently approved requests for proposals include updating application forms to: (1) Comply with new Government-wide policy directing all funding programs to request Dunn & Bradstreet registration from all applicants; (2) reformat to comply with new Government-wide policies prescribing a standard RFP format; (3) add additional instructions for

applicants; (4) request from domestic applicants the submission of standard forms 424, 424a, 424b and DI 2010; and (5) reformat the application cover page form to fit on one page. In addition, two new requests for proposals have been added to the information collection in order to meet our obligations under the requirements of the Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere. The two new requests for proposals and associated forms will be translated into Spanish for the convenience of our Latin American and Caribbean applicants. The new requests for proposals (forms 3-2263 and 3-2264) are noted in the table below. In addition, this information collection is currently titled, "Multinational Species Conservation Fund Requests for Proposals." Due to the addition of two new requests for proposals that are not part of the Multinational Species Conservation Fund, we are proposing to change the title of this information collection to "Division of International Conservation Requests for Proposals."

The information obtained from the first four requests for proposals listed below will be used to select conservation projects for grant funding in accordance with the criteria in several Acts of Congress. The Acts of Congress include the African Elephant Conservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 4201-46), the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 5301-06), the Asian Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4261-4266), and the Great Ape Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 6301-6305). The information obtained from the final two requests for proposals will be used to select conservation projects for grant funding in accordance with the U.S. Government's obligations under the Western Hemisphere Convention, and