

should address: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operations, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the CBP request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*Title:* Accreditation of Commercial Testing Laboratories; Approval of Commercial Gaugers.

*OMB Number:* 1651-0053.

*Form Number:* None.

*Abstract:* The Accreditation of Commercial Testing Laboratories; Approval of Commercial Gaugers are used by individuals or businesses desiring CBP approval to measure bulk products or to analyze importations. This recognition is required of businesses wishing to perform such work on imported merchandise.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to the information collection. This submission is being submitted to extend the expiration date.

*Type of Review:* Extension (without change).

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 250.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 60 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 250.

*Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public:* \$2,500.

Dated: December 10, 2003.

**Tracey Denning,**

*Agency Clearance Officer, Information Services Group.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request; African Growth and Opportunity Act Certificate of Origin

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the African Growth and Opportunity Act Certificate of Origin. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before February 17, 2004, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Information Services Group, Room 3.2.C, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20229.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Attn.: Tracey Denning, Room 3.2.C., 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20229, Tel. (202) 927-1429.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CBP invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3505(c)(2)). The comments should address: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operations, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the CBP request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*Title:* African Growth and Opportunity Act Certificate of Origin.

*OMB Number:* 1651-0082.

*Form Number:* None.

*Abstract:* The collection of information is required to implement the duty preference provisions of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGO) to provide extension of duty-free treatment under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) to sensitive articles normally excluded from GSP duty treatment. It also provides for the entry of specific textile and apparel articles free of duty and free of any quantitative limits to the countries of sub-Saharan Africa.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to the information collection. This submission is being submitted to extend the expiration date.

*Type of Review:* Extension (without change).

*Affected Public:* Individuals, businesses.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 440.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 23 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 10,400.

*Estimated Total Annualized Cost on the Public:* \$239,269.

Dated: December 10, 2003.

**Tracey Denning,**

*Agency Clearance Officer, Information Services Group.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4818-N-15]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Telephone Surveys of Nonprofit Sponsors of HUD-Assisted Properties for the Elderly Regarding Knowledge of or Experience With HUD's Assisted Living Conversion Program

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below 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:** Comment Due Date February 17, 2004.

**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: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl A. Levine, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8140, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-0614, x3928. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Levine.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Housing and Urban 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:* Telephone Surveys of Nonprofit Sponsors of HUD-assisted Properties for the Elderly Regarding Knowledge of or Experience with HUD's Assisted Living Conversion Program.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The information to be collected is part of a larger study, conducted by Econometrica Inc. and Abt Associates Inc., of the early implementation and outcomes of the Assisted Living Conversion Program. Specifically, the study will look at the characteristics of projects eligible to apply for the ALCP; the characteristics of funded projects and the experience of funded grantees with the conversion process; and for eligible project sponsors who have not applied for funding, the reasons they

have not applied. Two telephone surveys of sponsors will be administered. The first survey will be administered to a sample of 50 eligible non-applicant sponsors. This survey will focus on the respondents' level of familiarity with the ALCP and, for those who knew about the program, the reasons they decided not to apply. The second survey will be administered to all of the ALCP grantees that have not yet completed their conversions (approximately 35 respondents.) This survey will focus on the grantees' experience with applying for and implementing the ALCP grant. (Site visits will be conducted to up to eight completed projects; completed projects will not be included in the telephone surveys.) The information sought in both surveys is not currently available from any other source. The data will be compiled in a database for analysis for the study's final report. This research is intended to help HUD document strategies of successful grantees, identify barriers to full utilization of the program, and assess future needs that can be met by the program.

*Members of affected public:* Nonprofit sponsors of HUD-assisted projects built primarily for elderly occupancy.

*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	Minutes per respondent	Total burden hours
ALCP grantees that have not completed conversion .....	35	35	60	35
Eligible non-applicants for the ALCP .....	50	50	45	37.5

*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.

Dated: December 9, 2003.

**Darlene F. Williams,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Idaho**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** Jerome County, Idaho has applied for an R&PP lease on public lands along the north rim of the Snake River Canyon for recreation purposes, including kiosks, staging areas, equestrian, motorized and non-motorized, and pedestrian trails. The land would be developed through partnerships with recreation groups and organizations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Baker, at (208) 732-7200.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following public lands near the community of Jerome, Jerome County, Idaho have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease to Jerome County, Idaho under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*):

**Boise Meridian**

(Those portions south of Interstate 84.)  
 T. 9 S., R. 17 E.,  
 Sec. 14: S1/2SW;  
 Sec. 15: SW, SWNW;  
 Sec. 19: Lots 2, 8, 9, SENW;  
 Sec. 20: N1/2SE;  
 Sec. 21: E1/2, E1/2W1/2, SWNW, SW;  
 Sec. 22: W1/2, W1/2SWSE, W1/2E1/2SWSE, NWSE, SWNE, W1/2W1/2SENE, N1/2NE;  
 Sec. 23: All;