

Fire Administrator, U.S. Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727. Copies of the minutes will be available upon request within 60 days after the meeting.

Dated: December 5, 2003.

**R. David Paulison,**

*U.S. Fire Administrator, Director of the Preparedness Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4650-N-102]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Customer Satisfaction Surveys

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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:** Comments due: February 20, 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: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Q, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 800a, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Q, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail [Wayne\\_Eddins@HUD.gov](mailto:Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov); telephone (202) 708-2374 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

**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 affecting 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 through 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:* Customer Satisfaction Surveys.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2535-New.

*Respondents:* Individuals, Business, or other for-profit, Not-for profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Executive Order 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards" requires that Federal agencies provide the highest quality service to our customers by identifying them and determining what they think about our services. The surveys covered in the request for a generic clearance will provide HUD a means to gather this data directly from our customers.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* None.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* The burden hours per response will vary with each survey; however, we estimate an average burden of sixty minutes for each survey. We estimate that HUD will survey respondents on occasion. Therefore, the total annual estimate is one burden hour per respondent.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* This is a new collection.

**Authority:** Sec. 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: December 12, 2003.

**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-4815-N-103]

### Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB: Rural Housing and Economic Development Grant Application

**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 collection is to be used for selection of applicants for Rural Housing and Economic Development program grant funds to develop the capacity for housing and economic development activities in rural areas and for innovative grants for housing and economic development.

**DATES:** Comments Due Date: January 21, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and OMB approval number (2506-0169) 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](mailto:Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail [Wayne\\_Eddins@HUD.gov](mailto: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:* Rural Housing and Economic Development Grant Application.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2506-0169.

*Form Numbers:* SF 424, HUD.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:* The

proposed information collection is to be used for selection of applicants for Rural Housing and Economic Development program grant funds to develop the capacity for housing and economic development activities in rural areas and for innovative grants for housing and economic development.

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

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
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*Status:* Reinstatement, without change, of previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

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

Dated: December 15, 2003.

**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-4882-N-02]

**America's Affordable Communities Initiative, HUD's Initiative on Removal of Regulatory Barriers: Proposals for Incentive Criteria on Barrier Removal in HUD's Funding Allocations; Extension of Public Comment Deadline**

**AGENCY:** Office of the General Counsel, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On November 25, 2003, HUD published a notice that announced HUD's intention to establish in the majority of its FY2004 Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs), including HUD's SuperNOFA, a policy priority for increasing the supply of affordable housing through the removal of regulatory barriers. This new policy priority will be added to the list of policy priorities that HUD traditionally includes in its NOFAs. As a policy priority (and like the other policy priorities), higher rating points will be available to governmental applicants that are able to demonstrate successful efforts in removing regulatory barriers to affordable housing, and to nongovernmental applicants that are

associated with jurisdictions that have undertaken successful efforts in removing barriers. HUD also solicited comment on the November 25, 2003, notice. The purpose of this notice is to announce that the public comment due date has been extended to January 12, 2004.

**DATES:** *Comment Due Date:* January 12, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this rule to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-0500. Comments should refer to the above docket number and title. A copy of each communication submitted will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours (weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time) at the above address. Facsimile (FAX) comments are not acceptable.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Camille E. Acevedo, Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of General Counsel, Room 10282, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-0500, telephone (202) 708-1793 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As noted in the Summary portion of this notice, on November 25, 2003 (68 FR 66294), HUD announced its intention to establish in the majority of its FY2004 Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs), including HUD's SuperNOFA, a policy priority for increasing the supply of affordable housing through the removal of regulatory barriers. The

November 25, 2003, notice describes in detail the proposal and also solicited public comment, and provided a public comment through December 29, 2003. The purpose of this notice published in today's **Federal Register** is to announce that the public comment due date has been extended to January 12, 2004.

Dated: December 16, 2003.

**A. Bryant Applegate,**

*Senior Counsel and Director of America's Affordable Communities Initiative.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**List of Programs Eligible for Inclusion in Fiscal Year 2004 Annual Funding Agreements To Be Negotiated With Self-Governance Tribes by Interior Bureaus Other Than the Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice lists programs or portions of programs that are eligible for inclusion in Fiscal Year 2004 annual funding agreements with self-governance tribes and lists programmatic targets for each of the non-BIA bureaus, pursuant to section 405(c)(4) of the Tribal Self-Governance Act.

**DATES:** This notice expires on September 30, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Inquiries or comments regarding this notice may be directed to the Office of Self-Governance (MS-2548, MIB), 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240-0001. Telephone (202) 219-0240 or to the bureau points of contact listed below.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**