

Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* June 28, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kurt Usowski, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-0426 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of the proposed data collection instruments and other available documents may be obtained from Mr. Usowski.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department will submit the proposed information collection 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 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:* Updating the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Database.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Section 42 of the I.R.C. provides for Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) that encourages the production of qualified low-income housing units. Due to the decentralized nature of the LIHTC program, there are few data available on the units that are currently being developed with this federal tax subsidy. The Department of Housing and Urban Development, while not responsible for administering tax credits, has special responsibilities in understanding and

evaluating credit usage, both because the LIHTC helps provide for the housing needs of low-income persons and because credits work in conjunction with HUD subsidies in some units.

Absent this data collection, HUD will not have at its disposal the most current, comprehensive LIHTC data, rendering HUD unable to determine the types of areas in which the units are located, the concentration of such units geographically and with respect to other subsidized housing types, or whether incentives to develop LIHTC units in a set of HUD designed Difficult Development Areas has been effective. In addition, without these data, both HUD and private researchers will be unable to conduct sample-based studies on the LIHTC due to the difficulty of constructing a valid sample without a complete data set on the universe of LIHTC projects.

*Members of affected public:* Information will be solicited from the 58 agencies (predominantly state-level) that allocate credits under section 42 of the I.R.C.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:*

*Number of respondents:* 58.

*Number of responses per respondent:* 01.

*Total number of responses per annum:* 58.

*Hours per response:* 24.

*Total hours:* 1,392.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Pending OMB approval.

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

Dated: April 19, 2004.

**Darlene F. Williams,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4909-N-05]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment on the Mortgage Seekers Survey

**AGENCY:** Office of the 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:** *Comments Due Date:* June 28, 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, Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Reeder, Director, Housing Finance Analysis Division, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-5000; (202) 708-0421, extension 5876. (This is not a toll-free number). Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Reeder.

**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 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 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:* Mortgage Seekers Survey.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* This request is for the clearance of a survey instrument designed to measure the experience of Americans who have recently been through the process of seeking a mortgage. Especially important in this study is to evaluate the

potential differences in experiences of minorities when seeking a mortgage. The purpose of the survey is to: (1) Identify those who have been through the mortgage seeking process in the past year, or purchased a first home within the past 3 years; (2) Ascertain the level of preparation, support, and knowledge before beginning the search for a mortgage, as well as identifying specific behaviors and experiences during the mortgage seeking process; and (3) Conduct a large enough survey, using disproportionate sampling, to assess the experiences of specific racial/ethnic groups versus the national average. Specific groups of interest are African Americans, and Hispanics/Latinos.

*OMB Approval Number:* Pending.

*Agency Form Numbers:* None.

*Members of Affected Public:*

Individuals.

*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 primary study will involve screening 9,473 households and 1,800 individuals will be surveyed. Average time to complete the screener is 2 minutes, and the time to complete the survey is 15 minutes. Respondents will only be contacted once. Total burden hours are 770.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Pending OMB approval.

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

Dated: April 19, 2004.

**Darlene F. Williams,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4904-N-07]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting System

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, 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 Date:* June 28, 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: Shelia Jones, Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 7232, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jan Oppen, Senior Program Officer, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Office of Community Planning and Development, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone number: (202) 708-3587, ext. 4538 (this is not a toll-free number).

**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 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:* Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting System.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2506-0165.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* HUD needs to collect information with Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting System to comply with quarterly Congressional reporting requirements with respect to the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds awarded under several appropriations for disaster recovery assistance and for other related program management purposes. Use of this system for reporting purposes is mandatory. Once

submitted to HUD, information is public.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* N/A.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the Information Collection:* 10960 hours.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 82 respondents.

*Frequency of response:* quarterly.

*Hours for response annually per respondent:* 128 for 80 respondents; 360 for 2 respondents.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: April 20, 2004.

**Roy Bernardi,**

*Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4912-N-05]

### Notice of Availability of a Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the World Trade Center Memorial and Redevelopment Plan in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, NY

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) gives notice to the public, agencies, and Indian tribes that a final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (Final GEIS) for the World Trade Center Memorial and Redevelopment Plan (Proposed Action) has been completed and is available for review and comment. This notice is given on behalf of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC). LMDC is a subsidiary of the Empire State Development Corporation (a political subdivision and public benefit corporation of the State of New York). As the recipient of HUD Community Development Block Grant funds appropriated for the World Trade Center disaster recovery and rebuilding efforts, LMDC acts, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5304(g), as the responsible entity for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 24 CFR 58.4. LMDC also acts under its authority as lead agency in accordance with the New