

Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, a survey instrument to obtain information from faith based and community organizations on their likelihood and success at applying for various funding programs. 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:* Ginnie Mae Mortgage-Backed Securities Programs.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2503-Pending.

*Form Numbers:* 11700, 11702, 11704, 11707, 11710-A-E, 11714, 11714-SN, 11705, 11706, 11708, 11709, 11709-A, 11715, 11720, 11712-I, 11712-II, 11717, 11717-II, 11724, 11728, 11728-II, 11731, 11734, 11747, 11747-II, 11772-II, 11732, 11711-A, 11711-B, 11748-C, 11748-A.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:* This is a request for approval for Ginnie Mae to continue to collect information currently approved under OMB control numbers: 2503-0001, 2502-0004, 2503-0009, 2503-0010, 2503-0015, 2503-0016, 2503-017, 2503-0018, and 2503-0026. HUD is requesting these information collections be consolidated under a single OMB control number. The information is used to facilitate participation of issuers/customers in the Mortgage-Backed Securities programs and to monitor performance and compliance with established rules and regulations.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion, Quarterly, Monthly, and Annually

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
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*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 47,203.

*Status:* Submitted as a New Collection.

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

Dated: July 15, 2004.

**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-4910-N-17]

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment; Periodical Estimate for Partial Payment and Related Schedules**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, 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:* September 20, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB Control number and should be sent to: Sherry Fobear McCown, Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4116, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sherry Fobear McCown, (202) 708-0713, extension 7651, for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents (This is not a toll-free number. The forms are also accessible through HUD's HUDCLIPS Web site at <http://www.hudclips.org/cgi/index.cgi>.

**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:* Periodical Estimate for Partial Payment and Related Schedules.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577-0025.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Housing Agencies are responsible for contract administration to ensure that the work for project development is done in accordance with State laws and HUD requirements. Contract/subcontractor reports provide details, and summaries of payments, change orders, and schedule of materials stored for the project.

*Agency form number:* HUD-51001, 51002, 51003, 51004.

*Members of affected public:* Public Housing Agencies, State, or local, or tribal governments.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents:* 3,527 respondents, 14,075 responses average annually, 2.15 hours average response, 51,124 hours total reporting and recordkeeping burden hours.

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

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

Dated: July 16, 2004.

**William O. Russell III,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Public Housing Voucher Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Application; Native Endangered and Threatened Species

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has submitted the collection of information described below to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. A description of the information collection requirement is included in this notice. If you wish to obtain copies of the proposed information collection requirement, related forms, or explanatory material, contact the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address or telephone number listed below.

**DATES:** OMB has up to 60 days to approve or deny information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, you must submit comments on or before August 23, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments on the information collection requirement to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA via fax at (202) 395-6566; or via e-mail at [OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov). Also, please submit a copy of your comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service's Information Collection Clearance Officer via mail at: Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop 222-ARLSQ, Arlington, Virginia 22203; or via fax at (703) 358-2269; or via e-mail at [Anissa\\_Craghead@fws.gov](mailto:Anissa_Craghead@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the information collection requirement, explanatory information, or related forms, contact Anissa Craghead, Information Collection Clearance Officer by telephone at (703)

358-2445, or by e-mail at [Anissa\\_Craghead@fws.gov](mailto:Anissa_Craghead@fws.gov). You may also contact Mary Klee, Endangered Species Program, by telephone at (703) 358-2061 or by e-mail at [Mary\\_Klee@fws.gov](mailto:Mary_Klee@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Endangered Species Act (ESA) provides for the protection of listed species through establishment of programs for their recovery and through prohibition of harmful activities. The ESA also provides for a number of exceptions to its prohibitions against "take" of listed species. Under sections 6 and 10 of the ESA, regulations have been promulgated at 50 CFR 17.22 (endangered wildlife species), 17.32 (threatened wildlife species), 17.62 (endangered plant species), and 17.72 (threatened plant species) to guide implementation of these exceptions to the "take" prohibitions through permitting programs. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's general permit regulations can be found at 50 CFR 13. Take authorized under this permit program would otherwise be prohibited by the ESA. The permit issuance criteria are designed to ensure that the requirements of the ESA are met, *i.e.*, that conduct of the requested actions and issuance of the permit will enhance the survival of the species.

The Office of Management and Budget (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 have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (we) have submitted a request to OMB to renew its existing approval of the collection of information for Native Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications, OMB control number 1018-0094, which expires on July 31, 2004. We are requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

A previous 60-day notice on this information collection requirement was published in the **Federal Register** on April 9, 2004 (69 FR 18924) inviting public comment. In addition to publishing a **Federal Register** notice, we sent surveys to 9 permittees and asked them to review the forms relating to the permits they hold and comment on the clarity and relevance of the information collection, the burden associated with

the collection, and whether there is something the Service could do to minimize the burden. We received a total of 7 comments, 1 comment on the **Federal Register** notice and 6 comments on the survey. Three of the comments were from individuals and four of the comments were from organizations.

We received one comment on the previous **Federal Register** notice from an individual. The commenter opposed the information collection and suggested that we should eliminate the permit application forms. We will continue to use the permit application forms because the information collection in the forms is necessary in order to satisfy public requests for permits. Elimination of this information collection would result in the Service's inability to respond to permit requests.

Six of the 9 permittee surveys were completed and returned to us. The comments we received on the application forms were very favorable. Respondents believed the forms were easily available, and the instructions were clear. Their burden hour estimates for completing the permit application forms and annual reports were generally within the numerical range of estimates provided by our Regions, and within the Service's estimated national averages.

One respondent for form 3-200-54 (Enhancement of Survival) suggested we develop guidelines for permit applicants on determining the baseline conditions and habitat enhancement/restoration practices. They also suggested that these guidelines should be based on different groups of species because the baseline conditions for a large mammal is quite different than that of an amphibian. We will forward this suggestion to our permit staff.

One respondent for form 3-200-55 (Recovery and Interstate Commerce) suggested that we include an example of a completed permit application to show the level of detail desired. They also suggested that we send a reminder letter when a permit is going to expire. We already have such a letter that can be automatically generated from a query in our permit database. We will forward this suggestion to our permit staff and prompt them to send out the reminder letters.

The respondents' varying estimates for the burden hours for form 3-200-56 (Incidental Take) was due to the fact that their permitted activities had varying complexities. For example, one respondent may have two complex, multi-species Habitat Conservation Plans while another respondent may have a simple, low impact HCP. The information collection burden of the permit application for a complex action