

*Name of Committee:* U.S. Fire Administration Policy and Program Advisory Board.

*Purpose and Objectives:* The Committee advises the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Under Secretary of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate.

The Board will provide advice and recommendations on policy and program issues as identified by the U.S. Fire Administrator (USFA) with the goal of reducing the Nation's fire problem and enhancing emergency management training and program policies, processes and procedures through enhanced research, programs and training to assure the nation's resources are better prepared to prevent, mitigate, respond to and recover from major emergencies or disasters regardless of cause or magnitude.

USFA will create Subcommittees that will be necessary to fulfill the Board's mission. In addition, USFA and the Board will establish such operating procedures as required to support the group, consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended.

*Balanced Membership Plans:* The Committee shall be comprised of nine members. The Secretary shall appoint the members of the Board from among professionals in the fields of fire safety, fire prevention, fire control, research and development in fire protection, treatment and rehabilitation of fire victims, or local government services management, and from such professional organizations as will ensure a balanced representation of fire and emergency services interests. Members will be appointed as Special Government Employees (SGEs). Members of the Board shall be appointed for terms of up to two (2) years, and members may be reappointed to two subsequent 2-year terms at the discretion of the Secretary. Board members will continue to serve until their replacement is appointed. In the event of a vacancy on the Board, the Secretary may select an alternate member or other individual to serve the unexpired term as described in the appointment letter. In order to provide

for continuity of member participation, terms are staggered. No more than half of the members shall be replaced (or reappointed) in any given year unless there are vacancies for reasons other than term expiration.

*Duration:* The Board will terminate 2 years from the date of the charter filing, unless earlier renewed.

*Responsible DHS Official:* Mr. R. David Paulison, U.S. Fire Administrator, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Dated: October 22, 2004.

**Michael D. Brown,**

*Under Secretary, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4904-N11]

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request, Third Round Designation of Seven Urban Empowerment Zones**

**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:* December 27, 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:** Judith Mize, (202) 709-6339 (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:* Third Round Designation of Seven Urban Empowerment Zones.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2506-0148.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use:* The statutes require HUD to review periodically the progress of designated urban communities (Rounds I, II and III) in carrying out their implementation programs and achieving the goals of their strategic plans.

*Agency Form Numbers, if applicable:* N/A.

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

| Burden type                           | Respondents | Est. hrs.  | Total hrs.   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Annual Reports:                       |             |            |              |
| Round 1 & ECs .....                   | 57          | 38         | 2,166        |
| Round 2 .....                         | 15          | 45         | 675          |
| Round 3 .....                         | 8           | 45         | 360          |
| Response to a Letter of Warning ..... | 2           | 3          | 6            |
| <b>Totals .....</b>                   | <b>82</b>   | <b>131</b> | <b>3,207</b> |

An estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 3,207, number of respondents is 82, frequency of response is 3, and the hours per response on an average is 39.

*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: October 22, 2004.

**Nelson R. Bregon,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4904-N-12]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Designation of Round III Empowerment Zones and Renewal Communities

**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:* December 27, 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:** Judith Mize at (202) 708-6339, ext 4167 (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:* Designation of Round III Empowerment Zones and Renewal Communities.

*OMB Control Number if applicable:* 2506-0173.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The statutes require HUD to review periodically the progress of designated Renewal Communities in carrying out their implementation programs and achieving the goals of their strategic plans.

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

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response.* An estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 2,080 hours, number of respondents is 40, the frequency of response is 3, and the hours per response on an average is 52.

*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: October 22, 2004.

**Nelson R. Bregon,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4903-N-85]

### Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Review Responsibilities

**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.

This is a request for approval to continue a currently approved information collection. Information provided by the grant recipients is used to document regulatory compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related environmental statutes. Recipients maintain records, which serve to allow the use of grant funds or financial assistance already awarded under 24 CFR part 58.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* November 29, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2506-0087) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-6974.

**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](mailto:Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov); or Lillian Deitzer at [Lillian\\_L\\_Deitzer@HUD.gov](mailto:Lillian_L_Deitzer@HUD.gov) or telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins or Ms Deitzer and at HUD's Web site at <http://www5.hud.gov:63001/po/i/icbts/collectionsearch.cfm>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described below. 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