

Based on this review, USCIS is planning to retain the current U.S. history and government test format of asking 10 questions. Applicants need to answer six questions correctly to pass. However USCIS intends to replace the current trivia-based content of the questions with questions that will test applicants on the fundamentals of American democracy such as the rule of law, separation of powers, and unalienable rights. Making the test more meaningful will encourage civic learning and patriotism.

While redesigning the content of the English test, USCIS considered multiple perspectives, including the views of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), selected English experts knowledgeable on adult learning standards (principally the National Reporting System (NRS) for adult education), USCIS officers, and community-based organizations. After considering these perspectives, USCIS intends to continue the current format for English testing. Applicants are asked to read a question and write a dictated sentence. However, USCIS intends to change the content of the dictation. Applicants will no longer be tested on everyday English sentences and phrases; under the revised procedures, the content for the reading and writing questions will be structured on civics.

Pilot Test

USCIS plans to conduct a pilot test in 10 randomly selected USCIS district and sub-offices, beginning in early 2007. The pilot test will be given to approximately 5,000 applicant volunteers. During the pilot, all applicants at the 10 selected pilot sites will be asked whether they want to participate in the pilot test, which will accompany the naturalization interview. If the applicant elects to take the pilot test and passes it, the adjudications officer will note in the file that the applicant has passed the reading, writing and civics test sections, and the current test will not be administered. Failure to pass the pilot test will not affect an applicant's eligibility of admission to citizenship. If the applicant elects to take the pilot test but fails the reading, writing and/or civics test section(s), the DAO will, without prejudice, administer the corresponding current test section(s) in the same sitting. If the applicant fails a given section of the current naturalization test, the applicant will be allowed another opportunity within 60–90 days to take the failed section(s) of the current test again. USCIS expects the pilot test to take approximately 5 minutes to administer to each willing applicant. The total length of the pilot

test evaluation period is estimated to last up to 4 months. USCIS plans to collect and evaluate test administration procedures, scoring rules and procedures, and training procedures. This information will be gathered through information collected on each pilot testing situation, focus groups with DAOs who administer the pilot test as well as through observations of applicants taking the revised test.

Once all the information from the pilot test is collected, evaluated, and considered, USCIS will finalize a redesigned test. USCIS will produce study guides and work with community-based organizations to prepare applicants for the redesigned naturalization tests.

Paperwork Reduction Act

Examinations designated to test the aptitude, abilities, or knowledge of the person tested, and the collection of information and identification or classification in connection with such examinations, are not considered information collections under 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(7).

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Emilio T. Gonzalez,

Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5037–N–94]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Housing Counseling Training Program

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.

Nonprofit organizations submit information to HUD through Grants.gov to apply for funding to develop and implement an ongoing training program for housing counselors. HUD will use the information to evaluate applicants competitively and then select one or more organizations to receive funding to develop and implement the ongoing training program for housing counselors.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* January 18, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2502–NEW) 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:

Lillian Deitzer, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail 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 Ms. Deitzer or from HUD's Web site at <http://hlanwp031.hud.gov/po/i/icbts/collectionsearch.cfm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development 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 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: Housing Counseling Training Program.

OMB Approval Number: 2502–NEW.

Form Numbers: SF–424, SF–424Supp, HUD–424CB, SF–LLL, HUD–2880, HUD–96010, HUD–2994–A.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: Nonprofit organizations submit information to HUD through Grants.gov to apply for funding to develop and implement an ongoing training program for housing counselors. HUD will use the information to evaluate applicants competitively and then select one or

more organizations to receive funding to develop and implement the ongoing

training program for housing counselors.

Frequency of Submission: Quarterly, Other NOFA is a one-time response.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden:	4	2		16.37		131

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 131.
Status: New Collection.
Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: December 13, 2006.
Lillian L. Deitzer,
 Departmental Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5037-N-92]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; New Approach to the Anti-Drug Program

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 New Approach to the Anti-Drug Program (formerly known as the Safe Neighborhood Action Grant Program) was authorized through yearly appropriations. Owners were eligible to apply for grants to fund security and crime elimination activity in Federally assisted low-income housing projects.

Funding for this program has not been appropriated since fiscal year 2001, but quarterly and semi-annually reporting is still required until all grant funds are expended.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* January 18, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2502-0520) 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: Lillian Deitzer, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail 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 Ms. Deitzer or from HUD's Web site at <http://hlannwp031.hud.gov/po/i/icbts/collectionsearch.cfm>.

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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: New Approach to the Anti-Drug Program.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0520.

Form Numbers: HUD-50080-SNGP, SF-269A.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: The New Approach to the Anti-Drug Program (formerly known as the Safe Neighborhood Action Grant Program) was authorized through yearly appropriations. Owners were eligible to apply for grants to fund security and crime elimination activity in Federally assisted low-income housing projects. Funding for this program has not been appropriated since fiscal year 2001, but quarterly and semi-annually reporting is still required until all grant funds are expended.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion, Quarterly, Semi-annually.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	40	7		0.35		100

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 100.
Status: Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: December 12, 2006.
Lillian L. Deitzer,
 Departmental Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5037-N-93]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Eligibility of a Nonprofit Corporation/ Housing Consultant Certification

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.