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48,444.

Status: Revision of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: January 19, 2007.

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-4878-N-03]

Final Guidance on Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons: Announcement of Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD.

ACTION: Notice; announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: On January 22, 2007, HUD published in the **Federal Register** final guidance on "Federal Financial Assistance Regarding Title VI Prohibition against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons" (LEP Final Guidance). This guidance becomes effective on February 21, 2007. This notice announces that HUD will hold a meeting at HUD Headquarters on February 13, 2007, to brief interested members of the public on the LEP Final Guidance and respond to questions about the guidance.

DATES: HUD will conduct the meeting on LEP Final Guidance on February 13, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The LEP Guidance meeting will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern time) on February 13, 2007, at HUD Headquarters for which the address is the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC.

Members of the public who are interested in attending this meeting in person must submit a request to HUD by sending an e-mail to limitedenglishproficiency@hud.gov. The e-mail must contain the participant's name, contact information, and basis for interest in this meeting. In addition, participants who require a reasonable accommodation must identify the

accommodation they need to attend and fully participate in this meeting. The deadline for submitting requests is Friday, February 9, 2007.

HUD will strive to honor requests on a first-come first-serve basis. However, HUD reserves the right to select participants so as to ensure that there is adequate representation of the various sectors affected by the LEP Final Guidance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pamela D. Walsh, Director, Program Standards Division, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 5246, Washington, DC 20410-0500; telephone (202) 708-2288 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech disabilities may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To Request Participation in the Meeting: A request to participate in the meeting must be submitted to the following e-mail address: limitedenglishproficiency@hud.gov. The deadline for submitting requests is Friday, February 9, 2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background

On January 22, 2007, HUD published in the **Federal Register** final guidance to help recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to meet their regulatory and statutory obligations to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to HUD programs and activities. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and its implementing regulations, recipients of federal financial assistance have a responsibility to ensure meaningful access to programs and activities by LEP persons.

Executive Order 13166, issued on August 11, 2000, and published in the **Federal Register** on August 16, 2000 (65 FR 50121), directs each federal agency that extends assistance, which is subject to the requirements of Title VI, to publish guidance for its respective recipients clarifying this obligation. The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued the first LEP guidance as a model for other federal agencies. HUD's guidance adheres to the federal-wide compliance standards and framework detailed in the DOJ model LEP Guidance, published on June 18, 2002 (67 FR 41455). HUD's guidance follows the established format used in the DOJ model. Specific examples set out in HUD's guidance explain and/or highlight how federal-wide compliance standards are

applicable to recipients of HUD's federal financial assistance.

The January 22, 2007, LEP Final Guidance was preceded by proposed guidance published on December 19, 2003 (68 FR 70968) for which HUD solicited public comment. The LEP Final Guidance takes into consideration the public comments received on the December 19, 2003, proposed guidance. There are no significant changes between the proposed guidance and the final guidance. However, for purposes of clarification, several minor changes were made in Appendix A, and a new Appendix B has been added to the Guidance. Appendix B, "Questions and Answers (Q&A)," responds to frequently asked questions (FAQs) related to providing meaningful access to LEP persons. HUD's LEP Final Guidance can be found at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/promotingfh/lep.cfm>.

February 13, 2007 Meeting

In consideration of widespread interest in HUD's LEP Final Guidance, HUD will hold a meeting on the guidance on February 13, 2007, and interested members of the public are invited to attend this meeting.

Members of the public who are interested in attending the meeting in person must submit a request to HUD by sending an e-mail to limitedenglishproficiency@hud.gov. The email must contain the participant's name, contact information, and basis for interest in this meeting. In addition, participants who require a reasonable accommodation must identify the accommodation they need to attend and fully participate in this meeting.

The deadline for submitting requests is Friday, February 9, 2007.

HUD will strive to honor requests on a first-come first-serve basis. However, HUD reserves the right to select participants so as to ensure that there is adequate representation of the various sectors affected by LEP Final Guidance.

HUD will respond to requests to participate in this meeting and will provide participants with information on attending the February 13, 2007, meeting prior to the meeting date. HUD advises participants that they must comply with security procedures when visiting the HUD building.

Please send any questions regarding the meeting to the above email address. HUD will respond to your questions by e-mail.

Dated: January 19, 2007.

Kim Kendrick,

Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Take Pride in America Program.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: A proposal to extend the collection of information listed below (OMB Control Number 1093-0004) has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Public comments on this submission are solicited.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection, but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by February 26, 2007, in order to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send your written comments to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention, Department of the Interior Desk Officer, by fax to 202-395-6566, or by e-mail to oir_docket@omb.eop.gov. Please send a copy of your written comments to the Office of the Secretary, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Sue Ellen Sloca, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., MS 120 SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or via e-mail to sue_ellen_sloca@nbc.gov. Individuals providing comments should reference OMB Control Number 1093-0004, "Take Pride in America National Awards Application/Nomination Process."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instrument, please write to the above address, or call Sue Ellen Sloca, on 202-208-6045, or e-mail her on sue_ellen_sloca@nbc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement the Paperwork Reduction

Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), 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)). This notice identifies an existing information collection activity that the Office of the Secretary has submitted to OMB for extension.

Under the Take Pride in American Program Act (the ACT), 16 U.S.C. Sec 46-01-4608, the Secretary of the Interior is to: (1) "conduct a national awards program to honor those individuals and entities which, in the opinion of the Secretary * * * have distinguished themselves in activities" under the purposes of the Act; and also to (2) "establish and maintain a public awareness campaign in cooperation with public and private organizations and individuals—(A) to install in the public the importance of the appropriate use of, and appreciation for Federal, State and local lands, facilities, and natural and cultural resources; (B) to encourage an attitude of stewardship and responsibility towards these lands, facilities, and resources; and (C) to promote participation by individuals, organizations, and communities of a conservation ethic in caring for these lands, facilities, and resources." The Act states that "[t]he Secretary is authorized * * * generally to do any and all lawful acts necessary or appropriate to further the purposes of the TPIA Program."

If this information were not collected from the public, Take Pride in America (TPIA) awards would be limited to individuals and organizations nominated by Federal agencies based on projects within their sphere of influence. This would effectively block many worthy individuals and organizations from being considered for these awards. The TPIA program was re-activated on December 10, 2001 with the stated intent of honoring the best in the nation, without restriction. It would reflect poorly on the Department and on the President if only volunteers to Federal agencies could be honored for their service to America.

II. Data

(1) *Title:* Take Pride in America National Awards, Application/Nomination Process.

OMB Control Number: 1093-0004.
Current Expiration Date: 01/31/2007.
Type of Review: Information Collection: Renewal.

Affected Entities: Individuals or households, businesses and other for profit institutions, not-for-profit institutions, State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Estimated annual number of public respondents: 74.

Frequency of response: Annual.

(2) *Annual reporting and record keeping burden.*

Estimated number of public responses annually: 174.

Estimated burden per response: 1 hour.

Total annual reporting: 174 hours.

(3) *Description of the need and use of the information:* The statutorily-required information is needed to provide the Office of the Secretary with a vehicle to collect the information needed to include individuals and organizations nominated by the public in applicant pools for TPIA National Awards and to recognize them for the valuable contributions that they make in support of the stewardship of America's lands, facilities, and cultural and natural resources.

III. Request for Comments

An initial opportunity for the public to comment on the Office of the Secretary's proposal to extend this information collection was announced in the **Federal Register** on August 8, 2006. The Office of the Secretary received no comments in response to its 60-day notice and request for comments. The public now has a second opportunity to comment on this proposal.

The Department of the Interior invites comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection and the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train