

and purchase of services to provide information.

**Analysis**

*Agency:* Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office.

*Title:* Information collection authority under Homeland Security Acquisition

Regulation (HSAR). Form(s): DHS Form 0700-01, Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation Statement; DHS Form 0700-02, Contractor's Assignment of Refunds, Rebates, Credits and other Amounts; DHS Form 0700-03, Contractor's Release; DHS Form 0700-04, Employee Claim for Wage Restitution; and DHS Form 0700-05,

Contractor Report of Government Property.

*OMB Number:* 1600-0002.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and individuals seeking and who are currently contracting with the DHS.

*Annual Estimated Burden:* The annual estimated burden is 7,101 hours.

Nature of burden .....	Total annual paper burden (number of respondents x estimated time per respondent x frequency) = total burden hours	
Formula .....	R = number of respondents T = time per respondent F = frequency B = Burden	R x T x F = B

\*Submit forms to provide the data required by various FAR clauses to facilitate contract closeout:

Form	Formula > R x T x F =	Burden > B
DHS Form 0700-01 .....	589 x 1 x 1 .....	589
DHS Form 0700-02 .....	589 x 1 x 1 .....	589
DHS Form 0700-03 .....	5,898 x 1 x 1 .....	5,898

\*Submit claim form for nonpayment of wages. Information needed to seek restitution, via the Government

Accountability Office (GAO) for contractor employees:

Form	Formula > R x T x F =	Burden > B
DHS Form 0700-04 .....	25 x 1 x 1 .....	= 25

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.00.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$0.00.

The asterisk (\*) denotes that the requested information is, in the strictest sense of the word, contract administration data. It is not data of a general nature solicited from the public at large. This information is furnished to the Government by contractors who are being paid to meet all the terms and conditions of the contract.

**Scott Charbo,**

*Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Regulation on Agency Protests**

**AGENCY:** Office of Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office, DHS.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office, has submitted the following information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Office of the Chief Procurement Officer is soliciting comments concerning a renewal to an existing collection, Regulation on Agency Protests.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until October 22, 2007. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and questions about this Information Collection Request should be forwarded to the Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office, Attn: Kathy Strouss for the Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Room 3114, Washington, DC 20528.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Strouss, 202-447-5300 (this is not a toll free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of the Chief Procurement Officer requires a renewal of an existing OMB Control number for the regulation on agency protests. This notice provides a request for comments on the renewal of the presently designated OMB Control Number 1600-0004, granted in September 2004. The information is requested from contractors so that the Government will be able to evaluate protests effectively and provide prompt resolution of issues in dispute when contractors file agency level protests.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments regarding the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the agency's information collection burden estimate;

3. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

4. Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents; and

5. Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

#### Analysis

*Agency:* Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation Office.

*Title:* Regulation on Agency Protests.

*OMB Number:* 1600-0004.

*Frequency:* One-time collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and individuals seeking and who are currently contracting with the DHS.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50.

*Estimated Time Per Respondent:* 2 hours.

*Total Burden Hours:* 100 hrs.

**Scott Charbo,**

*Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5121-N-28]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Housing Counseling Program—Application for Approval as a Housing Counseling Agency

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, 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:* October 22, 2007.

**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: Lillian L. Deitzer, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room

8001, Washington, DC 20410 or [Lillian.L.Deitzer@hud.gov](mailto:Lillian.L.Deitzer@hud.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Virginia Simmons, Office of Single Family Program Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-2298 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

**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 affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection 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 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 Program—Application for Approval as a Housing Counseling Agency.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2502-NEW.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* National, regional, Multi-State intermediaries and Local public and private nonprofit agencies that provide housing counseling services directly or through their affiliates or branches regarding home buying, homeownership and rental housing programs submit an application for designation as a HUD-approved housing counseling agency. HUD uses the information to evaluate the agency and to populate Agency profile data in the Housing Counseling System (HCS) database. This data populates HUD's Web site and automated 1-800 hotline.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* HUD-9900.

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

respondents is 200, the frequency of responses is on occasion, for a total of 200 total annual responses. The estimated time to prepare collection is approximately 8 hours, for a total annual burden hours of 1,600 hours.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* This is a request for a new information collection. The information collection was previously approved under OMB Control No. 2502-0261.

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

Dated: August 13, 2007.

**Frank L. Davis,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5117-N-69]

### Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program; HOPWA Competitive and Renewal of Permanent Supportive Housing Project Budget Summary; Annual Progress Report (APR); and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

**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 competitive application Project Budget Summary is used by HOPWA competitive grants applications to identify funding requests by eligible activity and to show how these resources will be used over the three grant period—this form also includes the accompanying program certifications. HOPWA formula and competitive grantees are required to submit annual performance reports that enables an assessment of grantee progress towards implementing the HOPWA housing stability annual performance outcome measure while measuring project success against planned and actual accomplishments.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* September 24, 2007.