

whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operations, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the CBP request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this document CBP is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*Title:* Air Transport Program.

*OMB Number:* 1651-0118.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Abstract:* The Air Transport Program allows a waiver of non-immigrant visa requirements for aliens who are proceeding in immediate and continuous transit through the United States.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to the information collection. This submission is being submitted to extend the expiration date.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Affected Public:* Travelers, Carriers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 9.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 300,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 10,000.

Dated: February 19, 2008.

**Tracey Denning,**

*Agency Clearance Officer, Information Services Branch.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5194-N-06]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request Study of Rents and Rent Flexibility

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection.

**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:* April 28, 2008.

**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: Lillian L. Deitzer, Departmental Reports Management Officer, ODAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4178, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-8048, (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail Ms. Deitzer at: [Lillian.L.Deitzer@hud.gov](mailto:Lillian.L.Deitzer@hud.gov) for a copy of the proposed interview guide, phone survey instrument, or other available information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mary Schulhof, Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives, PIH, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4116, Washington, DC 20410; telephone 202-708-0713, (this is not a toll-free number).

**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:* Study of Rents and Rent Flexibility.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577-pending.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use:* The Department is conducting, under contract with Abt Associates and its

partners, Applied Real Estate Analysis Inc. (AREA) and the Urban Institute, an exploration into alternative rent structures to the current income-based system used in the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs. These two programs serve over 3 million low-income and extremely low-income families. They are programs that have steadily increased in complexity and costs. Because these programs shape who is assisted (and who is not), what they pay, what they earn, and how long they stay, it is important to understand three important elements of program administration. Those components are eligibility preferences based on extremely low-income standards, tenant contributions based primarily on 30 percent of adjusted reported incomes, and (in the voucher program) the payment standard that caps the gross rent and helps determine how much of the gross rent is the tenant's responsibility and how much is the Housing Authority's. This study will review possible reforms and alternative rent structures to the current income-based approach for calculating rental subsidies in these two programs.

Through a combination of on-site and phone interviews the contractors will research the current components of income used for determining eligibility and income-based tenant rents, alternative subsidy structures, possible effects of reform regarding level of subsidy, availability of possible additional subsidies to needy, but unassisted populations. The data collected through the interviews will describe the current system and key issues including, administration, tenant income/data collection accuracy and if the current distribution of assistance is equitable. Interviews will also yield important information regarding thoughts on proposed alternative systems and how they may be advantageous or detrimental to the success of the PHA. In summary, the data collected via interviews will be used in determining the impacts of alternative rent structures if implemented in the public housing and housing choice voucher program in comparison with the current income-based system.

*Agency form number, if applicable:* Not applicable.

*Members of affected public:* Staff from Public Housing Authorities included in the sample and waiting list and recent admission households into either the Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher program.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of*

*respondents*: The study contains four pieces where data collection will occur. First, the researchers will administer twenty five on-site interviews over two day periods, conducting an average of six interviews at each site visit with Executive Directors, public housing directors, Housing Choice Voucher directors, staff that determine eligibility and tenant rents, and two local housing market experts. Each interview performed is expected to last up to one hour. An additional 180 phone surveys will be conducted with a nationally representative sample of PHA staff across the country. Each phone survey is expected to last 60 minutes. Interviews with PHA staff will provide information on their waiting lists, experience with the current system, experience with rent flexibility and related efforts, and views on alternative rent structures. Additionally, up to 1,500 interviews with eligible participants on the waiting list and/or those recently admitted into the program will be completed. These interviews are expected to last approximately three-quarters of an hour and will provide insight into how they are or would be affected by the current system and the proposed alternatives. Lastly, up to 470 follow-up interviews with PHA staff and households may be completed with each interview lasting from three-quarters of an hour to one hour each. Total respondents inclusive of all data collection processes are 2,300 and the total reporting burden is 1,863 hours.

*Status of the proposed information collection*: New collection.

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

Dated: February 21, 2008.

**Bessy Kong,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Programs, and Legislative Initiatives.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Meeting Announcements: North American Wetlands Conservation Council; Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Advisory Group

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

**ACTION**: Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY**: The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) will meet to select North

American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant proposals for recommendation to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission). This meeting is open to the public. The Advisory Group for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA) grants program (Advisory Group) will meet. This meeting is open to the public, and interested persons may present oral or written statements.

**DATES**: *Council*: March 18, 2008, 1–3 p.m. *Advisory Group*: March 19, 2008, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES**: Both meetings will be held at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay, 100 Heron Boulevard at Route 50, Cambridge, MD 94920. The meeting is coordinated by the Council Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP 4501–4075, Arlington, VA. 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**:

Mike Johnson, Council Coordinator, (703) 358–1784 or [dbhc@fws.gov](mailto:dbhc@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**:

*Council*: In accordance with NAWCA (Pub. L. 101–233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the State-private-Federal Council meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement, and management projects for recommendation to, and final funding approval by, the Commission. Proposal due dates, application instructions, and eligibility requirements are available on the NAWCA Web site at <http://birdhabitat.fws.gov>. Proposals require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds. The Council will consider Canadian and U.S. Small Grant proposals at the meeting. The tentative date for the Commission meeting is June 11, 2008.

*Advisory Group*: The Advisory Group, named by the Secretary of the Interior under NMBCA (Pub. L. 106–247, 114 Stat. 593, July 20, 2000), will hold its meeting to advise the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, on the strategic direction and management of the NMBCA program. Proposal due dates, application instructions, and eligibility requirements are available on the NMBCA Web site at <http://birdhabitat.fws.gov>.

Dated: February 6, 2008.

**Paul Schmidt,**

*Assistant Director, Migratory Birds.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Western Shoshone Application Form

**AGENCY**: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION**: Notice of proposed renewal for information collection.

**SUMMARY**: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is seeking comments from the public on the renewal of a tribal enrollment information collection as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The information collected under OMB Control Number 1076–0165 will be used to establish that the applicants meet the eligibility requirements to share in the Western Shoshone judgment fund distribution authorized by the Act of July 7, 2004, Public Law 108–270.

**DATES**: Submit comments on or before April 28, 2008.

**ADDRESSES**: Please submit a copy of comments to Iris Drew, Office of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1001 Indian School Road, NW., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104. Fax number: (505) 563–3060.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: Ms. Iris Drew, Tribal Relations Specialist, Tribal Government Services, (505) 563–3530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**: This collection was originally approved and assigned OMB Control No. 1076–0165 when it was submitted with a proposed rulemaking, 25 CFR part 61, which was published in the **Federal Register** on May 19, 2005, 70 FR 28859. The final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on March 5, 2007, 72 FR 9836.

*Request for Comments:*

We are requesting your comments about the proposed collection to evaluate:

(a) The necessity of the information collection for proper performance of the Bureau functions, including its practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the burden hours, including the validity of the methodology used and assumptions made;

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

(d) The ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as with automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The public is advised that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB control number. For example