

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5281-N-101]

**Notice of Submission of Proposed
Information Collection to OMB;
Emergency Comment Request; HUD
Core Activities Reporting Related to
the Recovery Act**

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date: December 28, 2009.*

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within seven (7) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB approval number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: (202) 395-5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillian Deitzer, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail: Lillian.L.Deitzer@hud.gov; telephone (202) 402-8048. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Deitzer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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.

In addition, Section 1512 of the Recovery Act requires that not later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, each recipient that received recovery funds from a federal agency shall submit a report to that agency that contains: (1) The total amount of recovery funds received from the agency; (2) the amount of recovery funds received that were expended or obligated, to projects or activities; and (3) a detailed list of all projects or activities for which recovery funds were expended or obligated, including the name of the project or activity; a description of the project or activity, an evaluation of the completion status of the project or activity; an estimate of the number of jobs created and the number of jobs retained by the project or activity; and for infrastructure investments made by State and local governments, the purpose, total cost, and rationale of the agency for funding the infrastructure investment with funds made available under the Recovery Act and name of the person to contact at the agency if there are concerns with the infrastructure investment.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: HUD Core Activities Reporting related to the Recovery Act.

Description of Information Collection: Public Housing Capital Fund, Assisted Housing Stability and Energy and Green Retrofit Investments Program, Community Development Block Grants, Indian Community Development Block Grant, Program, Native American Housing Block Grants, Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants, Tax Credit Assistance Program, Lead Hazard Control Grant Program; must provide information to HUD for the reporting requirements of HUD ARRA Section 1512. ("Recovery Act") grants. Section 1512 of the Recovery Act details the reporting requirements for the recipients of recovery Act funding. Recipients are to report on the obligation and expenditure of Recovery Act funds, the projects on which those funds have been obligated and expended, an evaluation of the completion status of projects and the number of jobs created and jobs retained by the project.

OMB Control Number: 2577-0264.

Agency Form Numbers: N/A, the data will be collected utilizing a web-based application.

Members of Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government and Non-profit organization.

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

number of respondents is 5,500 and the number of responses is 4. There will be in total, approximately 22,000 total responses. The total reporting burden is 88,000 hours.

Status of the proposed information collection: Revision of a currently approved collection for reporting on Recovery Act status.

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

Dated: December 14, 2009.

Lillian Deitzer,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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[Docket No. FR-5281-N-102]

**Notice of Submission of Proposed
Information Collection to OMB;
Emergency Comment Request
Disaster Housing Assistance Program
(DHAP) Incremental Rent Transition
(IRT) Study: Follow-up Contact**

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency reinstatement and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date: January 4, 2010.*

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within fourteen (14) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB approval number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: (202)395-5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillian Deitzer, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail: Lillian.L.Deitzer@hud.gov; telephone (202) 402-8048. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Deitzer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, a proposed reinstatement of data collection under OMB Control No. 2528-0256. The Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP) was implemented in 2007 to provide rental assistance and case management services to eligible families displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The amount and terms of the rental assistance provided varied over time. Researchers are documenting families as they transition from subsidized to market rate or alternative housing assistance programs and measuring outcomes over time. The DHAP IRT study's findings will assist the Department to understand how to most effectively return recipients of housing assistance to market rate housing following a disaster.

Approximately 1,425 recipients of DHAP assistance responded to an interim survey about their experiences with the program (conducted under OMB Control No. 2528-0256). The purpose of the reinstatement is to conduct follow-up contacts with the respondents to the earlier survey to confirm contact information, current housing and household status, and any potential future moves that might impact the researchers' ability to contact the respondent for a 12-month follow-up telephone survey. The follow-up contact is necessary to maximize the response rate for the 12-month follow-up telephone survey.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP) Incremental Rent Transition (IRT) Study.

Description of Information Collection: This information collection is a follow-up contact with respondents to a previous survey of recipients of HUD rental assistance under DHAP (conducted under OMB Control No. 2528-0256). The Department of Housing and Urban Development is seeking emergency review of the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements associated with this follow-up contact. The purpose of the contact is to confirm contact information, current housing and household status, and any potential future moves that might impact the researchers' ability to contact the respondent for a 12-month follow-up telephone survey. The follow-up contact is necessary to maximize the response rate for the 12-month follow-up telephone survey.

OMB Control Number: 2528-0256.

Agency Form Numbers: N/A, a brief follow-up contact form will be

administered by telephone by the research team.

Members of Affected Public: Recipients of DHAP assistance who responded to an interim survey (conducted under OMB Control No. 2528-0256).

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of responses: The estimated number of respondents is 1,425 and the burden per respondents is 0.13 hours (8 minutes). The total reporting burden is 118.75 hours.

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

Dated: December 14, 2009.

Lillian Deitzer,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5374-N-01]

Buy American Exceptions Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-05, approved February 17, 2009) (Recovery Act), and implementing guidance of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), this notice advises that certain national exceptions to the Buy American requirement of the Recovery Act have been determined applicable for work using Capital Fund Recovery Formula and Competition (CFRFC) grant funds. Specifically, exceptions were granted to the Bay City, Michigan Housing Commission for the purchase and installation of tank-less water heaters in the Scattered Site Plumbing and Mechanical Project, and to the Housing Authority of Portland, Oregon's purchase of all iron, steel, and manufactured goods involved in the construction of the Resource Access Center.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dominique G. Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing Investments, Office of Public Housing Investments, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and

Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4210, Washington, DC, 20410-4000, telephone number 202-402-8500 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing- or speech-impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1605(a) of the Recovery Act imposes a "Buy American" requirement on Recovery Act funds used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States. Section 1605(b) provides that the Buy American requirement shall not apply in any case or category in which the head of a Federal department or agency finds that: (1) Applying the Buy American requirement would be inconsistent with the public interest; (2) iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality, or (3) inclusion of iron, steel, and manufactured goods will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent. Section 1605(c) provides that if the head of a Federal department or agency makes a determination pursuant to section 1605(b), the head of the department or agency shall publish a detailed written justification in the **Federal Register**.

In accordance with section 1605(c) of the Recovery Act and OMB's implementing guidance published on April 23, 2009 (74 FR 18449), this notice advises the public that, on December 2, 2009, HUD granted the following two exceptions to the Buy American requirement:

1. *Bay City, Michigan Housing Commission.* Upon request of the Bay City Housing Commission, HUD granted an exception to applicability of the Buy American requirements with respect to work, using CFRFC grant funds, in connection with the Scattered Site Plumbing and Mechanical Project. The exception was granted by HUD on the basis that the iron, steel, or relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality.

2. *Housing Authority of Portland Oregon.* Upon request of the Housing Authority of Portland, HUD granted an exception to applicability of the Buy American requirements with respect to work, using CFRFC grant funds, in connection with the Resource Access