submitted by one of the following methods:

- E-mail: HSAC@dhs.gov. Include docket number in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: (202) 282–9207

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and DHS–2011–0002, the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received by the DHS Homeland Security Advisory Council, go to http://www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
HSAC Staff at hsac@dhs.gov or 202–447–3135.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. The HSAC provides independent, objective advice and recommendations for the consideration of the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security on matters related to homeland security. The Council is comprised of leaders of local law enforcement, first responders, State and local government, the private sector, and academia. The HSAC will meet for the purpose of receiving information and swearing in new members.

The open portions of the meeting will include opening remarks from the HSAC leadership, a ceremonial swearing in of new members, “If You See Something, Say Something” public awareness campaign, and Suspicious Activity Reporting Programs, a View From the Hill, DHS Community Resilience Efforts, and closing remarks.

The closed portions of the meeting will address threats to our homeland security, results of a cyber security exercise, sharing information with others, and Southwest Border operations.

Basis for Closure: In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, it has been determined that certain portions of the meeting require closure as the premature disclosure of the information would not be in the public interest. There will be briefings from DHS Intelligence and Analysis and a high level DHS official regarding domestic and international threats to our homeland security; a presentation on the timely sharing of specific incident threat and law enforcement information with State, local, Tribal and private partners within the Homeland Security Advisory System; and a briefing from Customs and Border Protection on threats at the Southwest Border and joint operations with Mexican law enforcement personnel to address violence and illegal border crossings. Under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(7)(E)&(F), disclosure of this information could reveal investigative techniques and procedures not generally available to the public allowing those with interests against the United States to circumvent the law, thereby endangering the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel. Additionally, under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), disclosure of these techniques and procedures could frustrate the successful implementation of protective measures designed to keep our country safe. A briefing on the Cyber Storm III Exercise will include lessons learned and vulnerabilities of cyber assets, as well as potential methods to improve a Federal response to a cyber attack. Under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), disclosure of this information would be a road map to those who wish to attack our cyber security, and hence, would certainly frustrate the successful implementation of preventive and Counter measures to protect our cybersecurity. Accordingly, this meeting will be partially closed to the public.

Becca Sharp,
Executive Director, Homeland Security Advisory Council, DHS.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
[Docket No. FR–5486–N–01]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Notice of Funding Availability for the Transformation Initiative: Natural Experiment Grant Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, 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: Comment Due Date: March 25, 2011.

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: Michael Morse, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8128, Washington, DC 20410–6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Morse at (202) 402–5738 (this is a not a toll-free number), for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Housing and Urban Development will submit the proposed extension of 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: Transformation Initiative: Natural Experiment Grant Program.

Description of Information Collection: This is a new information collection. The purpose of this effort is to provide funding to support scientific research that makes use of natural experiments to evaluate the impacts of local, State, and Federal policies. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2010, approximately $600,000 has been made available for this program by the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111–117, approved December 16, 2009). This program is approved under HUD’s research authority under
the Transition Initiative Fund. The maximum grant performance period is 24 months. An applicant can request $100,000 to $250,000 per award, depending on the scope of the research proposed. Awards under this NOFA will be made in the form of a Cooperative Agreement. The actual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will contain the selection criteria for awarding grants and specific requirements that will apply to selected grantees.

**OMB Control Number:** None.


**Members of Affected Public:** Nonprofit organizations, for profit organizations located in the U.S. (HUD will not pay fee or profit for the work conducted under this NOFA), foundations, think tanks, consortia, Institutions of higher education accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and other entities that will sponsor a researcher, expert or analyst.

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

1. **Pre-Award**
   - HUD estimates that each applicant spends approximately 42 person-hours to complete an application. Almost all of this time is invested by a professor or other senior administrator who would oversee the program. HUD estimates the mean hourly rate at $30. For 20 applications, the computation is as follows: 20 applications × 42 hours × $30 per hour = $25,200.

2. **Post-Award**
   - HUD estimates that each grantee will spend approximately 6 hours a year maintaining records. HUD also estimates that each grantee will spend approximately 4 hours a year preparing monitoring reports. Clerical staff and faculty/supervisory staff will share this burden. HUD estimates the applicable hourly rate at $15. The computation is as follows: 5 grantees × 10 hours × $15 an hour = $750.

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**Total Estimated Burden Hours:** 980.

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

**Status of the proposed information collection:** Pending OMB approval.

**Authority:** U.S. Code Title 12 1701z; Research and demonstrations.

**Dated:** January 13, 2011.

**Raphael W. Bostic,**
Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR–5486–N–03]

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment:** Notice of Funding Availability for the Transformation Initiative: Homeless Families Small Grant Research Demonstration Program

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, 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 of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). This Notice is soliciting public comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of