

Date Granted: August 13, 2010.

Reason Waived: The participant, who is disabled, required a wheelchair-accessible unit. To provide this reasonable accommodation so the client could be assisted in this unit and pay no more than 40 percent of her adjusted income toward the family share, the GFHA was allowed to approve an exception payment standard that exceeded the basic range of 90 to 110 percent of the FMR.

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• *Regulation:* 24 CFR 982.505(d).

Project/Activity: Lincoln Housing Authority (LHA), Lincoln, RI.

Nature of Requirement: HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 982.505(d) states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is within the basic range of 90 to 110 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) for the unit size.

Granted by: Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: August 13, 2010.

Reason Waived: The applicant, who is disabled, needed a unit that is free of chemical fumes. To provide this reasonable accommodation so the client could be assisted in this unit and pay no more than 40 percent of her adjusted income toward the family share, the LHA was allowed to approve an exception payment standard that exceeded the basic range of 90 to 110 percent of the FMR.

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• *Regulation:* 24 CFR 982.505(d).

Project/Activity: Northeast Oregon Housing Authority (NOHA), La Grande, OR.

Nature of Requirement: HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 982.505(d) states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is within the basic range of 90 to 110 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) for the unit size.

Granted by: Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: August 17, 2010.

Reason Waived: The participant, who is disabled, needed a unit that is wheelchair-accessible with yard space for a service dog in order to provide reasonable accommodation. To provide this reasonable accommodation so the client could be assisted in this current unit and pay no more than 40 percent of her adjusted income toward the family share, the NOHA was

allowed to approve an exception payment standard that exceeded the basic range of 90 to 110 percent of the FMR.

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• *Regulation:* 24 CFR 983.55(b).

Project/Activity: Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA), Minneapolis, MN.

Nature of Requirement: HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 983.55(b) states that the public housing agency may not enter an agreement to enter into a housing assistance payments contract (AHAP) until HUD or an independent entity approved by HUD has conducted any required subsidy layering review and determined that the project-based voucher assistance is in accordance with HUD subsidy layering requirements.

Granted by: Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: September 2, 2010.

Reason Waived: This waiver was granted because MPHA misunderstood the requirements and did not attempt to avoid compliance. The project also complied with HUD's strategic goal of increasing the number of affordable housing for families.

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• *Regulation:* 24 CFR 983.58(d)(1)(i), 983.152(b), and 983.153(a) and (b).

Project/Activity: Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA), Minneapolis, MN.

Nature of Requirement: The first regulation prohibits the public housing agency (PHA) from entering into an Agreement to Enter into a HAP Contract (AHAP) or starting construction until such time as the responsible entity has completed the environmental review and HUD has approved the environmental certification and request for release of funds. The second regulation requires that a PHA enter into an AHAP in which the owner agrees to develop the contract units to comply with housing quality standards (HQS) and the PHA agrees that, upon timely completion of such development in accordance with the terms of the AHAP, the PHA will enter into a HAP contract with the owner for the units. The third regulation states that: (a) The PHA may not enter the AHAP with the owner until the subsidy layering review is completed; and (b) the PHA may not enter the AHAP with the owner until the environmental review is completed and the PHA has received the environmental approval.

Granted by: Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: August 13, 2010.

Reason Waived: The waiver was granted based on the documentation that was reviewed by the field office showing that environmental review requirements were met and that the developer complied with the requirements under the AHAP, as well as the fact that without a commitment of PBV assistance the viability of six projects as affordable housing to replace the significant loss of affordable housing units as a result of Hurricane Katrina would be in jeopardy.

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• *Regulation:* 24 CFR 983.152(a) and 983.153(c).

Project/Activity: Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA), Los Angeles, CA.

Nature of Requirement: HUD's regulation at 983.152(a) requires that a public housing agency (PHA) must enter into an Agreement to Enter into a Housing Assistance Payments (AHAP) Contract in a form required by HUD. HUD's regulation at 24 CFR 983.153(c) requires prompt execution of the AHAP after PHA notice of proposal selection to the selected owner.

Granted by: Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Date Granted: August 17, 2010.

Reason Waived: The waivers were granted because the owner certified that the developer complied with the requirements under the AHAP, and because the unique circumstances surrounding the need for PBV assistance for the project as an integral piece of a much larger funding commitment to serve low-income elderly, homeless and special needs populations

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Strengthening the Scientific Understanding of Climate Change Impacts on Freshwater Resources of the United States

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of feedback.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), announce the

availability for public comment of draft report titled "Strengthening the Scientific Understanding of Climate Change Impacts on Freshwater Resources of the United States". The report reviews key issues related to freshwater resource data and climate change and identifies next steps to improve the Nation's capacity to detect and predict changes in freshwater resources that are likely to result from a changing climate.

DATES: We must receive any written comments on or before April 22, 2011.

ADDRESSES: We have posted our draft report at <http://acwi.gov/Rpt.Congress3.18.11.pdf>. You may submit comments to tschertz@usgs.gov (e-mail). Please include "9506 Report" in the subject line of the message, and your full name and return address in the body of your message. Please note that we will not respond to any e-mail messages once the public comment period closes. Alternatively, you may submit comments or recommendations by mail to: T. Schertz; U.S. Geological Survey; 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 412; Reston, VA 20192.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: T. Schertz, 703-648-6864.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The draft report was prepared in response to Section 9506 of Public Law 111-11 by an interagency team of water data program managers and scientists. The interagency team cooperated with the Subcommittee on Water Availability and Quality (SWAQ), an interagency subcommittee of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Committee on Environment Natural Resources, and Sustainability (CENRS) and the Federal Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Task Force and its Water Resources Workgroup. The interagency team also collaborated with a range of interested parties including the Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI). The interagency team consisted of representatives from the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Global Change Program, and Council on Environmental Quality.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time.

You can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: March 25, 2011.

David J. Newman,

USGS Federal Register Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Application for Job Placement and Training Services; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Indian Energy & Economic Development (IEED) is seeking comments on renewal of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the collection of information for the Application for Job Placement and Training Services. The information collection is currently authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0062, which expires on March 31, 2011.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before *May 2, 2011*.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395-5806 or you may send an e-mail to: OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov. Please send a copy of your comments to Francis Dunne, Division of Workforce Development, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Mail Stop SIB/20, Washington, DC 20240, e-mail Francis.Dunne@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Francis Dunne, Division of Workforce Development at (202) 219-5270.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The IEED is seeking renewal of the approval for the information collection conducted under 25 CFR part 26 to administer the job placement and training program, which provides vocational/technical training, related

counseling, guidance, job placement services, and limited financial assistance to Indian individuals who are not less than 18 years old and who reside within the Department of the Interior (DOI) approved service areas. This information collection includes a form: BIA-8205, Application for Job Placement and/or Training Assistance. Approval for this collection expires March 31, 2011.

This renewal will adjust the responses and burden hours that are currently approved to correct for a database entry error that occurred in the last submission that quadrupled the number of responses and burden hours. The 60-day notice and 30-day notice for the current approval reflected the current number of responses and burden hours, as does this notice. The database will be corrected to reflect these figures through a change due to adjustment in agency estimate.

II. Request for Comments

The IEED requests that you send your comments on this collection to the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Your comments should address: (a) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of the agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or conduct, an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number. This information collection expires March 31, 2011.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section during the hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personally identifiable information, be advised that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made public at any time. While you may request that we withhold your personally identifiable information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.