

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: *December 19, 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: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development & Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marina L. Myhre, (202) 402-5705 for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents. (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:* Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Fee Study.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* This request is for the clearance of on-site data collection from public housing agencies (PHAs). The purpose of the proposed data collection is to identify a sample of PHAs that are verified to be operating high-performing and efficient HCV programs. The proposed data collection will take place through site visits to up to 30 PHAs and will include interviews with PHA staff and reviews of client files and administrative data

collected by the PHA. The results of the site visits will be used to identify PHAs to participate in a national study of administrative fees in the HCV program. The national study of administrative fees will include 50 PHAs, some of which have already been identified through site visits that took place at 60 PHAs between April and September 2011. The current request is to conduct similar data collection at a new group of PHAs to supplement the national study sample. The results of the national study—for which separate OMB clearance will be sought—will be used to estimate administrative fees and develop a new administrative fee allocation formula for the HCV program.

*OMB Approval Number:* Pending.

*Agency form numbers:* None.

*Members of Affected Public:* Up to 150 public housing agency staff persons (up to 5 staff members at up to 30 sites).

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* Up to 5 PHA staff at each of the 30 study sites will be involved in the data collection (150 respondents total). Together, the PHA staff at each site will spend up to 12 hours preparing for the site visit and up to 16 hours being interviewed or otherwise assisting the research team during the site visit. The total burden for each PHA is 28 hours. The total estimated burden across all PHAs is 840 hours.

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

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

Dated: October 11, 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-24]**

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Pre-Purchase Homeownership Counseling Demonstration and Impact Evaluation

**AGENCY:** Office of the 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:** Comments Due Date: *December 19, 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: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development & Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marina L. Myhre, (202) 402-5705 for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents. (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:* Pre-Purchase Homeownership Counseling Demonstration and Impact Evaluation.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* This request is for the clearance of data collection instruments designed to collect the information necessary to conduct a random assignment evaluation of pre-purchase homeownership counseling. The evaluation will produce valuable information about the impact of pre-purchase homeownership counseling on a range of outcomes for low- to moderate-income first-time FHA home buyers. Four thousand study

participants will be enrolled through the branch offices and telephone centers of three national lenders in 10 jurisdictions throughout the country. Lender staff will ask potential home buyers to voluntarily participate in the study, directing interested participants to the telephone call-in research center for the eligibility assessment and baseline survey. To achieve 4,000 enrolled study participants, the intake and eligibility assessment will be conducted with up to 7,000 potential study participants over a period of 9 to 10 months. Additionally, 45 study participants will be asked to participate in semi-structured follow-up interviews that seek to learn about participants' experiences with enrollment and interaction with participating counseling agencies.

In each of the 10 jurisdictions for the study, local counseling agencies and national counseling intermediaries will be recruited to provide (a) Online education and telephone counseling and (b) in-person education and counseling. One national provider will be responsible for the online education and telephone counseling. Local counseling agencies will be recruited to provide the in-person education and counseling. In each case, the counseling agencies will be responsible for documenting the counseling services provided to the 2,300 study participants assigned to receive one of these types of counseling (the remaining 1,700 study participants constitute the control group). Staff of the lenders and counseling agencies will be asked to participate in semi-structured interviews that seek to understand the enrollment process and provision of counseling in each jurisdiction. The purpose of these data collection activities is to collect the information needed to evaluate the impact of pre-purchase housing counseling.

*OMB Approval Number:* Pending.  
*Agency form numbers:* None.

*Members of Affected Public:* Up to 7,000 potential first-time homebuyers; Up to 30 counseling organizations; and, up to 1500 lender staff in 10 jurisdictions.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* The average time per client for the 7,000 potential study participants to complete the intake and eligibility assessment is 10 minutes. The average time per client for the 4,000 enrolled study participants to complete the baseline survey is 25 minutes. The average time per client for the follow-up interviews is 30 minutes. The average time per client for counseling agencies

to document the services provided to study participants is 10 minutes, with responses required for both the educational component and for the counseling services. The average time for counseling agency staff to complete interviews is 60 minutes—up to 8 interviews conducted at up to 30 counseling organizations. The average time per client for lender staff to input the intake information is 3 minutes, with intake conducted with up to 7,000 potential study participants. The total burden for the study is 4,274 hours: 2,857 hours for study participants and potential study participants, 1,007 hours for counseling agencies, and 410 hours for lenders.

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

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

Dated: October 11, 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-25]

### Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB Homelessness Prevention Study

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Housing and Urban Development requests review and approval of the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements for site visits that are part of HUD's Homelessness Prevention Study. The proposed information collection was approved under emergency review (OMB Control #2528-0270). As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act, the proposed information collection will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for full review and extension of approval. The Department is soliciting public comments on the proposed collection of information to: (1) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (2) 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 that will reduce burden (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

**DATES:** December 19, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within sixty (60) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name or OMB approval number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 8230, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Elizabeth Rudd, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8120, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail [Elizabeth.C.Rudd@hud.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.C.Rudd@hud.gov); or telephone 202-402-7607. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Dr. Rudd.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Notice informs the public that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB a request to extend approval for information collection for the Homelessness Prevention study that was already approved under emergency review (OMB Control #2528-0270). HUD requests extension of approval for the site visit interview guide.

Congress established the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to provide resources to state and local governments to aid households at risk of homelessness maintain stable housing and to help currently homeless households get back into permanent housing quickly. HUD allocated \$1.5 billion to 535 government agency grantees (55 states and territories, 147 counties, and 333 cities) to be spent over three years. HUD funded the *Homelessness Prevention Study* to study the prevention programs established by communities with HPRP funds. The study includes a survey of a nationally representative sample of HPRP grantees and 15-18 site visits to selected HPRP grantees.

*Title of Proposed Notice:* Homelessness Prevention Study.

*Description of Information Collection:* This is a request to extend approval granted under emergency review (OMB Control # 2528-0270) that expires on January 1, 2012. Administration of the survey and half of the site visits will be completed before the current OMB approval expires. Therefore, this request to extend approval applies only to the collection of information during 7-8 site