

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

visits at HPRP-funded homelessness prevention programs.

*OMB Control Number:* 2528-0270.  
*Agency Form Numbers:* None.

*Members of Affected Public:* Selected HPRP grantees who agree to participate in the site visits for the evaluation.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of responses:* The estimated number of respondents in the site visits is approximately 62 individuals; the frequency of the response is once; and the total reporting burden will be approximately 46.5 hours.

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

Dated: October 7, 2011.

**Raphael W. Bostic,**

*Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5480-N-103]

**Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB Annual Progress Reports for Empowerment Zones**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been 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.

The primary purpose of this collection is to continue current data reporting for Rounds, I, II, and III Empowerment Zones (EZs). HUD previously designated 30 EZs, which required to submit annual reports to HUD based on the progress reported in implementing the EZs' strategic plans. Businesses located in the EZs are eligible for Federal tax incentives to hire local residents and to expand or improve their operations. This is an extension of a currently approved collection.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* November 17, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2506-0148) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; e-mail *OIRA-Submission@omb.eop.gov* fax: 202-395-5806.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Colette Pollard at *Colette.Pollard@hud.gov*; or telephone (202) 402-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the Information collection described below. This notice

is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting 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:* Annual Progress Reports for Empowerment Zones.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2506-0148.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use:*

The primary purpose of this collection is to continue current data reporting for Rounds, I, II, and III Empowerment Zones (EZs). HUD previously designated 30 EZs, which required to submit annual reports to HUD based on the progress reported in implementing the EZs' strategic plans. Businesses located in the EZs are eligible for Federal tax incentives to hire local residents and to expand or improve their operations. This is an extension of a currently approved collection.

*Frequency of Submission:* On Occasion, Annually.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
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*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 413.

*Status:* Extension without change of a previously approved collection.

**Authority:** Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: October 11, 2011.

**Colette Pollard,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. 5556-D-04]

**Redelegation of Authority for the Deputy Assistant Secretaries in the Office of Community Planning and Development**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of redelegation of authority to Deputy Assistant

Secretaries in Community Planning and Development.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the Assistant Secretary of Community Planning and Development redelegates to the Deputy Assistant Secretaries and other specified HUD officials all powers and authorities necessary to carry out Office of Community Planning and Development programs, except those powers and authorities specifically excluded.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* October 4, 2011 .

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David H. Enzel, Director of Technical