DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5610–N–14]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD): Supporting Contracts and Processing Requirements

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

The Rental Assistance Demonstration allows Public Housing and Moderate Rehabilitation (Mod Rehab) properties to convert to long-term Section 8 rental assistance contracts; and Rent Supplement (Rent Supp), Rental Assistance Payment (RAP), and Mod Rehab properties, upon contract expiration or termination, to convert tenant protection vouchers (TPVs) to project-based vouchers (PBVs). Participation in the initiative will be voluntary. Public Housing Agencies, Mod Rehab owners interested in participating in the Demonstration are required to submit supplementary documentation through these processing requirements to HUD so that HUD can determine throughout the conversion process the physical and financial sustainability of properties. As such, the processing requirements will demonstrate to HUD that the applicant will be able to leverage private financing to address immediate and long-term capital needs, improve operations, and implement energy efficiency improvements. The processing information request will be in a Web-based portal and will be pre-populated with data HUD is collecting from the RAD Application, which is currently undergoing its 30 day review under cover of a separate PRA. Overall, supplementary documentation and information requested will allow the Department to determine which applicants continue to meet the eligibility requirements and have the capacity to successfully meet RAD’s mission delineated in PIH Notice PIH–2012–32: Rental Assistance Demonstration—Final Implementation Notice. Finally, all applicants will be required to sign the appropriate contractual documents to complete conversion and bind both the applicant and HUD, as well as set forth the rights and duties of the applicant and HUD, with respect to the converted project and any payments under that project. This requirement is for all applicants in the Public Housing, Mod Rehab, Rent Supp and RAP programs.

To review draft versions of the processing requirements and the contractual documentation please visit the RAD Web site: www.hud.gov/rad/.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Rental Assistance Demonstration allows Public Housing and Moderate Rehabilitation (Mod Rehab) properties to convert to long-term Section 8 rental assistance contracts; and Rent Supplement (Rent Supp), Rental Assistance Payment (RAP), and Mod Rehab properties, upon contract expiration or termination, to convert tenant protection vouchers (TPVs) to project-based vouchers (PBVs). Participation in the initiative will be voluntary. Public Housing Agencies, Mod Rehab owners interested in participating in the Demonstration are required to submit supplementary documentation through these processing requirements to HUD so that HUD can determine throughout the conversion process the physical and financial sustainability of properties. As such, the processing requirements will demonstrate to HUD that the applicant will be able to leverage private financing to address immediate and long-term capital needs, improve operations, and implement energy efficiency improvements. The processing information request will be in a Web-based portal and will be pre-populated with data HUD is collecting from the RAD Application, which is currently undergoing its 30 day review under cover of a separate PRA. Overall, supplementary documentation and information requested will allow the Department to determine which applicants continue to meet the eligibility requirements and have the capacity to successfully meet RAD’s mission delineated in PIH Notice PIH–2012–32: Rental Assistance Demonstration—Final Implementation Notice. Finally, all applicants will be required to sign the appropriate contractual documents to complete conversion and bind both the applicant and HUD, as well as set forth the rights and duties of the applicant and HUD, with respect to the converted project and any payments under that project. This requirement is for all applicants in the Public Housing, Mod Rehab, Rent Supp and RAP programs.

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Agency form number(s), if applicable: Members of affected public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 3,750.

Status: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.


Dated: August 8, 2012.

Colette Pollard,
Departmental Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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Number of respondents Annual responses × Hours per response = Burden hours

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Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including respondents: The estimated number of respondents is 2,539 annually that have only one response per respondent. 605 respondents will have 9 responses annually until conversion is complete to total 5,445 responses. The average number for each response to each document in the information collection is 1 hour, for a total burden of 7,379.

Status of the proposed information collection: New Collection.


Dated: August 8, 2012.

Debra Gross, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Policy, Program and Legislative Initiatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
[Docket No. FR–5610–N–12]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment; Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program Reporting

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

ACTION: Notice of revised information collection.

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.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comment on a revised Word version of HUD–52737, Indian Housing Plan/Annual Performance Report (IHP/ APR), and two additional, automated versions of form: an Excel version and a version on HUD’s Energy and Performance Information Center (EPIC) Web site. All three versions of the form request exactly the same information, but have different burdens due to the automated capabilities of the Excel and EPIC versions. These automated enhancements make the Excel and EPIC versions easier and faster to complete than the Word version. Respondents may elect to complete and submit to HUD either the Word, Excel, or EPIC versions; however, the Excel and EPIC versions are preferred because of their automated capabilities and reduced burden.

The Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) requires recipients (tribes and tribally designated housing entities) to submit specific information that is necessary for the implementation and evaluation of low income housing programs using Indian Housing Block Grant funds (IHBG). Recipients of IHBG funds are required to submit the IHP/APR annually. In addition to the IHP/ APR, each year recipients may submit a Formula Response Form (HUD–4117), and Formula Challenge Form (HUD–4119).

DATES: Comments Due Date: October 15, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB Control number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4160, Washington, DC 20410–5000; telephone 202–402–3400, (this is not a toll-free number) or email Ms. Pollard at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms, or other available information. 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. (Other than the HUD USER information line and TTY numbers, telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arlette Mussington, Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives, PIH, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., (L’Enfant Plaza, Room 2206), Washington, DC 20410; telephone 202–402–4109, (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: (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: Indian Housing Block Grant Information Collection, Word, Excel and EPIC Versions of the Indian Housing Plan/Annual Performance Report.

OMB Control Number: 2577–0218.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use:

Indian tribes, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, or tribally designated housing entities that receive IHBG funds are required annually to submit HUD–52737 that consists of two components: the Indian Housing Plan (IHP) component and the Annual Performance Report (APR) component.

The IHP is required by Section 102 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) and describes the eligible IHBG-funded, affordable housing activities the recipient plans to conduct for the benefit of low and moderate income tribal members and identifies the intended outcomes and outputs for the upcoming 12-month year. The recipient submits the IHP at least 75 days prior to the beginning of its 12-month program year. HUD conducts a limited review of the IHP to determine that the planned activities are in compliance with NAHASDA requirements, as defined at 24 CFR Part 1000.

At the end of the 12-month period, the recipient submits the APR that is required by Section 404 of NAHASDA and describes (1) The use of grant funds during the prior 12-month period; (2) the actual outcomes and outputs achieved; (3) program accomplishments; and (4) jobs supported by IHBG-funded activities. HUD uses the information in the APR to review the recipient’s progress in implementing the IHP, verify whether the activities are eligible and to determine if the recipient has the capacity to continue implementing the activities described in the IHP in a timely manner. The information in the APR also will be used to provide Congress, stakeholders, and other interested parties with information on how the IHBG funds are being used to meet affordable housing needs within Native American communities.