

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until February 19, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and suggestions regarding items contained in this notice, and especially with regard to the estimated public burden and associated response time should be directed to DHS using one of the following methods: (1) Via the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) under e-Docket ID number USCIS–2008–0025; (2) by email to [USCISFRComment@uscis.dhs.gov](mailto:USCISFRComment@uscis.dhs.gov); or (3) by mail to DHS, USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529–2140. All submissions received must include the OMB Control Number 1615–0052 in the subject box, the agency name and Docket ID 2008–0025.

Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**Note:** The address listed in this notice should only be used to submit comments concerning this information collection. Please do not submit requests for individual case status inquiries to this address. If you are seeking information about the status of your individual case, please check “My Case Status” online at: <https://egov.uscis.gov/cris/Dashboard.do>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1–800–375–5283.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

(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, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(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, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

USCIS continually reviews its information collection tools for accuracy, completeness, and utility and, as a result, the agency is proposing the addition of a number of questions to Form N–400. These additional questions will allow USCIS to make more informed decisions on the eligibility of respondents to the form. Form N–400 is the final information collection activity that occurs before an eligibility determination for naturalization is made. Even if the applicant for naturalization has received a previous immigration benefit from USCIS, the length of time that may have transpired between the initial interaction that the respondent had with USCIS on another immigration benefit request and the filing of the N–400 requires USCIS to verify that actions taken by the respondent during the intervening years do not affect his or her eligibility for naturalization. The form is also updated to examine the inadmissibility grounds that were added by the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. Public Law 108–458 (Dec. 17, 2004). USCIS added these questions as required by the agreement reached through a working group comprised of representatives of affected agencies, including the Departments of Justice and State, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement of DHS. These additional questions are necessary for USCIS to meet the statutory requirements and the President’s directive to make a determination that a person is ineligible to naturalize because of his or her past involvement with terrorism, persecution, torture, or genocide. See, Presidential Proclamation—Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Persons Who Participate in Serious Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Violations and Other Abuses, at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/08/04/presidential-proclamation-suspension-entry-immigrants-and-nonimmigrants>. Because Form N–400 has changed significantly, the burden estimate in this notice is not based on the experience and observations of actual public usage. USCIS would appreciate and encourages the public’s

input on the burden estimate so as to provide the most accurate estimate possible.

### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application for Naturalization.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* N–400; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary:* Individuals or households. USCIS uses the information gathered on Form N–400 to make a determination as to a respondent’s eligibility to naturalize and become a United States citizen.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 764,450 respondents with an estimated response per respondent of 6 hours and 55 minutes for the form N–400 and 1 hour and 17 minutes for the biometric processing.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 7,076,514 Hours.

If you need a copy of the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please visit the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529–2140, Telephone number 202–272–8377.

Dated: December 17, 2012.

**Laura Dawkins,**

*Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5603–N–93]

### Healthy Home and Lead Hazard Control Grant Programs Data Collection; Progress Reporting

**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.

This data collection is designed to provide HUD timely information on progress of Healthy Homes Demonstration Program, Healthy Homes Technical Studies Program, Lead Base paint Hazard Control program, Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program, Lead Outreach Program, Lead Technical Studies Program, and Operation Lead Elimination Action Program grant activities. HUD will provide Congress with status report as required by statute.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* January 22, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2539-0008) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806. Email:

*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; email 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 Proposed:* Healthy Home and Lead Hazard Control Grant Programs Data Collection—Progress Reporting.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2539-0008.

*Form Numbers:* HUD-96006.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* This data collection is designed to provide HUD timely information on progress of Healthy Homes Demonstration Program, Healthy Homes Technical Studies Program, Lead Base paint Hazard Control program, Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Program, Lead Outreach Program, Lead Technical Studies Program, and Operation Lead Elimination Action Program grant activities. HUD will provide Congress with status report as required by statute.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	×	Burden hours
Reporting Burden .....	300		4		9	10,800

Total estimated burden hours: 10,800.  
*Status:* Reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection.

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

Dated: December 14, 2012.

**Colette Pollard,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Tribal Consultations.

**SUMMARY:** The Cobell Class Action Settlement Agreement established a Trust Land Consolidation Fund to be used for acquiring fractional interests in trust and restricted fee lands. Based on tribal consultation in the spring and summer of 2011, the Department issued

a draft plan dated January 2012. The Department has developed this Initial Implementation Plan for the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations incorporating input received through subsequent consultations and public input. This notice announces consultation with Indian tribes on the Initial Implementation Plan and the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program).

**DATES:** Written input/suggestions are due Monday, March 4, 2013. Please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for dates of tribal consultation sessions.

**ADDRESSES:** See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice for the location of the tribal consultation sessions. The Initial Implementation Plan for the Buy-Back Program is available at: *www.doi.gov/cobell.* Submit comments by email to:

*buybackprogram@ios.doi.gov* or by mail to U.S. Department of the Interior, MS-7323-MIB, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anthony Walters, Office of the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations;

*Anthony.Walters@bia.gov;* (202) 513-0897.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Cobell Settlement Agreement (as confirmed by the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 11-291) and approved with finality after appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court were exhausted (Settlement)), provides, in part, for a \$1.9 billion Trust Land Consolidation Fund (Fund). The Settlement charges the Department of the Interior (Department) with the responsibility to expend the Fund within a 10-year period to acquire, at fair market value, fractional interests in trust or restricted fee land that individuals are willing to sell to the Department. The Secretary has established the Buy-Back Program to implement this aspect of the Settlement.

There are approximately 150 reservations with 2.9 million purchasable fractional interests that are owned by more than 218,000 unique individuals. The overall goal of the Buy-Back Program is to reduce the number of those fractional interests through voluntary land purchases, which will create consolidated trust land bases for beneficial use by tribal communities.