

In *Data General v. United States*, 4 Ct. Int'l Trade 182 (1982), the court determined that for purposes of determining eligibility under item 807.00, Tariff Schedules of the United States (predecessor to subheading 9802.00.80, Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States), the programming of a foreign PROM (Programmable Read-Only Memory chip) in the United States substantially transformed the PROM into a U.S. article. The PROMs had no capacity to store and retrieve information until they were programmed in the U.S. by U.S. engineers who interconnected the discrete components in a defined logical pattern. The programming bestowed upon each circuit its electronic function, that is, its "memory" which could be retrieved. A distinct physical change was effected in the PROM by the opening or closing of the fuses, depending on the method of programming. This physical alteration, not visible to the naked eye, could be discerned by electronic testing of the PROM. The court noted that the programs were designed by a U.S. project engineer with many years of experience in "designing and building hardware." While replicating the program pattern from a "master" PROM may be a quick one-step process, the development of the pattern and the production of the "master" PROM required much time and expertise. The court noted that it was undisputed that programming altered the character of a PROM. The essence of the article, its interconnections or stored memory, was established by programming. The court concluded that altering the non-functioning circuitry comprising a PROM through technological expertise in order to produce a functioning read only memory device, possessing a desired distinctive circuit pattern, was no less a "substantial transformation" than the manual interconnection of transistors, resistors and diodes upon a circuit board creating a similar pattern.

You believe that the country of origin of DocAve Software is the United States because it is the country in which the software build occurs, a process which you liken to assembly and believe is sufficient in itself to effect a substantial transformation of all the software inputs. You note that some of the pre-build design and architecture, and some of the post- or re-build test design and validation decisions also take place in the U.S. Specifically, the design concept and user-driven features of the software are the result of work performed in the U.S., and their functional implementation is achieved only

through the compilation of source code modules and the integration of executable modules through numerous build and test sequences, also performed in the U.S. Additionally, you note that while testing is largely performed in China, the decisions on critical functions and features pass rates are taken by the U.S. project management team. As a result of the software development and production processes performed in the U.S., you believe that a new commercial product (DocAve Software) is created that differs from any of its components, which individually are not capable of achieving the purpose or function of the completed software.

Based on the reasoning in *Data General supra*, we find that the software build performed in the U.S. substantially transforms the software modules developed in China and the U.S. into a new article with a new name, character and use, that is, DocAve Software. During the software build process, the source code modules developed in the U.S. and China are transferred to a server in the U.S, where the U.S. software development team creates DocAve Software by compiling the source code into object code, and works out incompatibilities or bugs by re-writing or correcting source code as needed. Moreover, the U.S. team creates all the lines of the object code, makes all the software executable files in various versions and languages, and constructs the installation package as an easily installable unit. In addition, 90% of the software development research is performed in the U.S., as are aspects of programming of the source code and testing and validation, such that 68% of the development of DocAve Software is attributed to work performed in the United States. Given these facts, we find that the country of origin of DocAve Software is the United States for purposes of U.S. Government procurement.

Please be advised that whether the software may be marked "Made in the U.S.A." or with similar words, is an issue under the authority of the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC"). We suggest that you contact the FTC, Division of Enforcement, 6th and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20508, on the propriety of markings indicating that articles are made in the United States.

HOLDING:

Based on the facts provided, the software build operations performed in the United States substantially transforms the software modules developed in China and the U.S. into a new article with a new name, character

and use, that is, DocAve Software. As such, DocAve Software is considered a product of the United States for purposes of U.S. Government procurement.

Notice of this final determination will be given in the **Federal Register**, as required by 19 C.F.R. § 177.29. Any party-at-interest other than the party which requested this final determination may request, pursuant to 19 C.F.R. § 177.31, that CBP reexamine the matter anew and issue a new final determination. Pursuant to 19 C.F.R. § 177.30, any party-at-interest may, within 30 days of publication of the **Federal Register** Notice referenced above, seek judicial review of this final determination before the Court of International Trade.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Bell, Executive Director
Regulations and Rulings
Office of International Trade

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5687-N-47]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for FHA Insured Mortgages

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* February 10, 2014.

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: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email 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 Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Stevens, Deputy Director, HMID, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email Kevin Stevens at Kevin.L.Stevens@hud.gov, or telephone 202-708-2121. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Stevens.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection:

Application for FHA Insured Mortgage.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0059.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Form Number: HUD-92900-A, HUD-92900-B, HUD-92900-LT, HUD-92561, Addendum to HUD-1, Model Notice for Informed Consumer Choice Disclosure, Model Pre-Insurance Review/Checklist.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Specific forms and related documents are needed to determine the eligibility of the borrower and proposed mortgage transaction for FHA's insurance endorsement. Lenders seeking FHA's insurance prepare certain forms to collect data.

Respondents (i.e. affected public): Business.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11,604.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1,239,416.

Frequency of Response: on occasion.

Average Hours per Response: 55 minutes.

Total Estimated Burdens: 534,971.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) 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) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed

collection of information; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to 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.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

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

Dated: December 5, 2013.

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Associate General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Associate Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5683-C-103]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Assessment of Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Housing Needs

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Correction Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD has submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment. This notice replaces the notice HUD published on November 27, 2013.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* January 10, 2014.

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: 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email Colette Pollard at Colette.Pollard@hud.gov or telephone 202-402-3400. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number

through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. 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 HUD has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described in Section A. The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on August 1, 2012. There have been some revisions in the information collection plan since that date. The updated information collection is described below.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection:

Assessment of Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Housing Needs.

OMB Approval Number: 2528-0288.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Form Number: None.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Department is conducting this study under contract with The Urban Institute and its subcontractors, NORC, Econometrica and SSI. The project is a housing needs assessment that will produce national level estimates of housing needs in tribal areas in the United States. HUD provides funding though several programs to Native American and Alaskan Native populations, most notably through the Indian Housing Block Grant. The level of housing need is of particular interest to HUD and the Congress has mandated this study. HUD has not published a study on housing needs, in general, for this population since 1996. The survey covered by this data collection is a household survey of Native Hawaiians living in Hawaii.

Respondents: Native Hawaiian heads of households currently resident in the state of Hawaii. The respondents for this survey will be drawn from the Applicant Wait List maintained by the state of Hawaii's Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). The individuals on the DHHL list are eligible for the homestead benefit (that is, people who are at least 50% blood quantum Native Hawaiian) and are not currently direct recipients of federal housing assistance targeted to Native Hawaiians. The goal is 500 total completed interviews. In order to reach that goal, the target will be sample 625 respondents. In-person household interviews will be conducted.