

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5831-N-31]

**30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Rent Reform Demonstration (Task Order 2)**

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

**ACTION:** 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.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* July 24, 2015.

**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](mailto: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@hud.gov](mailto:Colette.Pollard@hud.gov) or telephone 202-402-3400. 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 Ms. Pollard.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for 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 April 14, 2015 at 80 FR 20008.

**A. Overview of Information Collection**

*Title of Information Collection:* Rent Reform Demonstration.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2528-0306.

*Type of Request:* Revision of existing collection.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The Department is conducting this study under contract with MDRC and its subcontractors (Branch Associates, The Bronner Group, Quadel Consulting Corporation, and the Urban Institute). The project is a random assignment trial of an alternative rent system. Families will be randomly assigned to participate either in the new/alternative rent system or to continue in the current system. For voucher holders, outcomes of the alternative system are hypothesized to be increases in earnings, employment and job retention, among others. Random assignment will limit the extent to which selection bias drives observed results. The demonstration

will document the progress of a group of housing voucher holders, who will be drawn from current residents. The intent is to gain an understanding of the impact of the alternative rent system on the families as well as the administrative burden on Public Housing Agencies (PHAs). Four PHAs currently participating in the Moving to Work (MtW) Demonstration are participating in the demonstration:

- (1) Lexington Housing Authority (LHA), Lexington, Kentucky;
- (2) Louisville Metro Housing Authority (LMHA), Louisville, Kentucky;
- (3) San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA), San Antonio, Texas; and
- (4) District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA), Washington, DC.

Data collection will include the families that are part of the treatment and control groups, as well as PHA staff. Data for this evaluation will be gathered through a variety of methods including informational interviews and discussions, direct observation, and analysis of administrative records. The work covered under this information request is for data collection proposed under the first of two required OMB submissions of the Task Order 2 of the Rent Reform Demonstration.

*Respondents:* 156.

This includes:

- Public Housing Authority Staff: up to 44 (*i.e.*, assuming up to 11 staff at up to 4 PHAs).
- Families with housing vouchers participating in the Rent Reform Demonstration, up to 80.

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
Study Participant Interviews and/or Focus Groups.	80 participants (20 participants * 4 sites).	Once .....	One .....	90 minutes, on average (1.5 hours).	120 (80 * 1.5) ...	<sup>1</sup> 8.13	\$487.80 (40 employed sample members * \$8.13 * 1.5 hours).
PHA Staff Interviews.	32 staff (8 staff * 4 sites).	Once .....	One .....	90 minutes, on average (or 1.5 hours).	48 hours (32 * 1.50).	<sup>3</sup> 24.33	\$1,167.84 (32 staff * \$24.33 * 1.5 hours).
Housing Authority Database Extraction Activities by PHA staff.	4 staff (1 staff * 4 sites).	8 responses in the covered period (monthly through January 2015, then annually through 2018).	Four in 2015, two in 2016, one in 2017, one in 2018.	60 minutes, on average (or 1 hour).	16 hours (4 staff * 1 hour * 4 responses in 2015).	<sup>4</sup> 33.58	\$537.28 (4 staff * \$33.58 * 1 hour * 4 responses in 2015).
Cost Study Data Collection Activities with PHA staff.	8 staff (2 staff * 4 sites).	Three times over the covered period.	One .....	120 minutes, on average (or 2 hours).	16 hours (8 staff * 2 hours).	33.58	\$537.28 (8 staff * \$33.58 * 2 hours).

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
Interviews to understand implementation of new rent model. Includes meetings with PHA staff for technical assistance purposes.	32 staff (8 staff * 4 sites).	Four times .....	Up to four times	30–60 minutes (or .5 to 1 hours) Incorporated into technical assistance, monitoring visits and follow-up.	128 hours (4 one-hour meetings * 32 staff).	24.33	\$2,983 (32 staff * \$24.33 * 1 hour * 4 meetings).
Total .....	156 .....	.....	.....	.....	328 .....	.....	\$5,844.44.

<sup>1</sup> Households participating in the Rent Reform Demonstration will range widely in employment position and earnings. We have estimated the hourly wage at the expected prevailing minimum wage, which is \$7.25 per hour in Kentucky and Texas. The hourly minimum wage in the District of Columbia is expected to be \$10.50 by Q3 of 2015. (Source: District of Columbia Department of Employment Services, [http://does.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/does/page\\_content/attachments/DC%20Minimum%20Wage%20Increase%20-%20DC%20Register%20Public%20Notice.pdf](http://does.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/does/page_content/attachments/DC%20Minimum%20Wage%20Increase%20-%20DC%20Register%20Public%20Notice.pdf).) Accordingly, we assume an hourly rate across all sites of \$8.13 that represents an average of these two rates, weighted by the pledged sample at each site. (2,000 pledged participants in Washington, DC and 5,400 pledged in the remaining sites.) Moreover, we expect about 50 percent of the participants to be employed at the time of study entry. A recent report by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, some 55 percent of non-elderly, non-disabled households receiving voucher assistance reported earned income in 2010. The typical (median) annual earnings for these families were \$15,600, only slightly more than the pay from full-time, year-round minimum-wage work. (<http://www.cbpp.org/cms/?fa=view&id=3634>). Based on this, we assumed 50% of tenants would be working at the federal minimum wage.

<sup>2</sup> Number of PHA staff interviews could increase if the housing agency deploys more staff to work on activities related to Rent Reform implementation.

<sup>3</sup> For program staff participating in interviews, the estimate uses the median hourly wages of selected occupations (classified by Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) codes) was sourced from the Occupational Employment Statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Potentially relevant occupations and their median hourly wages are:

Occupation	SOC code	Median hourly wage rate
Community and Social Service Specialist .....	21–1099	\$19.26
Social/community Service Manager .....	11–9151	29.40

<sup>4</sup> For program staff supporting data extraction activities, the estimate uses the median hourly wages of selected relevant occupations in a manner similar to the above. A standard wage assumption of \$33.58 was created by averaging median hourly wage rates for these occupations:

Source: Occupational Employment Statistics, accessed online March 20, 2015 at [http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\\_stru.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_stru.htm). To estimate cost burden to program staff respondents, we use an average of the occupations listed, or \$24.33/hr.

Occupation	SOC code	Median hourly wage rate
Database Administrator .....	15–1141	\$37.75
Social/community Service Manager .....	11–9151	29.40

Source: Occupational Employment Statistics, accessed online March 22, 2015 at [http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\\_stru.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_stru.htm).

**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: June 17, 2015.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee (MAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The MAC will meet on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, from 10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. at the Grace Episcopal Church, 70 Sunrise Rd., Lopez, WA 98261. There will be two public comment periods: 10:45–11:15 and 4:45–5:30. This meeting will focus on recreation, visual resource management, special designations such as Areas of Environmental Concern and lands with wilderness characteristics, and trails and travel management. The BLM resource lead will be present to share the breadth of considerations and opportunities in the generation of alternatives for separate areas, or zones and a discussion of public engagement