
(2) Mail. Submit written comments to DHS, USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529–2140.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommes, Chief, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529–2140, telephone number 202–272–8377 (This is not a toll-free number. Comments are not accepted via telephone message). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS Web site at http://www.uscis.gov, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 800–375–5283 (TTY 800–767–1833).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments
You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov and enter USCIS–2007–0024 in the search box. 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.

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.

Overview of This Information Collection
(1) Type of Information Collection: Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection.
(2) Title of the Form/Collection: Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant.
(3) Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection: Form I–360; USCIS.
(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary: Individuals or households. The Form I–360 may be used by an Amerasian; a widow or widower; a battered or abused spouse or child of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident; a battered or abused parent of a U.S. citizen son or daughter; or a special immigrant (religious worker, Panama Canal company employee, Canal Zone government employee, U.S. government employee in the Canal Zone; physician, international organization employee or family member, juvenile court dependent; armed forces member; Afghanistan or Iraq national who supported the U.S. Armed Forces as a translator; Iraq national who worked for the or on behalf of the U.S. Government in Iraq; or Afghan national who worked for or on behalf of the U.S. Government or the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan) who intend to establish their eligibility to immigrate to the United States. The data collected on this form is reviewed by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to determine if the petitioner may be qualified to obtain the benefit. The data collected on this form will also be used to issue an employment authorization document upon approval of the petition for battered or abused spouses, children, and parents, if requested.
(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Petition for Amerasian, Widower, or Special Immigration (Form I–360); Iraqi & Afghan Petitioners is 2,874 and the estimated hour burden per response is 3.1 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Petition for Amerasian, Widower, or Special Immigration (Form I–360); Religious Workers is 2,393 and the estimated hour burden per response is 2.35 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection Petition for Amerasian, Widower, or Special Immigration (Form I–360); All Others is 14,362 and the estimated hour burden per response is 2.1 hours.
(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 44,693 hours.
(7) An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection: The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is $2,404,430.

Samantha Deshommes,
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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–6004–N–06]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Public Housing Agencies Service Areas Solicitation of Comments

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, PHA, 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. This is a one-time collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: December 11, 2017.
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 Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

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). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Mussington.

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: Public Housing Agencies Service Areas

Solicitation of Comments.

OMB Approval Number: NEW—Pending OMB Approval.

Type of Request: New Collection.

Form Number: Interactive Geospatial tool currently under development and will be available upon completion.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: HUD proposes to use the following information collection methodology to gather Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) service area boundaries. An interactive geospatial tool will be provided by HUD for PHAs to access online. Through this online tool, HUD will present PHAs with estimates of their service area boundaries based on the locations of the PHA’s public housing units and Housing Choice Vouchers in relation to Units of General Local Government. PHAs will be provided an opportunity to revise HUD’s initial estimates using the online tool. The online, interactive tool will provide PHAs with the ability to designate boundaries that more accurately reflect their actual service areas under state and local law. PHAs will be able to do so by identifying Units of General Local Government boundaries that more closely reflect their actual service areas.

The United States Housing Act of 1937 (1937 Act) in Section 3(b)(6) defines a Public Housing Agency, in part, as: “Except as provided in subparagraph (b), . . . any State, county, municipality, or other governmental entity or public body (or agency or instrumentality thereof) which is authorized to engage in or assist in the development or operation of public housing.” 42 U.S.C. 1437a. The section includes additional provisions related to PHAs operating Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. The 1937 Act therefore includes a reference to applicable state and local laws that PHAs operate pursuant to. HUD’s regulations, at 24 CFR 982.4, defines a PHA’s Jurisdiction as, “the area in which the PHA has authority under State and local law to administer the program.”

HUD is proposing an information collection regarding PHAs’ applicable jurisdictions, also known as service areas, in which they are authorized to operate under state and local law. Through the online tool, HUD will present PHAs with estimates of their service area boundaries, based on the locations of the PHA’s public housing unit and Housing Choice Vouchers in relation to Units of General Local Government. HUD is aware that these initial estimates may not reflect the PHA’s defined service area in accordance with State and local law, therefore, PHAs will be provided an opportunity to revise HUD’s initial estimates using the online tool. When revising HUD’s estimates, PHAs will be instructed to include in their revisions the areas in which they are authorized to operate under state and local law, not only the areas in which they currently operate. This means including areas that the PHA may have no public housing developments or HCVs, but where the PHA could operate those programs. If the PHA believes that HUD’s estimate of its service area is accurate, the PHA will be asked to validate or accept HUD’s estimation within the online tool.

The information collection described in this Notice will use an online electronic methodology intended to reduce administrative costs for PHAs and the federal government. The information obtained through this information collection is intended to assist in HUD program operations and in providing data to HUD’s program participants, stakeholders, and the.

Collecting PHA service area boundaries in a simple electronic format will aid in the provision of data that can be used in conducting the statement of housing needs assessments as required by the PHA Annual Plan pursuant to 24 CFR 903.7. The information will be used by HUD to provide data to PHAs for use in completing Assessments of Fair Housing. Such information is also highly relevant for informing Housing Choice Voucher policy decisions, including those related to mobility and portability. HUD itself will utilize the information to inform operations of the public housing, Housing Choice Voucher and other programs, and for estimating the impact of changes in Fair Market Rents, including Small Area Fair Market Rents. The information may also be useful for the general public, for instance, in locating local affordable housing providers and increasing awareness of local affordable housing options.

The use of a geospatial data tool to collect this information has the advantage of simplifying and minimizing the administrative costs as well as directly linking the information to existing data resources without the need for additional cost to the federal government.

| PHA Service Area Information ........ | 3,942 | 1 | Once per Assessment of Fair Housing cycle (i.e., generally once every five years). | 1 | 3,942 | 3,942 |
| Total Burden ........................ | | | | | | |
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 the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

5. Whether this information collection will result in more accurate data that will enable PHAs to conduct meaningful analyses of their programs.

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


Merrie Nichols-Dixon,
Director, Office of Policy, Program and Legislative Initiatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–6004–N–09]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Section 184 and 184–A Loan Guarantee Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, 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: December 11, 2017.

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.

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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: Section 184 and 184–A Loan Guarantee Program.

OMB Approval Number: 2577–0200.

Type of Request: Revision of Currently Approved Collection.


Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The information collected is used to determine a borrower’s credit worthiness and ability to pay for a home loan as well as to ensure that lenders comply with the program requirements.

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) is developing a system called the Loan Origination System (ONAP–LOS) to support the Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program. The ONAP–LOS system will deliver automated processes for case registration, reservation of funds, issuance of loan guarantee certificates, and lender registration and re-certification. This system will capture and maintain data across the following major information categories: Lenders, borrowers, properties, and loan. The enhanced enterprise solution will provide participating lender partners with clarity and transparency around the ONAP enforcement efforts and it will expand access to credit for eligible borrowers. The initial release of the ONAP–LOS will deliver the following high-level capabilities:

- Authentication of External Lenders
- Case Registration—Intake of Case Registration Data & Case Number Issuance
- Generation of Case Registration Acknowledgement

ONAP designed the new system to reduce the number of forms needed and the time to prepare the forms while ensuring the highest level of security and privacy protections. ONAP–LOS is available to all lenders with direct guarantee approval, upon completion of scheduled training.

ONAP operates the Section 184–A program for eligible native Hawaiians. The program is designed to offer home ownership, property rehabilitation, and new construction opportunities for eligible native Hawaiian individuals and families wanting to own a home on Hawaiian home lands. The Hawaiian Homelands Homeownership Act of 2000 added a new Section 184A to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 which authorized the Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantee Program. The regulations for Section 184–A are found at 24 CFR part 1007. This Paperwork Reduction Act package includes all forms required for the Section 184–A program.

Respondents (i.e., affected public): 21,985

Estimated Number of Respondents: 21,985.

Estimated Number of Responses: 21,985.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 3.4 hours.

1. Average Hours per Response: 3.4 hours.


3. Estimated Number of Respondents: 21,985.

4. Estimated Number of Responses: 21,985.

5. Average Hours per Response: 3.4 hours.