including technical and legal staff to
determine the adequacy of technical and
management approach, experience,
responsibility, responsiveness, and
Expertise of the firms submitting offers;
the identification of members of the
public (i.e., small businesses) who
qualify for and are interested in
participating in the DHS SBIR Program;
and, provide the DHS SBIR Program
Office necessary and sufficient
information to determine whether
proposals submitted by the public to the
DHS SBIR Program meet the criteria for
consideration under the program.
Failure to collect this information
would adversely affect the quality of
products and services DHS receives
from contractors. Potentially, contracts
would be awarded to firms without
sufficient expertise and knowledge,
thereby placing the Department’s
operations in jeopardy. Defective and
inadequate contractor deliverables
would adversely affect DHS’s
fulfillment of the mission requirements
in all areas. Additionally, the
Department would be unsuccessful in
identifying small businesses with
research and development (R&D)
capabilities, which would adversely
affect the mission requirements in this
area.
Many sources of the requested
information use automated word
processing systems, databases, and web
portals to facilitate preparation of
material to be submitted and to post and
collect information. It is common place
within many of DHS’s Components for
submissions to be electronic as a result of
implementation of e-Government
initiatives.
Information technology (i.e.,
electronic web portal) is used in the
collection of information to reduce the
data gathering and records management
burden. DHS uses a secure website the
can public use to propose SBIR research
topics and submit proposals in response
to SBIR solicitations. In addition, DHS
uses a web portal to review RFIs and
register to submit a white paper or
proposal in response to a specific BAA.
The data collection forms standardize
the collection of information that is
necessary and sufficient for the DHS
SBIR Program Office to meet its
This information collection required by
the HSAR and the SBIR and STTR
programs may or may not involve small
business contractors, depending on the
particular transaction. The burden
applied to small businesses has been
reduced to the least burdensome
collection of information for
the information. In certain cases,
information collection is done via a
secure website which is intended to
minimize burden for businesses
(including small businesses) and other
for-profit entities, and not-for-profit
institutions. Small businesses and other
small entities will be able to enter
identifying information and
subsequently update rather than
resubmit the information via the
internet.
Less frequent incidence of collecting
such information as offerors’ technical
approach, management approach,
experience statements, and resumes
indicating level of expertise would
negatively affect the quality of products
and services DHS received from
contractors. Potentially, contracts would
be awarded to firms without sufficient
experience and expertise, thereby
placing the Department’s operations in
jeopardy.
Additionally, DHS collects
information that is both necessary and
sufficient to comply with 15 U.S.C. 638
and receive white papers and proposals
from the public in response to BAAs. Failure to allow the public to submit
information would diminish the ability of
the DHS SBIR Program Office to meet
its obligation for outreach as required by
15 U.S.C. 638, evaluate white papers
and proposals in accordance with the
criteria in the BAA and provide the
respondents with the results of the
evaluation. DHS/ALL/PIA–006 General
Contact Lists dated June 15, 2007 covers
the basic contact information that must
be collected for DHS. Other information
collected will typically pertain to the
contract itself, and not individuals. All
information for this information
collection is submitted voluntarily.
However, sensitive information (e.g.,
felony conviction information) may also
be collected through this information
collection. Due to this sensitivity, and
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collection. Due to this sensitivity, and
the sensitivities regarding the
procurement process as a whole, a new
PIA is required to document and
identify any potential risks associated
with collecting this information.
There is no assurance of
confidentiality provided to the
respondents.
The burden estimates are based upon
definitive proposals reported by DHS
and its Components to the Federal
Procurement Data System (FPDS) for FY
2019, and, for the forms, data reported
by contracting activities related to single
source DHS other transaction awards
and modifications issued in FY 2019.
No program changes occurred and there
have been no changes to the information
being collected. However, the burden
was adjusted to reflect an agency
adjustment increase of 13,206 in the
number of respondents within DHS for
FY 2019, to include the number of
respondents added as a result of the
new forms, as well as an increase in the
average hourly wage rate.
The Office of Management and Budget
is particularly interested in comments
which:
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
clarify 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 submissions
of responses.
Analysis
Agency: Department of Homeland
Security (DHS).
Title: Solicitation of Proposal
Information for Award of Public
Contracts.
OMB Number: 1600–0005.
Frequency: On occasion.
Affected Public: Private Sector.
Number of Respondents: 130,418.
Estimated Time per Respondent: 1.8.
Total Burden Hours: 1,358,512.

Robert Dorr,
Acting Executive Director, Business
Management Directorate.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT


30-Day Notice of Proposed Information
Collection: Rental Assistance
Demonstration (RAD): Supporting
Contracts and Processing
Requirements; OMB Control No.: 2502–0612

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information
Officer, Housing and Urban
Development (HUD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD has submitted the
proposed information collection

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

ADDRESSES:

DATES:

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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 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 May 18, 2020, at 86 FR 29739.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD); Supporting Contracts and Processing Requirements.

OMB Approval Number: 2502–0612.

OMB Expiration Date: 04/30/2020.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of previously approved collection for which approval has expired.


Description of the need for the information and proposed use: RAD allows Public Housing, Mod Rehab, Rent Supp, RAP, and 202 PRAC properties to convert to long-term project-based Section 8 rental assistance contracts. Participation in the demonstration is voluntary and HUD approval is discretionary. Participating Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and Multifamily Owners are required to submit documentation for processing and completing the conversion. Through these documents (collectively, the RAD documents), HUD evaluates whether the PHA or owner has met all of the requirements necessary to complete conversion as outlined in Housing Notice 2019–09/PIH Notice 2019–23 (HA) Rental Assistance Demonstration—Final Implementation Notice (RAD Notice) Revision 4 and Housing/PIH Notice 2016–17—Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Notice Regarding Fair Housing and Civil Rights Requirements and Relocation Requirements Applicable to RAD First Component—Public Housing Conversions or successor notices. The RAD processing request is made through a Web-based portal. Overall, the RAD documents and information requested through such documents allow HUD to determine which applicants continue to meet the eligibility and conversion requirements. 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 is a revision request of a currently approved collection. Several changes have been made under both components of RAD. The changes under the First Component of RAD are as follows: The inclusion of the RAD Application under this ICR (formerly under OMB Approval Number 2577–0278), the reorganization and streamlining of RAD Fair Housing, Civil Rights, and Relocation Submission Requirements, an update of all forms to reflect programmatic changes and improvements over the past three years, the replacement of a rider to an existing PBV HAP contract with a single contract form that incorporates all requirements into a single form, the creation of a survey of new contract voucher administrators to ensure that the amount of funding provided for converted properties is adequate, and the creation of a Post-Closing Completion Certification form for owners to document compliance with certain requirements. In addition, under the Second Component of RAD, the changes are as follows: The creation of the Submission of Interest for owners to connect with HUD for technical assistance for the conversion of Project Rental Assistance Contract (PRAC) to PBRA and PBV as well as the new Elderly Housing Use Agreement to be recorded on PRAC properties that have converted through RAD, an update of all forms to reflect programmatic changes and improvements over the past three years, and the implementation of the Mod Rehab data, a collection of owner information requested. Both Components of RAD will now have the incorporation of a Conversion Plan under the Second Component, modeled after the Financing Plan used in the First Component. Both components will also now include a collection of a post-closing completion certification to monitor compliance with requirements agreed to, as part of the conversion, and ensuring that any and all record-keeping that PHAs and owners must undertake to comply with requirements under the RAD Notice is acknowledged under this ICR.

Respondents (i.e. affected public): Public housing agencies and multifamily owners.

Estimated number of respondents: 370.

Estimated number of responses: 370.

Frequency of response: Once per application.

Average hours per response: 8.32.

Total estimated burden: 3,079.

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;

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;

5. Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–7034–N–27]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Appeals; PHAS Unaudited Financial Statement Submission Extensions; Assisted and Insured Housing Property Inspection Technical Reviews and Database Adjustments; OMB Control No. 2577–0257

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: June 18, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/Start Printed Page 15501

Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Appeals; Public Housing and Multifamily Housing Technical Reviews and Database Adjustments; Assisted and Insured Housing Property Inspection Technical Reviews and Database Adjustments.

OMB Approval Number: 2577–0257.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Form Number: HUD–52306.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The collection of this information supports HUD’s ongoing mission to provide safe, decent, and habitable housing to low income households. To ensure HUD’s subsidized housing meets this criteria and for the proper performance of the property’s condition. Poorly performing PHAs may be subject to additional reporting requirements, may receive HUD assistance, and are subject to possible penalties. For the Office of Housing, accurate property scores are vital to their monitoring and compliance efforts. Unacceptable property scores result in automatic penalties and referral for enforcement actions.

Pursuant to § 6(j)(2)(A)(iii) the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, HUD established procedures in the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) rule for a public housing agencies (PHAs) to appeal an overall PHAS score or a troubled designation (§ 902.69). The PHAS rule in §§ 902.24 and 902.68 also provides that under certain circumstances PHAs may submit a request for a database adjustment and technical review, respectively, of physical condition inspection results.

Pursuant to the Office of Housing Physical Condition of Multifamily Properties regulation at § 200.857(d) and (e), multifamily property owners also have the right, under certain circumstances, to submit a request for a database adjustment and technical review, respectively, of physical condition inspection results.

Appeals, when granted, change assessment scores and designations; database adjustments and technical reviews, when granted, change property physical condition scores. These changes result in more accurate assessments.

Section 902.60 of the PHAS rule also provides that, in extenuating circumstances, PHAs may request an extension of time to submit required unaudited financial information. When granted, an extension of time postpones the imposition of sanctions for a late submission.

Respondents (i.e. affected public):

Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and Multifamily Housing property owners (MF POs).

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