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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). The Notice

lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the name and telephone number of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Community Outreach Partnership Center Program (COPC).

OMB Approval Number: 2528-0180.

Form Numbers: HUD-30001, HUD-30002, HUD-30003, HUD-30011, HUD-30012, Grant Forms.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: Grants are made to colleges and universities to establish and operate Community Outreach Partnership Centers to conduct research and outreach activities that address the problems of urban areas.

Respondents: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion, semi-annually.

	Number of respondents	x	Annual responses	x	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	160		1.625		55		14,400

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 14,400.

Status: Revision of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: February 20, 2003.

Wayne Eddins,

Departmental Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4817-N-01]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comments for the Family Self-Sufficiency Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be 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.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* May 27, 2003.

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: Mildred M. Hamman, Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4249, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mildred M. Hamman, (202) 708-0614, extension 4128. (This is not a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended).

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected 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 Proposal: Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS).

OMB Control Number: 2577-0178.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Family Self-Sufficiency Program, which was established in the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, promotes the development of local strategies that coordinate the use of public housing assistance and assistance under the Section 8 rental certificate and voucher programs (now known as the Housing Choice Voucher Program) with public and private resources to enable eligible families to achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency. Housing agencies enter into a Contract of Participation with each eligible family that opts to participate in the program; consult with local officials to develop an Action Plan; and report annually to HUD on implementation of the FSS program.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: Form HUD-52650 and HUD-52652.

Members of affected public: Individuals or households, public housing agencies, State or local government.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of

respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: Plan—50 respondents annually, Forms HUD-52650 (10 times a year) and HUD-52652 (50 times a year), 39,000 hours total reporting burden.

Status of the proposed information collection: Extension.

Authority: Sec. 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: February 19, 2003.

Michael Liu,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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**Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS)
Program Contract of Participation**
Section 8, Public Housing and Indian Housing Programs

**U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development**
Office of Public and Indian Housing

OMB Approval No. 2577-0178
(exp. 05/31/2003)

This Contract of Participation for the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program is between _____
_____, Housing Agency (HA), and
_____, head of the FSS family.

The FSS family includes everyone in the household, and is referred to in this contract as "family".

Type of FSS Program.

The family is a participant in the:(Check only one)

- Section 8 Rental Certificate or Rental Voucher FSS Program
- Public Housing FSS Program
- Indian Housing FSS Program

Purpose of Contract

The purpose of this contract is to state the rights and responsibilities of the family and the HA, the resources and supportive services to be provided to the family, and the activities to be completed by the family.

Term of Contract

This contract will be effective on _____.

This contract will expire on _____.

The HA can extend the term of the contract up to 2 years if the family gives the HA a written request for an extension and the HA finds that good cause exists for the extension.

Resources and Supportive Services

During the term of the contract, the HA will try to provide the resources and services listed in the individual training and services plans. If the resources and services are not available, the HA will try to substitute other resources and services. However, the HA has no liability to the family if the resources and services are not provided.

FSS Escrow Account

The HA will establish an FSS escrow account for the family. A portion of the increases in the family's rent because of increases in earned income will be credited to the FSS escrow account in accordance with HUD requirements.

Listed below are the family's annual income, earned income, and family rent when the family begins the FSS program. These amounts will be used to determine the amount credited to the family's FSS escrow account because of future increases in earned income.

Annual Income \$ _____
 Earned Income \$ _____

Family Rent (Total Tenant Payment or, for rental vouchers, 30% of monthly Adjusted Income)\$ _____

The HA will invest the FSS escrow account funds in HUD-approved investments.

The HA will give the family a report on the amount in the family's

FSS escrow account at least once a year.

If the family is participating in the Section 8 program and moves outside the HA's jurisdiction under Section 8 portability procedures, the HA may transfer the balance of the family's FSS escrow account to another HA.

Withdrawal of Funds from FSS Escrow Account

The HA may permit the family to withdraw funds from the FSS escrow account before completion of the contract if the family has completed specific interim goals, designated by the HA, and needs some of the FSS escrow account funds to complete the contract (example: to pay for school costs).

The HA will pay the head of the family the amount in the family's FSS escrow account, less any amount owed to the HA, when:

- (1) the HA determines that the family has completed this contract, and,
- (2) at the time of contract completion, the head of the family provides written certification to the HA that no member of the family is receiving welfare assistance. Welfare assistance means income assistance from Federal or state welfare programs including AFDC, SSI that is subject to an income eligibility test, Medicaid, food stamps, and general assistance. Welfare assistance does not include transitional Medicaid or child care for JOBS participants or SSI payments to guardians of disabled children.

If the head of the family leaves the assisted unit, the remaining family members may, after consulting the HA, name another family member to receive the FSS escrow account funds.

Loss of FSS Escrow Account

The family will not receive the funds in its FSS escrow account if:

- (1) the contract of participation is terminated,
- (2) the contract of participation is declared null and void; or
- (3) the family has not met its family responsibilities within the times specified as stated in this contract.

Family Responsibilities

The head of the family must:

- o Seek and maintain suitable employment after completion of the job training programs listed in the individual training and services plan. The HA, after consulting with the head of the family, will determine what employment is suitable based on the skills, education, and job training of that individual and available job opportunities in the area.

The head of the family and those family members who have decided, with HA agreement, to execute an individual training and services plan, must:

- o Complete the activities within the dates listed in each individual training and services plan.

- o Provide the HA and HUD with information about the family's participation in the FSS program in order to help the HA and HUD evaluate the FSS program. This could include information regarding employment, job interviews, training, educational attendance, and other FSS services and activities.

All family members must:

- o Comply with the terms of the lease.
- o If receiving welfare assistance, become independent of welfare assistance and remain independent of welfare assistance for at least 12 consecutive months before the contract expires.
- o If participating in the Section 8 program, live in the jurisdiction of the HA that enrolled the family in the FSS program at least 12 months from the effective date of this contract and comply with the family obligations under the Section 8 rental certificate or rental voucher program.

Corrective Actions for Failure to meet Family Responsibilities

If any member of the family does not meet his or her responsibilities under this contract, the family will not receive the money in its FSS escrow account and the HA may:

- (1) stop supportive services for the family,
- (2) terminate the family's participation in the FSS program, and
- (3) if the family is participating in the rental certificate or rental voucher program, terminate the Section 8 assistance, when allowed by HUD requirements.

HA Responsibilities

- o Attempt to obtain commitments from public and private sources for supportive services for families.
- o Establish an FSS escrow account for the family, invest the escrow account funds, and give the family a report on the amount in the FSS escrow account at least once a year.
- o Determine which, if any, interim goals must be completed before any FSS escrow funds may be paid to the family; and pay a portion of the FSS escrow account to the family if the HA determines that the family has met these specific interim goals and needs the funds from the FSS escrow account to complete the contract.
- o Determine if the family has completed this contract.
- o Pay the family the amount in its FSS escrow account, if the family has completed the contract and the head of the family has provided written certification that no member of the family is receiving welfare assistance.

Completion of the Contract of Participation

Completion of the contract occurs when the HA determines that:

- (1) the family has fulfilled all of its responsibilities under the contract; or
- (2) 30 percent of the family's monthly adjusted income equals or is greater than the Fair Market Rent amount for the unit size for which the family qualifies.

Termination of the Contract of Participation

The HA may terminate this contract if:

- (1) the family and the HA agree to terminate the contract;
- (2) the HA determines that the family has not fulfilled its responsibilities under this contract;
- (3) the family withdraws from the FSS program;
- (4) an act occurs that is inconsistent with the purpose of the FSS program; or
- (5) the HA is permitted in accordance with HUD requirements.

The HA may declare this contract null and void if the resources and services necessary to complete the contract are not available.

The HA must give a notice of termination or nullification to the head of the family. The notice must state the reasons for the HA decision to terminate or nullify the contract.

If the contract is terminated or declared null and void, the family has no right to receive funds from the family's FSS escrow account. The HA must close the family's FSS escrow account and may use the funds for purposes in accordance with HUD requirements.

If the family is participating in the Section 8 program, the HA will terminate the contract if the family moves outside the HA's jurisdiction under Section 8 portability procedures and enters the FSS program of another HA.

If the family is participating in the Section 8 program, this contract is automatically terminated if the family's section 8 assistance is terminated in accordance with HUD requirements.

Conflict with the Public or Indian Housing Lease

If part of this contract conflicts with the public or Indian housing lease, the lease will prevail.

Compliance with HUD Regulations and Requirements

The contract of participation must be interpreted and administered in accordance with HUD regulations and requirements. Terms and figures, such as the income and rent amount on page 1, are subject to correction by the HA for compliance with HUD regulations and requirements. The HA must notify the family in writing of any adjustments made to the contract.

Signatures:

Family

(Signature of head of family)

(Date Signed)

Housing Agency

(Name of HA)

(Signature of HA Official)

(Official Title)

(Date Signed)

Each Housing Agency (HA) must enter into a contract of participation with each eligible family that opts to participate in the FSS program. Each HA must consult with local officials to develop an action plan containing descriptions of the size, characteristics, and needs of the population to be served by its proposed FSS program; the services and activities it will provide; how the program will be implemented; the public and private resources through which services and activities will be provided; a time-table for implementation; and other data necessary for HUD to ensure coordinated implementation of program services and activities.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.0 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Response to this collection of information is mandatory by law (Section 23 (c) & (g) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as added by Section 554 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (PL 101-625) for participation in the FSS program.

The information collected on this form is considered sensitive and is protected by the Privacy Act. The Privacy Act requires that these records be maintained with appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to ensure their security and confidentiality. In addition, these records should be protected against any anticipated threats to their security or integrity which could result in substantial harm, embarrassment, inconvenience, or unfairness to any individual on whom the information is maintained.

HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

HA Instructions for Executing the FSS Contract of Participation

Parties to the Contract/Signatures

The head of the participating family must be the adult member of the family who is the head of the household for income eligibility and rent purposes.

Term of Contract

The effective date is the first day of the month following the date the contract was signed by the family and the HA's representative.

The expiration date is five years from the effective date of the contract.

If the HA decides to extend the term of the contract, the original expiration date listed on page one of the contract must be crossed out and the new expiration date added.

If a family moves under Section 8 portability procedures and is going to participate in the receiving HA's FSS program, the effective date of the contract between the family and the receiving HA is the first day of the month following the date the contract was signed by the family and the HA's representative. The expiration date of the contract between the receiving HA and the family **must** be the same as the expiration date of the contract between the initial HA and the family.

FSS Escrow Account

The income and rent numbers to be inserted on page one may be taken from the amounts on the last reexamination or interim determination before the family's initial participation in the FSS program, unless more than 120 days will pass between the effective date of the reexamination and the effective date of the contract of participation. If it has been more than 120 days, the HA must conduct a new reexamination or interim redetermination.

If a family moves under Section 8 portability procedures and is going to participate in the receiving HA's FSS program, the receiving HA must use the amounts listed for annual income, earned income, and family rent on page one of the contract between the initial HA and the family.

Changes to the Contract

This contract of participation can only be changed to modify the contract term, the head of the family, or the individual training and services plans.

Any change of the head of the family under the contract must be included as an attachment to the contract. The attachment must contain the name of the new designated head of the family, the signatures of the new head of the family and an HA representative, and the date signed.

Any change/s to an individual training and services plan must be included as a revision to the individual training and services plan (attachment) to which the change applies. The revision must include the item changed, signatures of the participant and an HA representative, and the date signed.

For extensions to the contract term, see the "Term of Contract" section.

If, twelve months after the effective date of the contract, a family in the Section 8 FSS program moves outside of the HA's jurisdiction under Section 8 portability procedures, an HA may take one of the following actions:

- (1) The initial HA may permit the family to continue to participate in its

FSS program, if the family demonstrates to the initial HA's satisfaction that it can meet the family responsibilities of the contract in the new location. In this case, the existing contract remains in effect with no change. The initial HA must transfer the family's FSS escrow account balance when the family is absorbed by the receiving HA.

- (2) The receiving HA may permit the family to participate in its FSS program. If so, the initial HA must terminate its contract with the family. The initial HA must also transfer the family's FSS escrow account balance when the family is absorbed by the receiving HA. The receiving HA will execute a new contract with the family.
- (3) In cases where the family cannot fulfill its family obligations in the new location, and the receiving HA does not permit the family to participate in its FSS program, the contract between the initial HA and the family shall terminate and the family will lose the funds in its FSS escrow account.

Individual Training and Services Plans

The contract must include an individual training and services plan for the head of the family. Other family members age eighteen and older may choose to execute an individual training and services plan if agreed to by the HA.

The resources and supportive services to be provided to each family member must be listed in the individual training and services plans which are attachments to the contract of participation.

Page one of each participant's individual training and services plan includes space for the final goal and the first interim goal needed to achieve the final goal. The additional pages provide a format for recording each interim goal and specific information related to its achievement. The first page of each participant's plan must be signed by the participant and an HA representative.

Interim goals must be specified along with the activities and services needed to achieve them. For example, a single mother with two children who has an interim goal of completing her secondary education might require several different activities and services to achieve that goal. These could include transportation, tutoring, and child care.

All completion dates included in the individual training and services plans must be on or before the contract of participation expires.

One of the interim goals for families receiving welfare assistance is to become independent of welfare assistance for at least twelve consecutive months before the end of the contract. Any family that is receiving welfare assistance **must** have this included as an interim goal in the head of the family's individual training and services plan.

The final goal listed on the individual training and services plan of the head of the family **must** include getting and maintaining suitable employment specific to that individual's skills, education, job training, and the available job opportunities in the area.

Incentives

If the HA has chosen to offer other incentives in connection with the FSS program, these incentives may be included in the individual training and services plans or as an attachment to this contract.

**Family Self-Sufficiency Program
Individual Training and Services Plan**

Attachment _____

Name of Participant _____	Social Security Number _____
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Final Goal _____

Interim Goal Number _____

Date Accomplished _____

Activities/Services	Responsible Parties	Date/s
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Comments _____

Signatures:

<p>Family</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(Participant)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(Date Signed)</p>	<p>Housing Agency</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(Signature of HA Representative)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(Date Signed)</p>
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**Family Self-Sufficiency Program
Individual Training and Services Plan**

Attachment _____

Name of Participant _____	Social Security Number _____
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Interim Goal Number _____

Date Accomplished _____

Activities/Services	Responsible Parties	Date/s
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Comments _____

Family Self-Sufficiency Program FSS Escrow Account Credit Worksheet

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing

OMB Approval No. 2577-0178
(exp. 05/31/2003)

Escrow credit must be determined at each reexamination and interim determination occurring after the effective date of the FSS Contract of Participation while the family is participating in the FSS program.

Head of the FSS family	Date
1. Current Annual Income (Enter amount on line 5 of form HUD-50058.)	1.
2. Applicable Lower-Income Limit (Enter the current lower-income limit for the jurisdiction in which the FSS family is living.)	2.
3. Current Adjusted Income (Enter amount on line 10b of form HUD-50058.) If line 3 is greater than line 2, this family does not qualify for an FSS credit.	3.
4. Earned income included in line 1 (Add up the income items coded B, M, F, and W in column 3a of form HUD-50058.)	4.
5. Earned income included in Annual Income on effective date of the FSS Contract of Participation. (Enter amount from contract of participation.)	5.
6. Increase in earned income since the effective date of the FSS Contract of Participation. (Subtract line 5 from line 4. If negative, enter 0.)	6.
7. Current Annual Income less increase in earned income since the effective date of the FSS Contract of Participation. (Subtract line 6 from line 1.)	7.
8. Thirty percent of current monthly Adjusted Income (Line 3 divided by 40. The calculated amount should equal the amount on line 11 of form HUD-50058.)	8.
9. Current Adjusted Income less increase in earned income since the effective date of the FSS Contract of Participation. (Subtract line 6 from line 3.)	9.
10. 30% of current monthly Adjusted Income less increase in earned income since the effective date of the FSS Contract of Participation. (Line 9 divided by 40)	10.
11. 10% of current monthly Annual Income less increase in earned income since the effective date of the FSS Contract of Participation. (Line 7 divided by 120)	11.
12. If applicable, welfare rent (enter amount on line 13 of form HUD-50058) or public housing ceiling rent (enter amount on line 16a of form HUD-50058)	12.
13. TTP based on current Annual Income less increase in earned income since effective date of the FSS Contract of Participation. (If rental vouchers, enter the amount on line 10, otherwise, enter the greater of line 10, 11, or 12.)	13.
14. Difference between 30% of current monthly Adjusted Income and TTP adjusted for increases in earned income. (Subtract line 13 from line 8. Enter 0 if negative.)	14.
15. Current TTP (Enter the amount on line 16b of form HUD-50058 or, in the case of rental vouchers, enter the amount on line 8 of this form.)	15.
16. TTP on effective date of the FSS Contract of Participation or, in the case of rental vouchers, 30% of monthly Adjusted Income on effective date of the FSS Contract of Participation. (Enter amount from contract of participation.)	16.
17. Difference between current TTP and TTP on effective date of the FSS Contract of Participation. (Subtract line 16 from line 15. Enter 0 if negative.)	17.
18. Enter the lesser of line 14 or line 17.	18.
19. Applicable Very Low-Income Limit (Enter the current very low-income limit for the jurisdiction in which the FSS family is living.)	19.
20. Amount by which Adjusted Income exceeds the Very Low-Income Limit (Subtract line 19 from line 3.)	20.
21. 30% of the amount by which Adjusted Income exceeds the Very Low-Income Limit (Line 20 divided by 40)	21.
22. Escrow credit (Subtract line 21 from line 18.)	22.

This HUD form is optional and is used here to illustrate the process. PHAs may develop their own FSS Worksheet.

Previous Editions are Obsolete

form HUD-52652 (12/93)
ref. Handbook 7420.8

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Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.0 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Reports Management Officer, Paperwork Reduction Project (2577-0178), Office of Information Technology, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C. 20410-3600.

Do not send this form to the above address.

Response to this collection of information is mandatory by law (Section 23 (c) & (g) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as added by Section 554 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (PL 101-625) for participation in the FSS program.

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Instructions for Completing the FSS Escrow Account Credit Worksheet

1. An escrow credit must be determined at each reexamination and interim determination occurring after the effective date of the FSS contract of participation while the family is participating in the FSS program.
2. The amount of the escrow credit can be calculated using Form HUD-52652, or another document which incorporates the procedures in Form HUD-52652.
3. The amount of the escrow credit will vary depending on the income level of each FSS family and is based on increases of **earned** income since the effective date of the contract of participation. If the family's adjusted income exceeds the lower-income limit in the jurisdiction in which the FSS family is living (the amount on line 3 is greater than the amount on line 2), the family does not qualify for an escrow credit. In such cases, line 4 - line 22 of Form HUD-52652 will not be completed.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4456-N-24]

Privacy Act of 1974; Notice of a Computer Matching Program

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, (HUD).

ACTION: Notice of a computer matching program between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Education.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-503), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs (54 FR 25818 (June 19, 1989)), and OMB Bulletin 89-22, "Instructions on Reporting Computer Matching Programs to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Congress and the Public," HUD is issuing a public notice of its intent to conduct a recurring computer matching program with the Department of Education to utilize a computer information system of HUD, the Credit Alert Interactive Voice Response System (CAIVRS), with the Department of Education's debtor files. This match will allow prescreening of applicants for loans issued by or guaranteed by the Federal government to ascertain if the applicant is delinquent in paying a debt owed to or insured by the Federal government for HUD or the Department of Education for direct or guaranteed loans.

Before granting a loan, the lending agency and/or the authorized lending institution will be able to interrogate the CAIVRS debtor file which contains delinquent debt information from the Departments of Agriculture, Education, Veteran Affairs, the Small Business administration and judgment lien data from the Department of Justice, and verify that the applicant is not in default on a Federal judgment or delinquent on direct or guaranteed loans of participating Federal agencies. This match will allow prescreening of applicants for loans issued by or guaranteed by the Federal government to ascertain if the applicant is delinquent in paying a debt owed to or insured by the Federal government.

Authorized users do a prescreening of CAIVRS to determine a loan applicant's credit status with the Federal government. As a result of the

information produced by this match, the authorized users may not deny, terminate, or make a final decision of any loan assistance to an applicant or take other adverse action against such applicant, until an officer or employee of such agency has independently verified such information.

DATES: *Effective Date:* Computer matching is expected to begin on March 28, 2003, unless comments are received which will result in a contrary determination, or 40 days from the date a computer matching agreement is signed, whichever is later.

Comments Due Date: March 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410.

Communications should refer to the above docket number and title. A copy of each communication submitted will be available for public inspection and copying between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION FROM

RECIPIENT AGENCY CONTACT: Jeanette Smith, Departmental Privacy Act Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th St., SW., Room P8001, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number (202) 708-2374. (This is not a toll-free number.) A telecommunication device for hearing- and speech-impaired individuals (TTY) is available at 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Information Relay Service). (This is a toll-free number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION FROM SOURCE

AGENCY CONTACT: Kathryn Griffin, Management Analyst, Collections, Federal Student Aid, Department of Education, Union Center Plaza, 830 First Street, NE., Room 41D2, Washington, DC 20202-5320, telephone number (202) 377-3252. (This is not a toll-free number.)

Reporting: In accordance with Public Law 100-503, the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, as amended, and OMB Bulletin 89-22, "Instructions on Reporting Computer Matching Programs to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Congress and the Public," copies of this notice and report are being provided to the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget.

Authority: HUD has authority to collect and review mortgage data pursuant to the National Housing Act,

as amended, 12 U.S.C 1701 *et seq.*, and related laws. The Department of Education oversees and manages Federal student aid programs pursuant to the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.* This computer matching will be conducted pursuant to Public Law 100-503, "The Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988," as amended, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-129 (Managing Federal Credit Programs) and A-70 (Policies and Guidelines for Federal Credit Programs). One of the purposes of all Executive departments and agencies is to implement efficient management practices for Federal credit programs. OMB Circulars A-129 and A-70 were issued under the authority of the Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, as amended; the Budget and Accounting Act of 1950, as amended; the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Pub. L. 97-365), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-134, section 31001); and the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, as amended.

Objectives to be Met by the Matching Program: The matching program will allow the Department of Education access to a system that permits prescreening of applicants for loans issued by or guaranteed by the Federal government to ascertain if the applicant is delinquent in paying a debt owed to or insured by the government. In addition, HUD will be provided access to the Department of Education's debtor data for prescreening purposes.

Records to be Matched: HUD will utilize its system of records entitled HUD/DEPT-2, *Accounting Records*. The debtor files for HUD programs involved are included in this system of records. HUD's debtor files contain information on borrowers and co-borrowers who are currently in default (at least 90 days delinquent on their loans); or who have any outstanding claims paid during the last three years on insured or guaranteed home mortgage loans under title II of the National Housing Act; or individuals who have had a claim paid in the last three years on a loan under title I of the National Housing Act. For the CAIVRS match, HUD/DEPT-2, System of Records, receives its program inputs from HUD/DEPT-28, Property Improvement and Manufactured (Mobile) Home Loans—Default; HUD/DEPT-32, Delinquent/Default/Assigned Temporary Mortgage Assistance Payments (TMAP) Program; and HUD/CPD-1, Rehabilitation Loans-Delinquent/Default.

The Department of Education will provide HUD with debtor files contained in its system of records