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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless.

Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: March 19, 2003.

**John D. Garrity,**

*Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4456-N-26]

### Privacy Act of 1974; Proposed Amendment of Routine Uses Applicable to Systems of Records

**AGENCY:** Office of Inspector General, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notification of proposed amendment of routine uses applicable to systems of records.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), the Office of Inspector General (OIG) is giving notice that it proposes to amend the routine uses applicable to its systems of records, which are published at 57 FR 25069 (June 12, 1992) and 65 FR 50904 (August 21, 2000). The OIG proposes to add a new routine use to the routine uses currently applicable to OIG's systems of records to permit disclosure of five systems of records for purposes of internal and external peer reviews of the Office of Audit and Office of Investigations, specifically HUD/OIG-1, Investigative Files of the Office of Inspector General, HUD/OIG-2, Hotline Complaint Files of the Office of Inspector General; HUD/OIG-3, Name Indices System of the Office of Inspector General, HUD/OIG-5, AutoAudit of the Office of Inspector General; and HUD/OIG-6, AutoInvestigation of the Office of Inspector General. This notice also proposes adding a new routine use to the same five systems of records to allow disclosure of these records to the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) and other federal

agencies, when these entities or the OIG conducts an audit or investigation pursuant to Executive Order 12993.

**DATES:** *Effective date:* This proposal shall become effective without further notice on April 28, 2003, unless comments are received on or before that date which would result in a contrary determination.

*Comment Due Date:* April 28, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this rule to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-0500. Communications should refer to the above docket number and title. *An original and four copies of comments should be submitted.* Facsimile comments are *not* acceptable. 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 CONTACT:** For Privacy Act information: Jeanette Smith, Departmental Privacy Act Officer, telephone number (202) 708-2374. For OIG-related information: Bryan Saddler, Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, telephone number (202) 708-1613. (These are not toll free numbers). A telecommunications device for hearing- and speech-impaired persons (TTY) is available at 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Information Relay Services).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OIG, pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, currently maintains six systems of records: (1) Investigative Files of the Office of Inspector General (HUD/OIG-1); (2) Hotline Complaint Files of the Office of Inspector General (HUD/OIG-2); (3) Name Indices System of the Office of Inspector General (HUD/OIG-3); (4) Independent Auditor Monitoring Files of the Office of Inspector General (HUD/OIG-4); (5) AutoAudit of the Office of Inspector General (HUD/OIG-5); and (6) AutoInvestigation of the Office of Inspector General (HUD/OIG-6). The notices for these systems of records were last published on June 12, 1992 (57 FR 25069) and August 21, 2000 (65 FR 50904). The additional two routine uses being proposed will permit disclosure to those persons involved in conducting and reviewing external and internal peer reviews of the Office of Audit and the Office of Investigations, the PCIE, and other authorized Federal agencies when conducting investigations or audits pursuant to Executive Order 12993.

Recent legislation enacted as part of the Department of Homeland Security Act, specifically, subsection (7) of that Act reads as follows: "To ensure the proper exercise of the law enforcement powers authorized by this subsection, the OIG described under paragraph (3) shall, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, collectively enter into a memorandum of understanding to establish an external review process for ensuring that adequate internal safeguards and management procedures continue to exist within each Office and within any Office that later receives an authorization under paragraph (2). The review process shall be established in consultation with the Attorney General, who shall be provided with a copy of the memorandum of understanding that established the review process. Under the review process, the exercise of the law enforcement powers by each Office of Inspector General shall be reviewed periodically by another Office of Inspector General or by a committee of Inspectors General. The results of each review shall be communicated in writing to the applicable Inspector General and to the Attorney General".

OIG proposes a routine use that will allow the disclosure of information to authorized officials within OIG, the PCIE, the Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as necessary, for the purpose of conducting qualitative assessment reviews of the OIG's investigative operations to ensure that the adequate internal and management procedures are maintained. A similar routine use is proposed for the Office of Audit records, which is subject to a recurring (every three year) external peer review required by the Government Accounting Standards, para. 3.33, and the PCIE. While these disclosures could be justified otherwise, it is appropriate that formal notice be provided.

An additional new routine use is proposed to enable OIG to assist other OIG's with internal audits or investigations required by the PCIE under Executive Order 12993, which cannot or should not be performed by the staff of a particular OIG that would normally conduct the audit or investigation and to allow reports to be reviewed by the PCIE regarding actions taken with respect to these audits or investigations. This routine use will allow the OIG to conduct assigned audits or investigations under Executive Order 12993 and to report its findings and recommendations and actions taken to the PCIE. It will also allow release of information to other agencies conducting internal audits of OIG.