

on-site tenant interviews and file reviews could not be detected with the 500\58/50059 form data collected by the Department, which is why HUD and other agencies with means-tested programs have determined that on-site reviews and interviews are an essential complement to remote monitoring measures. The 2000 study showed that the calculation errors detectable with 50058/50059 data had further decreased, probably because this data was increasingly subject to automated computational checks.

This study will provide current information on the quality of tenant interviewing (e.g., whether they are being asked about all sources of income) and the reliability of eligibility determinations and income verification. Legislation passed in 2002 requires that the Department report on the error measurements annually. A 2003 study is being completed, and this proposed data collection approval is for the next three studies.

*Members of the Affected Public:* Recipients of Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Assistance subsidies.

*Estimation of the Total Number of Houses Needed With Those Surveyed to Conduct the Information Collection, Including Number of Respondents, Frequency of Response, and Hours of Response:* The researchers will survey approximately 550 PHA/program sponsor staff about (re)certification procedures, training, interview procedures, and problems encountered in conducting (re)certifications. Although more than one staff member may need to be contacted to obtain answers to all questions, the questionnaire will be administered once at each participating project and the interviews are expected to take less than 35 minutes. Researchers will survey approximately 3,000 program participants to obtain information on household composition, expenses, and income. The time required for these interviews will vary, but is estimated to require an average of about 50 minutes per interview.

The time estimates provided are based on the 2000 QC survey. This survey will again make use of Computer Assisted Interviewing (CAI) questionnaires and equipment, which are being used in part because they are known to reduce interview times. This software also provides for consistency checks and ensures that all needed data have been collected, thereby reducing the need for follow-up contacts.

*Status of the Proposed information Collection:* Pending OMB approval.

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

Dated: July 29, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4818-N-09]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment on the Notice of Funding Availability for Research Studies on Homeownership and Affordable Lending

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* October 3, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB approval number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John L. Gardner, Director, Financial Institutions Regulation Division, Office of Policy Development and Research, Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail [John\\_L\\_Garner@HUD.gov](mailto:John_L_Garner@HUD.gov); telephone (202) 708-1464. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Gardner.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for processing, an information collection package with respect to funding research studies on homeownership and affordable lending. This research would fulfill the President's goal of an additional 5.5

million minority homeowners by the end of the decade.

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:* Notice of Funding Availability for Research Studies on Homeownership and Affordable Lending.

*Description of Information Collection:* A study of homeownership and affordable lending will aid in the formulation of policies in support of the President's goal of increasing the number of minority homeowners.

*OMB Control Number:* 2528-0228.

*Agency Form Numbers:* HUD 424, HUD 424-B, HUD 424 CB, HUD 424 CBW, SF LLL, HUD 2880 HUD 2993, HUD 2994, HUD 1044, SF 1199A, HUD 27053, HUD 27054, HUD 269.

*Members of Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequent of responses, and hours of response:* An estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 1810, number of respondents is 40 for the award phase and 15 for the post-award phase, frequency of response is on occasion and quarterly, and the hours of response is 40 for applicants and an additional 14 for recipients.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: July 29, 2003.

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