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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting 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 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 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: Application and Re-Certification Packages for Approval of Nonprofit Organizations for FHA Activities.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502-0540.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The information collection is essential to the Department's mission to expand homeownership opportunities and strengthen neighborhoods and communities by standardizing the process throughout the country. The information that nonprofit organizations must submit to be eligible to participate as a mortgagor in HUD's single-family housing programs is in the form of an application, re-certification, or other reporting criteria. Nonprofit organizations are viewed as a significant partner in rehabilitating and reselling residential housing to low- and moderate-income families, particularly in the nation's urban centers. Each nonprofit organization seeking to become approved as a mortgagor must submit a completed Application Package for Nonprofit Agency Approval and an Affordable Housing Plan-Format for Narrative to the appropriate HUD Homeownership Center (HOC). The Affordable Housing Plan-Format for Narrative details the nonprofit organization's plan to develop successful homeownership

opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons. Nonprofit agencies applying for approval to provide secondary financing only do not need to include an Affordable Housing Plan in their submission.

Approvals granted to nonprofit applicants are for a period of two years. An approval letter will be issued setting forth the activities for which the nonprofit was approved to perform, and any conditions associated with the approval. Approvals granted by one HOC would be recognized and accepted by all others, with the exception of the affordable housing plan. The affordable housing plan must be approved by each HOC having jurisdiction over the areas in which the nonprofit agency wishes to do business. Nonprofit agencies must be re-certified by FHA every two years. Re-certification includes an updating of the nonprofit's activities. FHA has also placed a limitation on the number of 203(k) FHA insured mortgages a nonprofit may have at one time in order to ensure that nonprofit agencies do not overextend their financial and management capabilities. Generally, a nonprofit agency will be prohibited from borrowing under the 203(k) program if the agency has 10 or more incomplete 203(k) developments at one time. This limitation may be waived based upon an exceptional performance record.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: None.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The number of respondents are estimated to be 1,900 generating approximately 3,400 annual responses; the frequency of response is annually, biennially, and on occasion, the estimated time needed to prepare the responses varies from 3 hours to 24 hours; and the total estimated annual burden hours are 23,200.

Status of the proposed information collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4817-N-14]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment for Public Housing, Contracting With Resident-Owned Businesses

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 and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended). The Department is soliciting public comment on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* October 28, 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: In order to be eligible for the alternative procurement process provided by 24 CFR part 963, resident-owned businesses must submit evidence to PHAs indicating that they meet eligibility requirements as defined in 24 CFR 963.10. Resident owned-businesses must furnish evidence to PHAs that they are: A legally formed business; a resident-owned business; have the capacity to complete the work contract; and have a limited number of contracts obtained through the alternative procurement process. Although PHAs are not required to use the alternative procurement method, they are required to collect eligibility requirements from resident-owned businesses when using this procurement method.

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies (PHAs) 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 agencies, including