

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Annual Progress Report for Competitive Homeless Assistance Programs.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2506-0145.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The APR provides information to HUD necessary for program monitoring and evaluation.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* HUD-40118.

*Members of affected public:* Grantees that have received HUD funding from 1987 to the present.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:*

Activity	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Response hours	Burden hours
Record-keeping .....	2165	1 annually .....	45	97,425
Report preparation .....	2165	1 annually .....	20	43,300
				140,725

Status of the proposed information collection: Information is currently being collected.

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

Dated: July 17, 1996.

Andrew Cuomo,

*Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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[Docket No. FR-4086-N-08]

**Office of The Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development; Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, 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:* September 23, 1996.

**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: Reports Liaison Officer, Shelia E. Jones, Department of Housing & Urban Development, 451-7th Street, SW., Room 7230, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For copies of the proposed forms and other available documents: William Hanson, (202) 708-0614 EXT. 4582 (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).

The 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:* Urban Homesteading Program, Semi-Annual Progress Report.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2506-0042.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The information is needed to assist HUD in determining if Local Urban Homesteading Agencies (LUHAs) are meeting the requirements of HUD's Urban Homesteading Program—Section 810 of The Housing and Community Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-383 as amended), and HUD's requirements published at 24 CFR 590. Under These requirements, LUHAs are required to supply data and make available records necessary for HUD's monitoring of the LUHA's local homesteading programs to determine whether the LUHAs are making reasonable progress in moving

properties through the stages of the homesteading process, including, acquisition, homesteader selection, conditional conveyance, rehabilitation, and final conveyance. The monitoring process will allow HUD to determine all property provided to the LUHAs with Section 810 funding are ultimately accounted for and used by the LUHAs as required by the statute and regulation.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* HUD-40062-A.

*Members of affected public:* State and local governments, public housing authorities and nonprofit organizations which have agreements with HUD to operate as Local Urban Homesteading Agencies under the Section 810 Urban Homesteading Program.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* Total hours needed to collect information, 525 (300 for record-keeping and 225 for response to report [only 75 percent of the respondents need to submit report, i.e., 150 respondents × two reports per year × 75 percent × 1 hour per response = 250 hours]) Number of respondents—150; frequency of responses—semi-annually; hours per response—1. Status of the proposed information collection: Reinstatement, with change, or a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

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

Dated: July 17, 1996.

Andrew Cuomo,

*Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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[Docket No. FR-4117-N-01]

**Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner; Notice of Sale of HUD-Held Multifamily Mortgage Loans**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of North and Central Regions nonperforming mortgage loan sale.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Department's intention to sell unsubsidized mortgage loans (Mortgage Loans), without Federal Housing Administration (FHA) insurance. The Mortgage Loans are classified as nonperforming or subperforming, and are secured by properties located primarily throughout the north and central regions of the United States. The Mortgage Loans will be offered for sale on a whole loan basis, in a competitive auction. This notice describes the bidding process for these Mortgage Loans. The Mortgage Loans will be offered for sale only to qualified bidders.

**DATES:** Bidders' Information Packages will be available in June 1996 to qualified bidders. Closing is expected in mid-August to mid-September.

**ADDRESSES:** Bidders' Information Packages will be available from FHA's Financial Advisor, Cushman & Wakefield, by contacting John Howley, at 202-467-0600. Bidders' Information Packages and information about individual Mortgage Loans (Bid Materials) will be made available only to parties who complete a Confidentiality Agreement and Bidder Qualification Statement and are deemed qualified bidders. To obtain a Confidentiality Agreement and Bidder Qualification Statement contact John Howley at Cushman & Wakefield, at 202-467-0600. Bidders' Information Packages will be forwarded by regular mail unless a party makes special arrangements to receive the information through expedited delivery.

Asset review files for all the Mortgage Loans will be available for review by qualified bidders at the due diligence facility located at 1800 M Street, NW., Suite 300-South, Washington, DC 20036, beginning June 17, 1996. The facility will close on July 26, 1996. The facility will be open to qualified bidders between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., EDT, Monday through Friday. Access to the facility can be arranged by contacting Rick Copeland, Tradewinds International, Inc., by telephone at (202) 530-0841 Ext. 29. Asset review files

may also be ordered from Tradewinds International, Inc. and sent to qualified bidders in the manner described in the Bidders' Information Package.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Audrey Hinton, Associate Director for Program Operations, Office of Multifamily Asset Management and Disposition, Room 6160, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-3730 Ext. 2691. Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may call (202) 708-4594 (TTY). These are not toll-free numbers.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Mortgage Loans encumber properties located in 23 states and the District of Columbia, with a significant number of such properties concentrated in the north and central regions of the United States (Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, District of Columbia, Virginia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Rhode Island and Kentucky). A final listing of the specific properties involved in the Sale is included in the Bidders' Information Package. The Mortgage Loans have experienced varying levels of delinquency; some are subject to provisional workout agreements. The Department reserves the right to add Mortgage Loans to the Sale that are not secured by properties in these jurisdictions.

The Department will offer qualified bidders an opportunity to bid competitively on the Mortgage Loans. Bids may be offered for one or all of the Mortgage Loans, as well as for any combination of the Mortgage Loans. More particularly, a bidder may bid on as many individual Mortgage Loans as the bidder chooses. However, no bidder may bid on more than 20 pools of Mortgage Loans (i.e., combinations of 2 or more Mortgage Loans). Further, a bidder may condition acceptance of its bids for individual Mortgage Loans upon being the successful bidder of Mortgage Loans with a minimum aggregate unpaid principal balance. The Department will accept those bids that optimize the gross proceeds from the Sale.

**The Bidding Process**

The Bidders' Information Package describes in detail the procedures for participating in the Sale and includes bid forms, a loan sale agreement (Loan Sale Agreement), and certain information concerning each of the Mortgage Loans, such as the unpaid principal balance and interest rate. Also included in the Bidders' Information Package is a computer diskette with general portfolio information and

selected data fields on each Mortgage Loan.

The Department will distribute the Bidders' Information Packages for a period of approximately 6 weeks prior to the date that bids are due (Bid Date). Bidders' Information Packages have been available since June 1996. The Bidders' Information Package may be supplemented from time to time prior to the Bid Date. Interested parties may request a Bidders' Information Package as described above.

Bidders must include a 5 percent initial deposit with their bids. If a bidder submits multiple bids, the initial deposit will be limited to 5 percent of the bidder's single largest bid amount. The initial deposit for a bidder who has created a pool or a number of pools (but not more than 20 pools as provided above) is limited to 5 percent of the single largest bid amount of the bidder's pool bids. The successful bidders will be notified within 5 business days after the Bid Date (Award Date). An additional deposit will be required from each successful bidder within 2 business days after the Award Date. This additional deposit when added to the initial deposit must total 10 percent of the bidder's successful bids. More specifically, if a bidder submits multiple individual bids, the additional deposit when added to the initial deposit must total 10 percent of the aggregate unpaid principal of all of the bidder's successful bids. Similarly, if a bidder submits a pool bid or multiple pool bids, the additional deposit must total 10 percent of the aggregate unpaid principal of all of the bidder's successful pool bids.

The Department will assign its interest in a Mortgage Loan to a successful bidder at the closing, which is expected to occur no later than September 18, 1996. If the successful bidder fails to abide by the terms of the Loan Sale Agreement, including paying the Department any remaining sums due pursuant to the Loan Sale Agreement and closing on an agreed upon date within the time period provided by the Loan Sale Agreement, the Department shall retain as liquidated damages the initial and additional deposit (plus accrued interest) from the successful bidder.

These are expected to be the essential terms of sale, but are subject to change. Information regarding any such changes along with any other supplements to the Bidders' Information Package will be made available to parties who request and obtain a Bidders' Information Package. The Loan Sale Agreement, which is included in the Bidders' Information Package, provides

additional details. To ensure a competitive bidding process, the terms of sale are not subject to negotiation.

#### Due Diligence Facility

During the 6 week period prior to the Bid Date, a due diligence facility will be open to prospective qualified bidders, at which the Department will provide information such as environmental and title reports and market data. The address of the facility is specified above. The Department reserves the right to charge a reasonable fee to recover its costs in duplicating and forwarding any information requested by an interested party, as well as an access fee to the due diligence facility, which will be credited to the purchase of any asset review files.

#### Timely Bids and Deposits

Each bidder assumes all risks of loss relating to its own bidding mistakes and its failure to deliver, or cause to be delivered, on a timely basis and in the manner specified by the Department, each bid form, earnest money deposit and Loan Sale Agreement required to be submitted by the bidder.

#### Ties for High Bidder

In the event there is a tie for a high bid, the Department, through its Financial Advisor, will contact the parties with the tie bid and afford each of them an opportunity to offer a best and final bid. The successful bidder will be the one with the highest bid. If a tie continues after the best and final offers are submitted or the bidders do not respond, or do not respond within the time period established by the Department, the successful bidder will be determined by lottery. Notwithstanding the above, the Department reserves the right to withdraw any Mortgage Loan(s) subject to a tie bid.

#### Status of Mortgage Loans

As of June 1, 1996, significantly all of the Mortgage Loans were classified as delinquent or subperforming because they had been delinquent at least once within the past 12 months. Mortgage Loans may become performing on or before the date that title is transferred to the successful bidder. The Department reserves the right to include in the sale current Mortgage Loans.

#### Application of Replacement Reserve and Certain Escrows

If a Mortgage Loan is delinquent at the time of closing, to the extent the Department determines is permissible, the Department will apply to the amount due the Department under the Mortgage Loan funds in the replacement

reserve and other escrow accounts. Thereafter, the balances in the replacement reserve and escrow accounts, if any, will be transferred to the new mortgagee. If a Mortgage Loan is current at the time of closing, the funds in the replacement reserve account governed by the regulatory agreement and will be returned to the mortgagor in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be established by the Department, and all other replacement reserve and escrow accounts will be transferred to the new mortgagee.

#### Qualification of Bidders/Ineligible Bidders

Qualified bidders, interested parties who have such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters so as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of acquiring the Mortgage Loans, and who are not otherwise ineligible to bid (as described below), may bid on the Mortgage Loans.

The following individuals and entities (either alone or in combination with others) are ineligible to bid on any one or combination of the Mortgage Loans included in the Sale:

(1) Any individual or entity debarred from doing business with the Department pursuant to 24 CFR part 24;

(2) Any employee of the Department, any member of any such employee's household and any entity controlled by any such employee or member of such an employee's household;

(3) Any person or entity which employs or uses the services of an employee of the Department (other than in such employee's official capacity) either (a) who is involved in the Sale or (b) to assist in the preparation of a bid for the Mortgage Loans;

(4) Any contractor, subcontractor and/or consultant (including any agent of the foregoing) who performed services for, or on behalf of, the Department in connection with the Sale, or any affiliate of any such contractor, subcontractor, consultant or agent;

(5) Any individual that was a principal and/or employee of any entity or individual described in paragraph (4) above at any time during which the entity or individual performed services for, or on behalf of, the Department in connection with the Sale;

(6) Any individual or entity that uses the services of any person described in paragraph (5) above in preparing its bid on the Mortgage Loans;

(7) Any entity or individual that served as a loan servicer or performed other services for, or on behalf of the Department, with respect to any of the Mortgage Loans included in the Sale at

any time during the 2-year period prior to July 30, 1996, or any affiliate thereof; and

(8) Any individual that was a principal and/or employee of any entity or individual described in paragraph (7) above at any time during the 2-year period prior to July 30, 1996.

#### FHA Reservation of Rights

The Department reserves the right to withdraw Mortgage Loans from the Sale and to terminate the Sale, at any time, for any reason and without any liability, prior to the Award Date, without prejudice to its right to include any withdrawn Mortgage Loan in a future sale. The Department also reserves the right to reject any and all bids, in its sole discretion, for any reason, and without any liability.

#### Mortgage Loan Sale Policy

Significantly all of the Mortgage Loans are nonperforming or subperforming. All of the Mortgage Loans are unsubsidized, and there is no project-based Section 8 assistance on any of the projects. Therefore, the Department has determined that, pursuant to final regulations governing FHA mortgage loan sales, published in the Federal Register on March 21, 1996 (61 FR 11684) (Mortgage Sale Regulations), the Mortgage Loans will be sold without FHA insurance. The Mortgage Sale Regulations also provide for the exclusion of certain delinquent unsubsidized mortgages from sales where it appears that (1) foreclosure appears unavoidable, and (2) the project is occupied by very low-income tenants who are not receiving housing assistance and would be likely to pay rent in excess of 30 percent of their adjusted monthly income if the mortgage were to be sold and foreclosed (61 FR 11690, § 290.35). The Department's interpretation of this provision is set forth in the preamble to the February 6, 1996 interim rule (61 FR 4580-81). The Department has made an administrative determination that the Mortgage Loans do not meet the criteria for exclusion. If the Department determines that there are any such Mortgage Loans, they will be removed from this Sale.

The Department selected a competitive auction as the method to sell the Mortgage Loans primarily to satisfy the requirements of the Mortgage Sale Regulations (61 FR 11690, § 290.30). This method of sale also optimizes the Department's return on the sale of these Mortgage Loans, affords the greatest opportunity for all qualified bidders to bid on the Mortgage Loans, and provides the quickest and most

efficient vehicle for the Department to dispose of the Mortgage Loans.

At one time, the Department considered and discussed with industry participants a loan sale procedure that afforded the borrowers the opportunity to acquire their Mortgage Loans on a noncompetitive basis prior to offering the Mortgage Loans for sale to others (Borrower Settlement Option). For the reasons set forth above, however, the Department decided to dispose of these Mortgage Loans through a competitive auction.

#### Freedom of Information Requests

The Department has approved a policy for responding to Freedom of Information Act requests for information on the Department's multifamily mortgage loan sales. The purpose of this policy is to clarify for the public and potential purchasers the types of sales information that will be disclosed in connection with the Department's multifamily mortgage sales program. The policy strikes a balance between the Department's policy of disclosing as much information as possible to the public and (i) the harm premature release of this information will have upon bidders and (ii) the harm to the American taxpayer by fettering the Department's ability to comply with the specific mandates of the Multifamily Housing Property Disposition Reform Act of 1994 to reduce losses to the FHA fund through mortgage sales.

Given the foregoing, the Department's policy with respect to Freedom Of Information Act requests is as follows:

(i) The Department has determined that after the Award Date it will disclose the aggregate number of bidders and the aggregated proceeds the Department expects from the sale, as well as the bid information materials that the Department provided to the bidders (not subject to a privacy or confidentiality exemption).

(ii) After all sales are closed the Department will release (a) a list of all who received bid materials, (b) a list of all bidders, (c) a list of all winning bidders, and (d) the aggregate amount paid by each successful bidder of multiple mortgage loans (whether bid as a pool or otherwise).

(iii) No earlier than one year after all of the sales are closed, the Department will disclose individual winning mortgage loan bid prices.

#### Scope of Notice

This notice applies to the North and Central Regions Nonperforming Mortgage Loan Sale, and does not establish the Department's policy for the sale of any other mortgage loans.

Dated: July 18, 1996.

Stephanie A. Smith,  
Acting General Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10© of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

PRT-817149

*Applicant:* Duke University Primate Center, Durham NC.

The applicant requests a permit to export tissue samples from Coquerel's Sifaka (*Propithecus verreauxi coquereli*), lesser mouse lemur (*Microcebus murinus*), Coquerel's mouse lemur (*Microcebus coquereli*) and red-fronted brown lemur (*Eulemur fulvus rufus*) for the purpose of scientific research.

PRT-817218

*Applicant:* Denver Zoological Gardens, Denver, CO.

The applicant requests a permit to import one male Sumatran orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus abelii*) from Calgary Zoo, Alberta, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the propagation of the species.

PRT-817261

*Applicant:* Department of Biology, University of California, San Diego, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import hair samples from wild and captive-held gentle lemurs (*Haplemur grisens alaotrensis*) from Madagascar and Jersey for scientific research related to population genetics.

PRT-817260

*Applicant:* Department of Biology, University of California, San Diego, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import blood and hair samples from captive-held Asian elephants (*Elephas maximus*) from Thailand for scientific research related to population genetics.

PRT-817259

*Applicant:* Department of Biology, University of California, San Diego, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import shed feathers from helmeted hornbills (*Buceros vigil*) throughout its

range for scientific research related to population genetics.

PRT-817096

*Applicant:* Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo, Cleveland, OH.

The applicant requests a permit to import up to six captive-held bicolor tamarins (*Sanguinus bicolor bicolor*) from the Brazilian Institute for the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources, Manaus, Brazil, for the purpose of enhancement of the propagation of the species.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: July 19, 1996.

Mary Ellen Amtower,  
Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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## Bureau of Land Management

[CO-930-1020-04-WEED]

### Notice of Final Supplementary Rules to Require the Use of Certified Noxious Weed-Free Forage on Bureau of Land Management-Administered Lands in Colorado

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of final supplementary rules to require the use of certified noxious weed-free forage on Bureau of Land Management-administered lands in Colorado.

**SUMMARY:** Beginning August 1, 1996, The State Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Colorado will require that all BLM visitors and permittees in Colorado use certified noxious weed-free hay, straw, or mulch when visiting BLM administered lands in Colorado. This requirement affects