

to provide written and oral testimony on (1) The state of knowledge and continuing or emerging gaps in knowledge about women's health across the life span, (2) Sex/gender differences: Issues for women's health research, (3) Factors that influence differences between populations of women: Issues for women's health research, (4) New priorities for research on women's health, and (5) Career issues for women scientists: Overcoming barriers and achieving success in biomedical careers.

Due to time constraints, only one representative from each organization may present oral testimony, with presentations limited to 10 minutes. A letter of intent to present such testimony should be sent by interested individuals and representatives of organizations to Ms. Sandra Bromberg, Capital Consulting Corporation, 11900 Parklawn Drive, Suite 350, Rockville, MD 20852. The date of receipt of the letter will establish the order of presentations at the November meeting.

Presenters should send three (3) written copies (up to 18 double-spaced pages) on a diskette in Word Perfect for IBM of their testimony, a one-page summary, and a brief description of their organization, to the above address no later than November 3, 1997. Individuals and individuals representing organizations wishing to provide written statements only may send three (3) copies of their statements to the above address by November 3, 1997. Written testimony will be made available to the conferees prior to the November 18 meeting day. Comments and questions related to the November meeting should be addressed to Ms. Bromberg.

On November 18 and 19, plenary sessions as well as concurrent scientific working groups will address areas of science particularly relevant to women's health across the life span and career issues for women scientists. The meeting on November 18 will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on November 19 from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 4:00 p.m. All sessions of the meeting are open to the public.

In convening these meetings, the ORWH has reaffirmed the NIH's commitment to seeking broad representation of individuals from across the spectrum of medical specialties and scientific disciplines. Basic and clinical scientists, health providers, and advocates from across the country have met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Santa Fe, New Mexico, to provide guidance and make recommendations to the ORWH concerning advances in women's health research, continuing

and/or emerging gaps in knowledge, areas in need of further research, strategies to take advantage of opportunities in science, and emerging issues in women's health.

The NIH research agenda has focused on sex and gender issues in the health and diseases of women, in considering such matters as normal development, disease prevention, health maintenance, response to interventions, disease prognosis, and treatment outcomes. We have also focused on factors that influence differences in health status and health outcomes among different populations of women.

At this national meeting, experts in basic and clinical science, practitioners interested in women's health, representatives of scientific, professional and women's health organizations, and women's health advocates will continue to assess the current status of research on women's health in these and in other areas, identify gaps in existing knowledge, and recommend scientific approaches and strategies for the future direction for research on women's health.

The conference will focus on scientific issues such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, neurological conditions, reproductive issues, mental disorders, digestive diseases and nutrition, urologic and kidney conditions, bone/musculoskeletal disorders, immunity/autoimmune diseases, behavioral and social sciences, oral health, substance abuse and addictive disorders, pharmacology, and career issues for women scientists. Following the national scientific workshop, the Office of Research on Women's Health will develop a report identifying priorities for research on women's health for the 21st century.

Dated: October 10, 1997.

Ruth L. Kirschstein,

Deputy Director, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4263-N-44]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirements 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: December 22, 1997.

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: Oliver Walker, Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451-7th Street, SW, Room 9116, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vance Morris, Director, Single Family Home Mortgage Insurance Division, telephone number (202) 708-2700 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents.

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).

The notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting 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: Title I Electronic Data Collection.

OMB Control Number: 2502-.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Department needs additional data from lenders to permit more effective risk management of its Title I loan portfolio. The data will be collected in an electronic format and therefore enhance the Department's ability to monitor individual loan and lender performance.

Agency forms, if applicable: None.

Members of affected public: Lending institutions with FHA approval to originate or service Title I loans.

Status of the proposed information collection: Not applicable.

Estimate of public burden: The additional reporting burden is considered minimal, as the data collected will be electronically reported and consists primarily on information Title I lenders currently collect during the loan origination process. In aggregate the reporting burden is estimated a 1,211 hours annually.

Authority

Section 236 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: October 15, 1997.

Nicolas P. Retsinas,

Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

List of Programs Eligible for Inclusion in Fiscal Year 1999 Annual Funding Agreements To Be Negotiated With Self-Governance Tribes by Interior Bureaus Other Than the Bureau of Indian Affairs

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists programs or portions of programs that are eligible for inclusion in Fiscal Year 1999 annual funding agreements with self-governance tribes and lists programmatic targets for each of the non-BIA bureaus, pursuant to section 405(c)(4) of the Tribal Self-Governance Act.

DATES: This notice expires on September 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries or comments regarding this notice may be directed to the Office of Self-Governance, 1849 C Street NW, 2548 MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Telephone (202) 219-0240 or to the bureau points of contact listed below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Title II of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Amendments of 1994 (P.L. 103-413, the "Self-Governance Act" or the "Act") instituted a permanent tribal self-governance program at the Department of the Interior (DOI). Under the self-governance program certain programs,

functions, services, and activities or portions thereof in Interior bureaus other than BIA are eligible to be planned, conducted, consolidated, and administered by a self-governance tribal government.

Under section 405(c) of the Self-Governance Act, the Secretary of the Interior is required to publish annually: (1) A list of non-BIA programs, services, activities, and functions or portions thereof, that are eligible for inclusion in agreements negotiated under the self-governance program; and (2) programmatic targets for these bureaus.

Under the Self-Governance Act, two categories of non-BIA programs are eligible for self-governance funding agreements.

Under section 403(b)(2) of the Act, any non-BIA program, service, function or activity that is administered by Interior that is "otherwise available to Indian tribes or Indians," can be administered by a tribal government through a self-governance agreement. The Department interprets this provision to require only the inclusion of programs eligible for self-determination contracting under Title I of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (P.L. 93-638).

Under section 403(c) of the Act, the Secretary may include other programs, services, functions, and activities, or portions thereof, that are of "special geographic, historical, or cultural significance" to a self-governance tribe.

Under section 403(k) of the Self-Governance Act, annual agreements cannot include programs, services, functions, or activities that are inherently Federal or where the statute establishing the existing program does not authorize the type of participation sought by the tribe. However, a tribe (or tribes) need not be identified in the authorizing statutes in order for a program or element to be included in a self-governance agreement. While general legal and policy guidance regarding what constitutes an inherently Federal function exists, we will determine whether a specific function is inherently Federal on a case-by-case basis considering the totality of circumstances.

II. Annual Funding Agreements Between Self-Governance Tribes and Non-BIA Bureaus of the Department of the Interior

During Fiscal Year 1996, one annual funding agreement was negotiated by the Bureau of Reclamation and the Gila River Indian Community for work related to a portion of the Central Arizona Project. This successor annual funding agreement to continue

development of an irrigation system on their reservation as authorized by section 301(a) of the Colorado River Basin Project Act was begun in Fiscal Year 1997. Another successor agreement is continuing in Fiscal Year 1998.

In Fiscal Year 1997, two agreements were negotiated by the National Park Service. The annual funding agreement with Kawerak, Inc., supported by funds from the shared Beringian heritage program, builds on the previous agreement and covers work to be completed in Fiscal Year 1998. This work will result in a more complete record of the Bering Strait Region's Inupiat, St. Lawrence Island Yupik and Southern Norton Sound Yupik culture, history, knowledge and traditions. The self governance cooperative agreement with Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe enables the Elwha to carry out selected National Park Service functions, services and activities under the NPS Elwha River Restoration Program.

III. Eligible Programs of the Department of the Interior non-BIA Bureaus

Following this paragraph is a listing by bureau of the types of non-BIA programs, or portions thereof, that may be eligible for self-governance annual funding agreements because they are either "otherwise available to Indians" and not precluded by any other law, or may have "special geographic, historical, or cultural significance" to a participating tribe. This summary is a general listing that represents the bureaus' best estimates of activities that may be available for negotiation at the request of the self-governance tribe. Since 1996, the Bureau of Mines no longer exists and, therefore, is not on this list.

The Department will also consider for inclusion in annual funding agreements other programs or activities not included in this listing, but which, upon request of a self-governance tribe, the Department determines to be eligible under either sections 403(b)(3) or 403(c) of the Act. If you have any questions about these programs or other programs that you may be interested in, please contact the appropriate bureau representative.

A. Eligible Programs of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

BLM management responsibilities cover a wide range of areas such as recreational activities, timber, range and minerals management, wildlife habitat management and watershed restoration. In addition, BLM is responsible for the survey of certain Federal and tribal lands. Two programs also provide tribal services: (1) Tribal and allottee minerals