

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government, and Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 1,500.

Total Annual Responses: 1,500.

Total Annual Hours: 375.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's WEB SITE ADDRESS at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 10, 1999.

John Parmigiani,

Manager, HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4490-N-02]

Notice of Regional Meeting on Draft HUD Tribal Consultation Policy

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Executive Order 13084 directs Federal agencies to "have an effective process to permit elected officials and other representatives of Indian tribal governments to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of regulatory policies on matters that significantly or uniquely affect their communities." In accordance with the Executive Order, HUD is in the process of developing tribal consultation policy. On November 2, 1999, HUD published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing three regional meetings sponsored by HUD for the purposes of receiving tribal input on the appropriate scope and content of HUD's tribal consultation policy. This notice announces a future meeting being sponsored by HUD for this purpose. All comments received at the meetings will be considered in the development of

HUD's final tribal consultation policy. Before finalizing consultation policy, HUD will publish the draft policy in the **Federal Register** for additional public comment.

DATES: The regional meeting will be held on December 6, 1999. The meeting will begin at approximately 1:30 pm and end at approximately 4:30 pm (local time).

ADDRESSES: The regional meeting will be held at the Sacramento Convention Center, 1030 15th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jacqueline Johnson, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 4126, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 401-7914 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing or speech-impaired persons may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 14, 1998, President Clinton signed Executive Order 13084 (entitled "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments"). The Executive Order directs Federal agencies to "have an effective process to permit elected officials and other representatives of Indian tribal governments to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of regulatory policies on matters that significantly or uniquely affect their communities." In accordance with the Executive Order, HUD is in the process of developing a tribal consultation policy.

HUD is sponsoring a series of regional meetings for the purposes of receiving tribal input on the appropriate scope and content of HUD's consultation policy. Six meetings have already been held.

The first meeting was held on September 28, 1999 in Pocatello, Idaho in conjunction with the meeting of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. The second meeting was held on October 19, 1999 in Anchorage, Alaska in conjunction with the meeting of the Alaska Federation of Natives. The third meeting was held on October 27, 1999 in Oneida, New York in conjunction with the meeting of the United South and Eastern Tribes.

On November 2, 1999 (64 FR 59196), HUD published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing three additional regional meetings. The fourth meeting was held on November 9, 1999 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The fifth meeting was held on November 16, 1999

in Phoenix, Arizona. The sixth meeting was held on November 17, 1999 in Denver, Colorado.

This notice announces a seventh regional consultation meeting. The meeting will be held at the place and time identified in the **DATES AND ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

All comments received at the regional consultation meetings will be considered in the development of HUD's final tribal consultation policy. Before finalizing a consultation policy, HUD will publish the draft policy in the **Federal Register** for additional public comment.

Interested persons who are unable to attend one of the regional consultation meetings are encouraged to submit written comments to the Office of Native American Programs, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Dated: November 22, 1999.

Harold Lucas,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office for Equal Opportunity, Office of the Secretary, DOI.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office for Equal Opportunity announces the proposed public information collection and seeks public comments on the provisions thereof.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office for Equal Opportunity, Attn: Michael Dole, Department of the Interior, 1849 C St N.W., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instrument, please write to the above address, or call Michael Dole, (202) 208-5183. The collection instrument is also available on the internet at: http://www.doi.gov/diversity/doc/di_1935.pdf.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOI is below parity with the relevant Civilian Labor Force representation for many of our mission critical occupations, and has developed a 5 year Strategic Plan to improve representation and be more responsive to the changing demographics of the country. The only way to determine if there are barriers in the recruitment and selection process is to track the groups that apply and the groups at each stage of the selection process. There is no other objective way to make these determinations, and no source of this information other than directly from applicants.

The information is not provided to selecting officials and plays no part in the selection of individuals. Instead, it is used in summary form to determine trends over many selections within a given occupation or organizational area. The information is treated in a very confidential manner. No information from this form is entered into the Personnel File of the individual selected, and the records of those not selected are destroyed after the conclusion of the selection process.

The format of the questions on ethnicity and race are compliant with the new OMB requirements, and are identical to those which will be used in the year 2000 census. This form is a simplification and update of a similar applicant background survey used by DOI for many years. The form received a six month emergency approval from

OMB while we solicited comment in the **Federal Register**. We are currently requesting public comment on a three year extension of the OMB approval.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Applicant Background Survey, DI form 1935; OMB Control No.: 1091-0001.

Needs and Uses: This form is used to obtain source of recruitment, ethnicity, race, and disability data on job applicants to determine if the recruitment is effectively reaching all aspects of the relevant labor pool and to determine if there are proportionate acceptance rates at various stages of the recruitment process. Response is optional. The information is used for evaluating recruitment only, and plays no part in the selection of who is hired.

Affected Public: Applicants for DOI jobs.

Annual Burden Hours: 9,960.

Number of Respondents: 120,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: No more than 5 minutes.

Frequency: 1 per application.

Dated: November 22, 1999.

Michael Dole,

Affirmative Employment Program Administrator, Department of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of Letters of authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations [50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)], notice is hereby given that Letters of Authorization to take polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities have been issued to the following companies:

| Company | Activity | Date issued |
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| Western Geophysical (Anadarko) | Exploration | October 25, 1999. |
| Western Geophysical (ARCO) | Exploration | October 25, 1999. |
| ARCO Alaska, Inc. (Meltwater North) | Exploration | October 27, 1999. |
| ARCO Alaska, Inc. (Spark #1) | Exploration | October 27, 1999. |
| ARCO Alaska, Inc. (Rendezvous A&B) | Exploration | October 28, 1999. |
| ARCO Alaska, Inc. (Lookout A) | Exploration | October 28, 1999. |
| ARCO Alaska, Inc. (Moose's Tooth A&C) | Exploration | October 28, 1999. |
| ARCO Alaska, Inc. (Clover A&B) | Exploration | October 28, 1999. |
| ARCO Alaska, Inc. (Cairn) | Exploration | October 28, 1999. |
| Western Geophysical (BP Exploration) | Exploration | October 29, 1999. |
| Kuukpik/Fairweather Geophysical | Exploration | October 29, 1999. |
| BP Exploration (West Gwydyr Bay) | Exploration | November 9, 1999. |
| ARCO Alaska, Inc. (NW Eleen) | Exploration | November 10, 1999. |

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Letters of authorization were issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities (64 FR 4328; January 28, 1999)."

Dated: November 17, 1999.

Gary Edwards,

Deputy Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Oneida Nation of New York Liquor Ordinance

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice is published in accordance with authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the