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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4650-N-17]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Emergency Comment Request, Electronic Services Assessment Internet Survey; Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment**AGENCY:** Office of Chief Information Officer, HUD.**ACTION:** Notice.

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

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* March 13, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within seven (7) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB approval number) and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Q, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, an information collection package with respect to a survey of HUD's customers about their access to the Internet. The Department has developed an Electronic Government Strategic Plan that outlines how the Department will use the Internet and eCommerce to better provide services to citizens. Also, the Department has developed its schedule to implement the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA) by 2003. To best develop electronic

solutions for customers and effectively automate collection information items from the public HUD will use this survey to ask citizens about their usage and access to the Internet. It will be used to support the implementation of the Electronic Government Strategic Plan and GPEA in three ways.

1. Create a numeric baseline for the use of the Internet and Electronic Government services by HUD's customers.

2. Assist in establishing performance measures and provides targets for improvements of HUD's Electronic Government services and web-based applications.

3. Support Electronic Government priorities and assist in allocation of funds for GPEA compliance and Electronic Government solutions.

This 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: Electronic Services Assessment Internet Survey.

OMB Control Number: Pending.

Agency Form Numbers: None.

Members of Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of response: 1000 respondents; one-twelfth of an hour per response; one response per respondent; and 166.7 total hours of burden.

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

Dated: February 27, 2001.

Wayne Eddins,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4653-N-01]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Tribal College and Universities Program Application Kit

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for 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 emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments are due: March 13, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within seven (7) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Karadbil, Office of University Partnerships—telephone (202) 708-1537, extension 5918. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Karadbil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, an information collection package with respect to a proposed Notice of Funding Availability and Application Kit for the Tribal Colleges and Universities Program (TCUP). HUD seeks to implement this initiative as soon as possible.

The Tribal Colleges and Universities Program provides grants to tribal colleges and universities to help them build, expand, renovate, and equip their own facilities. Approximately 9 grants will be awarded with Fiscal Year 2000 funds.

Submission of the information required under this information collection is mandatory in order to compete for and receive the benefits of the program. All materials submitted are subject to the Freedom of Information

Act and can be disclosed upon request. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number. The OMB control number, when assigned, will be announced by a separate notice in the **Federal Register**.

The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35):

(1) *Title of the information collection proposal*: Application Kit—Tribal Colleges and Universities Program.

(2) *Summary of the collection of information*: Each applicant for this program would be required to submit current information, as listed below as:

(A) *SF-424*, Application for Federal Assistance.

(B) *HUD-424M*, Federal Assistance Funding Matrix.

(C) *Application Checklist*.

(D) *Transmittal Letter*, signed by the Chief Executive Officer of the institution or his or her designee.

(E) *Abstract/Executive Summary* (one page limit) describing the goals and activities of the project.

(F) *Narrative Statement Addressing the Factors for Award*. (50 page limit, including the statement of work, tables, and maps, but not including any letters of commitment and budget forms)

(G) *SF-424B*, Assurances for Non-Construction Programs.

(H) *HUD-50071*, Certification of Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions;

(I) *SF-LLL*, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable);

(J) *HUD-2880*, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Form;

(K) *HUD-50070*, Certification of Drug-Free Workplace;

(L) *HUD-2992*, Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension.

(3) *Description of the need for the information and its proposed use*: To appropriately determine which applicants should be awarded Tribal Colleges and Universities Program grants, certain information is necessary about the applicant's project and qualifications.

(4) *Description of the likely respondents, including the estimated number of likely respondents, and proposed frequency of response to the collection of information*: Respondents will be tribal colleges and universities. Grants will also be expected to prepare and submit semi-annual progress reports and a final report.

The estimated number of respondents submitting applications is 32. The

proposed frequency of the response to the collection of information is one-time. The application need only be submitted once. The estimated number of respondents to the monitoring requirements is 9. Each grantee will submit two progress reports annually.

(5) *Estimate of the total reporting burden that will result from the collection of information*:

Reporting Burden

Number of respondents: 32 for applicants; 9 for monitoring requirements.

Total burden hours: 80 hours per respondent for applications; 56 hours a year per respondent for monitoring requirements.

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 3,208.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: February 26, 2001.

Lawrence L. Thompson,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to request information collection authority.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will be submitting to the OMB the collection of information described below for approval and renewal under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Copies of specific information collection requirements, related forms, and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting our Information Collection Officer at the address or phone number listed below.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before May 7, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Your comments and suggestions on specific requirements should be sent to our Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222, ARLSQ, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone 703/358-1943.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey L. Horwath, Division of Fish and

Wildlife Management Assistance and Habitat Restoration, Arlington, Virginia, at 703-358-1718, or Wells Stephensen, Office of Marine Mammals Management, Anchorage, Alaska, at 907/786-3815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We propose to submit the following information collection clearance requirements to the OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Your comments are invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for us to properly perform our functions, including whether this information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we are proposing to collect; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. We may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless we display a current valid OMB control number.

In October 1988, pursuant to provisions of Section 109(i) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361-1407), we implemented formal Marking, Tagging, and Reporting Regulations in 50 CFR 18.23 for Alaska natives harvesting polar bear, sea otter, and Pacific walrus in Alaska. Under Section 101(b) of the MMPA, Alaska Natives residing in Alaska and dwelling on the coast of the North Pacific or Arctic Oceans may harvest these species for subsistence or handicraft purposes. Section 109(i) of the MMPA authorized us, acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to prescribe marking, tagging, and reporting regulations applicable to this Native subsistence and handicraft take.

On June 28, 1988, under authority of Section 109(i) of the MMPA, we published a final rule in the **Federal Register** that added paragraph (f) to our marine mammal regulations at 50 CFR 18.23. These regulations have enabled us to gather data on the Native subsistence and handicraft harvest, and on the biology of polar bear, sea otter, and Pacific walrus in Alaska in order to determine what effect such take is having on these populations. The regulations have also provided us with a means of monitoring the disposition of