| | Number of respondents | Annual responses | x | Hours per response | = | Burden hours |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reporting Burden: | 128 | 1 | | 26 | | 3,328 |

*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 3,328.

*Status:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: July 10, 2006.

**Lillian L. Deitzer,**

*Departmental Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

**[Docket No. FR–5066–N–02]**

## Public Housing Assessment System; Financial Condition Scoring Process

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

**ACTION:** Final notice.

**SUMMARY:** This final notice provides information to public housing agencies (PHAs) and members of the public about HUD's process for issuing scores under the Financial Condition Indicator of the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS). This notice includes revised threshold values and associated points/scores for the expense management component of the Financial Condition Indicator based on available data for PHAs with fiscal years ending March 31, 2004, June 30, 2004, September 30, 2004, and December 31, 2004. The data analyzed is based on generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) information submitted by PHAs as part of the financial data schedule submission.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact the Office of Public and Indian Housing, Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC), Attention: Wanda Funk, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Real Estate Assessment Center, 550 12th Street, SW., Suite 100, Washington, DC 20410; telephone the PIH–REAC Technical Assistance Center at (888) 245–4860 (this is a toll free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Additional information is available from the PIH–REAC Internet site at *http://www.hud.gov/reac/.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Background

HUD published the first Public Housing Assessment System; Financial Condition Scoring Process notice in the **Federal Register** on May 13, 1999 (64 FR 26222). HUD republished the notice to coincide with the June 22, 1999, publication of the PHAS proposed rule. Subsequently, HUD revised the notice twice to reflect additional changes to the financial scoring process. The third notice was published on June 28, 2000 (65 FR 40008), and the fourth notice was published on December 21, 2000 (65 FR 80685). This notice is an update of the financial condition scoring process notice published on December 21, 2000. In the December 21, 2000, notice HUD stated that any changes to the scoring process and any modifications to the thresholds would be communicated through a subsequent **Federal Register** notice. Accordingly, this notice updates the December 21, 2000, notice and provides information on the revisions made to the financial condition scoring process. HUD revised the thresholds based on a full year's worth of unaudited and available audited financial information.

This change has been made in accordance with the threshold revaluation schedule set forth in the December 21, 2000, notice. The December 21, 2000, notice stated that the thresholds established in that notice would remain in effect for all unaudited and audited PHA financial submissions for PHAs for a three year period, unless REAC found a need for revisions. In October 2001, July 2003, November 2004, and May 2005, REAC conducted an analysis of the thresholds established in the December 21, 2000, notice and determined not to revise the established thresholds. In August 2005 another analysis was conducted of the threshold established in the December 21, 2000, notice and it was determined that a revision to the expense management component was warranted.

### II. Discussion of Public Comments

There were three comments received on the May 2, 2006, notice, two from public housing industry groups and one from a PHA. Several of the issues addressed in the comments pertained to future Financial Condition Indicator changes as a result of asset management and project based accounting and budgeting, as well as related changes to PHAS. Those comments that were not directly related to the revision of the expense management component as set forth in the May 2, 2006, notice are not addressed in this final notice.

*Comment:* One commenter suggested that the entire Financial Condition Indicator be suspended until a new, project-specific indicator is developed. Until that time, REAC may wish to continue providing scores on the indicator but these scores should be advisory only.

*HUD Response:* HUD disagrees that the Financial Condition Indicator should be suspended until a new indicator is developed that addresses project based accounting and budgeting, and asset management. With HUD's focus on asset management and project based accounting and budgeting, HUD realizes that there is a need for property based assessments and will develop a revised Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) to accommodate asset management. Until that time, HUD will continue to score the Financial Condition Indicator, and the indicator score will be part of the overall PHAS score.

*Comment:* One commenter stated that the thresholds for the expense management component, published on May 2, 2006, demonstrates that these have not been revised frequently enough over the past several years, and felt that more frequent reevaluations will be even more critical when the new funding formula is put in place beginning in 2007. Another commenter stated that the revision to the expense management component is long overdue, and these thresholds should be analyzed and indexed on an annual basis.

*HUD Response:* The financial indicator scoring thresholds have been reevaluated in October 2001, July 2003, November 2004, May 2005 and August 2005. HUD determined that there was a need for revision as a result of the August 2005 analysis. HUD will continue to evaluate the thresholds and provide revisions as needed, at a maximum of every three years.

*Comment:* One commenter stated that the proposed rule calls for the use of total units available to determine the size category, but HUD's automated system appears to utilize total units leased instead.

*HUD Response:* Peer groupings are established according to the size of the PHA, based on the total number of units operated by the PHA, for all programs and activities. Accordingly, the Financial Condition Indicator of PHAS calculates the peer groupings based on the PHA's financial data schedule (FDS) input for line 1120, units months available. FDS line 1120 is defined as the number of months available for all low rent, Section 8, and other subsidized units except those unit months vacant due to demolition, conversion, ongoing modernization, and units approved for non-dwelling purposes. After the PHA's peer group size has been determined, scoring for the six financial components of the Financial Condition Indicator are based on the threshold value for the PHA's size as discussed, above. Expense management/utility consumption measures the PHA's ability to manage key areas of its annual expenditures at a level relative to its peers, adjusted for size and geographic location. This component compares summary expenditures to unit months leased for the fiscal year for the Low-Rent Public Housing Program only. Total routine expenses measured include the following six expense categories: Administrative, tenant services, utilities, ordinary maintenance and operation, protective services, and general expenses. The summed number is compared to the threshold for the PHA's size as discussed, above, and regional peer group. This component enables PHA management to determine if the per unit cost is reasonable or if unnecessary operating expenditures should be reduced and/or further analyzed.

**III. Appendix 2, Expense Management, Revision**

The analysis of the thresholds conducted in August 2005 is based on the financial information submitted by PHAs with fiscal years ending March 31, 2004, June 30, 2004, September 30, 2004, and December 31, 2004. As a result of this analysis, it was determined that a revision to the expense management thresholds was warranted, but not to the remaining component thresholds for current ratio, months expendable fund balance, tenants receivable outstanding, occupancy loss and net income and loss. The thresholds for the five financial condition components that will not be changed are included in Appendix 2, Thresholds for Entity-Wide GAAP Scoring, of the December 21, 2000, Public Housing Assessment System; Financial Condition Scoring Process. The table, below, includes the new thresholds for expense management.

The revised expense management thresholds included in this notice, and the remaining five component thresholds included in the December 21, 2000, financial condition notice, which are based on a full year of unaudited and audited financial data based on GAAP, will remain in effect for all unaudited and audited PHA financial submissions for PHAs with fiscal year end on or after September 30, 2006, for a three year period, unless the REAC finds a need for revisions. Any revisions to the thresholds will be communicated through a notice.

The expense management table can be interpreted in the following manner:

- Identify a size category for expense management;
- The rows under that size category identify ranges of possible values for expense management; and
- The column to the right labeled "Points/Score" identifies the points/scores that is awarded to each expense management value for that size category.

The thresholds presented here have been rounded for presentation purposes, whereas those used to calculate scores at the REAC are not rounded.

EXPENSE MANAGEMENT (EM)

| Region | Very small and small | Low medium and high medium | Large and extra large | Points/score |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | EM<$112.39 | EM<$108.52 | EM<$128.15 | 1.5 |
| 0 | EM≥$112.39 | EM≥$108.52 | EM≥$128.15 | 0 |
| 1 | EM<$114.12 | EM<$107.69 | EM<$112.87 | 1.5 |
| 1 | EM≥$114.12 | EM≥$107.69 | EM≥$112.87 | 0 |
| 2 | EM<$94.59 | EM<$118.23 | EM<$117.07 | 1.5 |
| 2 | EM≥$94.59 | EM≥$118.23 | EM≥$117.07 | 0 |
| 3 | EM<$89.22 | EM<$86.68 | EM<$101.71 | 1.5 |
| 3 | EM≥$89.22 | EM≥$86.68 | EM≥$101.71 | 0 |
| 4 | EM<$91.51 | EM<$97.55 | EM<$103.73 | 1.5 |
| 4 | EM≥$91.51 | EM≥$97.55 | EM≥$103.73 | 0 |
| 5 | EM<$86.66 | EM<$95.36 | EM<$110.68 | 1.5 |
| 5 | EM≥$86.66 | EM≥$95.36 | EM≥$110.68 | 0 |
| 6 | EM<$79.96 | EM<$82.36 | EM<$122.17 | 1.5 |
| 6 | EM≥$79.96 | EM≥$82.36 | EM≥$122.17 | 0 |
| 7 | EM<$99.87 | EM<$71.81 | EM<$86.02 | 1.5 |
| 7 | EM≥$99.87 | EM≥$71.81 | EM≥$86.02 | 0 |
| 8 | EM<$111.02 | EM<$133.50 | EM<$97.86 | 1.5 |
| 8 | EM≥$111.02 | EM≥$133.50 | EM≥$97.86 | 0 |
| 9 | EM<$120.96 | EM<$109.90 | EM<$136.55 | 1.5 |
| 9 | EM≥$120.96 | EM≥$109.90 | EM≥$136.55 | 0 |

Dated: June 29, 2006.

**Orlando J. Cabrera,**

*Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

### Submission of Paperwork Reduction Act Request to Office of Management and Budget

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Information Collection Request for Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for a Certificate of Degree of Indian or Alaska Native Blood (CDIB) has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. The BIA is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 16, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, by facsimile at (202) 395–5806 or you may send an e-mail to: *OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov.*

Send a copy of your comments to Ms. Carolyn Newman, Tribal Enrollment Specialist, Division of Tribal Government Services, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 4513–MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the information collection may be obtained by contacting Ms. Carolyn Newman, Tribal Enrollment Specialist, at 202–513–7641.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** No comments on the workload burden or the form itself (OMB Control No. 1076–0153) were received during or before the close of the public comment period on March 13, 2006, as requested in the notice published January 13, 2006 in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 2268).

**Abstract**

The purpose of this collection is to assist in determining the eligibility of individuals for various programs and services available to American Indians and Alaska Natives. This part specifies the requirements for the documentation of degree of Indian blood and uniform standards by which we may issue, amend, or invalidate a Certificate of Degree of Indian or Alaska Native Blood. Disclosure of information may be given to the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice when required for litigation or anticipated litigation. Notification of inquiries or access must be addressed to the appropriate Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Submission of this information is voluntary. However, not providing information may result in a determination that an individual is not eligible to receive program services based upon his/her status as an American Indian or Alaska Native. The information to be collected includes: certificates of birth and death, probate determinations, court orders, affidavits, Federal or tribal census records and Social Security records.

**Request for Comments**

The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, invites comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including the hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumption used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) 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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Office of Management and Budget has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration. Please note: comments, names, addresses of commentators are available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish us to withhold any information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless a currently valid OMB control number is displayed. You may request copies of the information collection forms and our submission to OMB from the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. This notice provides the public with 30 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

*Title:* Request for Certificate of Degree of Indian or Alaska Native Blood, 25 CFR part 70.

*OMB Control Number:* 1076–0153.

*Type of review:* Renewal.

*Description of respondents:* Individual Indians who may be eligible to receive program services based upon their status and/or degree of Indian or Alaska Native blood.

*Frequency:* All information and documentation is to be collected once from each requester.

*Estimated completion time:* The reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.5 hours for each response for an estimated 154,980 requests per year or 232,470 hours, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources and gathering needed data. Thus, the estimated total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for this entire collection is estimated to be 232,470 hours.

*Total annual burden:* 232,470 hours.

*Estimated non-hour cost:* $6,199,200. The cost covers certification of documents and postage and the cost of duplicating the original application form.

Dated: June 8, 2006.

**Michael D. Olsen,**

*Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[WY–920–09–1320–EL, WYW172908]**

### Coal Lease Exploration License, WY

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

**ACTION:** Notice of invitation for coal exploration license.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, 90 Stat. 1083, 30 U.S.C. 201(b), and to the regulations adopted as 43 CFR part 3410, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Kiewit Mining Properties Inc. on a pro rata cost