

Dated: August 25, 1997.

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Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4263-N-13]

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Administration, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been 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 date: October 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and

Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kay F. Weaver, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Weaver.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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).

The Notice lists the following information: (1) the title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, an hour of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of

an information collection requirement; and (10) the names and telephone numbers of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

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

Dated: August 18, 1997.

David S. Cristy,

Director, Information Resources, Management Policy and Management Division.

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB

Title of Proposal: Certificate of Completion—Consolidated.

Office: Public and Indian Housing.

OMB Approval Number: 2577-0021.

Description of the need for the information and its proposed use: The certificate transmits information concerning the completion of construction contracts to enable the Department to authorize payment of funds due the contractor or developer. The information is supplied by the project architect and assembled and forwarded by the Public Housing Agency.

Form Number: None.

Respondents: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Frequency of Submission: On Occasion.

Reporting Burden:

	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Certificate	147		1		1		147

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 147.

Status: Reinstatement, with changes.

Contact: William J. Flood, HUD, (202) 708-1640 x4134; Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB, (202) 395-7316.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4193-N-02]

NOFA for Fair Housing Initiatives Program; FY 1997 Competitive Solicitation

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA); clarification.

SUMMARY: This notice clarifies a variance between a requirement on the use of FHIP funds for litigation against the U.S. set forth in the Fiscal Year (FY) 1997 NOFA for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP), published in the **Federal Register** on June 26, 1997 (62 FR 34562) and a FHIP Application Kit statement which was more expansive. In addition, this clarification provides notice that the Department is providing a 7-day period for any entity that was discouraged from submitting an application under this NOFA because of this variance to so advise the Department. Any entity otherwise eligible under the NOFA that so notifies the Department will be allowed 30 days from today's date to submit an application under the Private Enforcement Initiative (PEI) and/or the Fair Housing Organizations Initiative (FHOI).

DATES: An entity must advise the Department by September 9, 1997 if it meets the provisions outlined in this Notice and intends to submit an application. Such an entity will have 30 days from today's date, until October 2, 1997 to submit its application under the PEI and the FHOI. Applications will be accepted if they are received on or before the application due date, or are received within 7 days after the application due date, but with a U.S. postmark or receipt from a private commercial delivery service (such as Federal Express or DHL) that is dated on or before the application due date.

ADDRESSES: To advise HUD that the statement in the Application Kit discouraged your organization from applying, and that you will be submitting an application within 30 days as permitted under this clarification, please contact Aztec Jacobs or Maxine Cunningham as indicated

under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** heading immediately below. To obtain a copy of the application kit, please write the Fair Housing Information Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 9146, McLean, VA 22102, or call the toll free number 1-800-343-3442 (voice) or 1-800-290-1617 (TTY). Also please contact this number if information concerning this NOFA is needed in an accessible format.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aztec Jacobs or Maxine Cunningham, Office of Fair Housing Initiatives and Voluntary Programs, Room 5234, 451 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20410-2000; telephone number (202) 708-0800 (this is not a toll free number); facsimile (202) 708-2755. Persons who use a text telephone (TTY) may call 1-800-290-1617.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 26, 1997 (62 FR 34562), HUD published a NOFA for the Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP). The Application Kit was printed following publication of the June 26, 1997 NOFA publication and has been widely distributed. In providing application formats, the Application Kit was designed to reflect NOFA requirements. The June 26, 1997 NOFA is also included as an attachment to the Application Kit.

The June 26, 1997 NOFA required that, "In accordance with 24 CFR 125.104(f), no recipient of assistance under the PEI may use any funds provided by the Department for the payment of expenses in connection with litigation against the United States." This provision also applied to enforcement activities carried out under the FHOI. The FHIP Application Kit, on pages 43 and 49 contained a more expansive limitation, stating that in addition to the above NOFA provision, no FHIP funds may be used in "any litigation action involving housing providers funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development."

It was not the Department's intent to limit litigation efforts beyond the statutory or regulatory limitations of the FHIP as the variance from the NOFA in the Application Kit indicated. The Department intends to permit organizations that have submitted applications under this competition prior to this Notice to modify their activities and budget to incorporate litigation against housing providers funded by HUD, if their applications are selected for award.

Furthermore, this Notice is intended to ensure that all interested applicants that may have been dissuaded by the variance from submitting applications will be provided an opportunity to do

so under this competition. Such entities must notify the Department within 7 days of today's date, by September 9, 1997 either by phone or fax of their name, phone number, and intent to submit an application under the PEI and/or FHOI that includes litigation against housing providers funded by HUD. Only those entities that contact the Department during this 7-day period and provide the above information will be permitted to submit applications during the 30-day extended application period, which will expire on October 2, 1997. Because HUD cannot determine with any certainty the number, if any, of potential applicants who were discouraged from applying specifically because of the variance, the 7-day notification period is necessary to allow the processing of applications to continue with a minimum of disruption.

All applications submitted under this clarification must also comply with all other requirements contained in the June 26, 1997 NOFA and outlined in the Application Kit. Applicants that have already submitted applications under the PEI or FHOI will not be permitted to submit revised or additional applications, since they will be given the opportunity to make modifications as appropriate to their proposed activities and budget to reflect the NOFA litigation requirement.

Dated: August 26, 1997.

Larry Pearl,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Program Operations and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Draft Molokai II: Addendum to the Recovery Plan for the Molokai Plant Cluster (USFWS 1996)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces the availability for public review of a draft Molokai II: Addendum to the Recovery Plan for the Molokai Plant Cluster (USFWS 1996). There are three taxa of plants included in this plan. All three are known only from the island of Molokai. This draft plan Addendum supplements the Recovery Plan for the Molokai Plant Cluster finalized in September of 1996. A limited number of copies of the Molokai Recovery Plan

remain available, although the Service is not seeking comments on that document.

DATE: Comments on the draft recovery plan addendum received by November 3, 1997 will be considered by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the draft recovery plan are available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the following locations: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Islands Office, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, room 3108, P.O. Box 50088, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850 (phone 808/541-3441); Molokai Public Library, 15 Ala Malama Street, Kaunakakai, Hawaii 96748. Requests for copies of the draft recovery plan addendum and written comments and materials regarding this plan should be addressed to Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Office, at the above Honolulu address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Schmerfeld, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above Honolulu address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for the recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (Act), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act as amended in 1988 requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during the public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised Recovery Plan. Substantive technical comments will result in changes to the plans. Substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation may not necessarily result in changes to the recovery plans, but will be forwarded to appropriate Federal or other entities so that they can take these comments into account during the course of