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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 27, 1998, the Department of Housing and Urban Development published a statement of policy regarding disclosure of mortgage loan sales information (63 FR 10031). The February, 1998, notice set forth the Department's policy pertaining to the release of records regarding those bids that the Department or its contractors had received to date under its mortgage loan sale program. The notice stated that, when requested to provide records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the Department would produce relevant records in its files including, where available: (1) All potential bidders receiving bid materials; (2) all successful bidders and their successful bids and the mortgage loans attributable to such bids; (3) all unsuccessful bidders and their unsuccessful bids and the mortgage loans attributable to such bids; (4) the aggregate proceeds the Department received from the sale; and (5) the aggregate number of bidders.

This notice serves as the business submitter notice authorized by 24 CFR 15.54 of the Department's FOIA regulations. The purpose of this notice is to provide bidders the opportunity to object to disclosure of their bids under the FOIA. Bidders shall have 10 working days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** to provide the Department a detailed written statement of their objections to disclosure of the bid information under the FOIA. Such statement shall specify all grounds for withholding the information and shall demonstrate why the bid information is a trade secret or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential. Conclusory statements that the information would be useful to competitors or similarly conclusory statements generally will not be considered sufficient to justify confidential treatment. Bidders should submit their statements to the agency contact identified in this notice.

The Department will carefully consider a submitter's objections before determining whether to disclose the information. If the Department decides to disclose the information over the objections of the submitters, the Department will advise the submitter in a written notice its intent to disclose the information 10 working days before the specified disclosure date.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552; 24 CFR 15.54; E.O. 12600, 52 FR 23781, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 235.

Dated: June 22, 1998.

**Ira Peppercorn,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing—Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4363-N-01]

### Announcement of OMB Approval Number for Economic Development Initiatives (EDI/BEDI) Grant Program

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Announcement of OMB Approval Number.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to announce the OMB approval number for the collection of information pertaining to the Super Notice of Funding Availability for the Economic Development and Empowerment Programs: the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) and for the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) Grant Programs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Either Stan Gimont or Paul Webster, Financial Management Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1871. This is not a toll-free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), this notice advises that OMB has responded to the Department's request for approval of the information collection pertaining to the Economic Development Initiative (EDI) and for the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) Grant Programs. The OMB approval number for this information collection is 2506-0153, which expires June 30, 2001.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Dated: June 26, 1998.

**Kenneth Williams,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Endangered Species Permit Applications

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit applications.

**SUMMARY:** The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10 (a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 USC 1531 *et seq.*).

#### Permit No. 825572

*Applicant:* Jeff Dreier.

The applicant requests a permit to take (translocate cysts) the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*) in conjunction with inoculating created habitat for the purpose of enhancing its survival in Alameda County, California.

#### Permit No. 702631

*Applicant:* Assistant Regional Director-Ecological Services, Region 1, Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (capture, handle, band, radio-tag, and release; haze, relocate, and kill) the peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) throughout the species range in conjunction with scientific research and management activities on peregrine falcons, especially with regard to their interactions with California least tern (*Sterna albifrons browni*) colonies and western snowy plovers (*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*) and take (collect for captive propagation, harass, handle) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with scientific research throughout the species range for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

#### Permit No. 745541

*Applicant:* S. J. M. Consultants, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey using taped vocalizations) the Yuma clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) in conjunction with surveys in Imperial County, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

#### Permit No. 787376

*Applicant:* Peter Bloom, Santa Ana, California.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (harass through

hazing) the peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) throughout the species range in conjunction with scientific research on peregrine falcons, especially with regard to their interactions with California least tern (*Sterna albifrons browni*) colonies and western snowy plovers (*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*), for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. 783928**

*Applicant:* California Department of Transportation, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (capture, handle, and release) the desert pupfish (*Cyprinodon macularius*) in Imperial and Riverside Counties, California, in conjunction with presence or absence surveys, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

**Permit No. 785148**

*Applicant:* Ogden Environmental, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a permit amendment to take (capture, handle, and release) the San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) and the Amargosa vole (*Mocrotus californicus scirpensis*), and take (harass by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) and the southwestern willow flycatcher *Empidonax traillii eximius*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys and ecological research throughout each species' range, for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

**DATES:** Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before August 3, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Division of Consultation and Conservation Planning, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; Fax: (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments, including names and addresses, received will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone:

(503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: June 24, 1998.

**John H. Doebl,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Big Game Guiding on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is soliciting proposals to conduct commercial big game guide services on several national wildlife refuges in Alaska.

**DATES:** Proposals should be postmarked by Monday, November 16, 1998, or hand delivered to the respective refuge manager by Friday, November 20, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail proposals to the refuge manager at the appropriate refuge as listed in the section, **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tony Booth, Division of Refuges, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska, 99503; telephone (907) 786-3357 [TTY: (907) 786-3552].

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is requesting proposals to conduct commercial big game guide services within use areas on several National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska. These offerings are for use areas which have become vacant or may become vacant soon. Big game guiding services will be authorized on these areas for the period July 1, 1999, through June 30, 2004. Authorizations to conduct guiding services in these areas will be awarded through a competitive selection process.

The offerings will include the following guide use areas:

Alaska Peninsula/Becharof Refuge—BCH-06, AKP-09

Address: Refuge Manager, Alaska Peninsula/Becharof National Wildlife Refuge, Post Office Box 277, King Salmon, Alaska 99613.

Arctic Refuge—ARC-01, 02, 15

Address: Refuge Manager, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, 101 12th

Avenue, Box 20, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

Innoko Refuge—INN-03

Address: Refuge Manager, Innoko National Wildlife Refuge, Post Office Box 69, McGrath, Alaska 99627.

Kanuti Refuge—KAN-01

Address: Refuge Manager, Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge, 101 12th Avenue, Room 112, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

Kenai Refuge—KEN-02, 03

Address: Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, Post Office Box 2139, Soldotna, Alaska 99699-2139.

Koyukuk Refuge—KOY-02

Address: Koyukuk/Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge, Post Office Box 287, Galena, Alaska 99741.

Selawik Refuge—SEL-01

Address: Selawik National Wildlife Refuge, Post Office Box 270, Kotzebue, Alaska 99752.

The Service is also requesting proposals for the following refuge guide use areas where the Service proposes to not renew existing guiding permits. Interested qualified guides who apply for the following use areas should be aware that the availability of these areas is uncertain at this time because existing permittees may seek reconsideration or appeal a decision to not renew their permits. Since the Service does not plan to issue a separate notice for these tentative offerings, interested parties should submit proposals in response to this notice. These tentative offerings include the following areas:

Alaska Peninsula/Becharof Refuge—BCH-02, 03

Address: Alaska Peninsula/Becharof National Wildlife Refuge, Post Office Box 277, King Salmon, Alaska 99613.

Arctic Refuge—ARC-08

Address: Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, 101 12th Avenue, Box 20, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99701.

Izembek Refuge—IZM-02

Address: Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, Post Office Box 127, Cold Bay, Alaska 99571-0127.

Kodiak Refuge—KOD-14, 15

Address: Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, 1390 Buskin River Road, Kodiak, Alaska 99615.

Koyukuk Refuge—KOY-03

Address: Koyukuk/Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge, Post Office Box 287, Galena, Alaska 99741.

A letter announcing these offerings is being sent to all State of Alaska registered big game guides. Proposals must be postmarked by Monday, November 16, 1998 or hand delivered to the appropriate refuge manager by 4:30