

This determination of the regulatory review period establishes the maximum potential length of a patent extension. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office applies several statutory limitations in its calculations of the actual period for patent extension. In its application for patent extension, this applicant seeks 1,825 days of patent term extension.

Anyone with knowledge that any of the dates as published is incorrect may, on or before February 26, 1999, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments and ask for a redetermination. Furthermore, any interested person may petition FDA, on or before June 28, 1999, for a determination regarding whether the applicant for extension acted with due diligence during the regulatory review period. To meet its burden, the petition must contain sufficient facts to merit an FDA investigation. (See H. Rept. 857, part 1, 98th Cong., 2d sess., pp. 41-42, 1984.) Petitions should be in the format specified in 21 CFR 10.30.

Comments and petitions should be submitted to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) in three copies (except that individuals may submit single copies) and identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Comments and petitions may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: December 15, 1998.

Thomas J. McGinnis,

Deputy Associate Commissioner for Health Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Eye Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant

applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Eye Institute Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: January 7, 1999.

Time: 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: 6120 Executive Blvd., Suite 350, Rockville, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Andrew P. Mariani, PhD, Chief, Scientific Review Branch, 6120 Executive Blvd., Suite 350, Rockville, MD 20892, 301/496-5561.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.867, Vision Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 18, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Notice of Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of meetings of the National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council.

The meetings will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and/or contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications and/or contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council Planning Subcommittee.

Date: January 21, 1999.

Open: 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Agenda: Report from Institute Director.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Conference Room 7, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Conference Room 7, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: CRAIG A. JORDAN, PHD, ACTING DIRECTOR, NIH/NIDCD/DEA, EXECUTIVE PLAZA SOUTH, ROOM 400C, BETHESDA, MD 20892-7180, 301-496-8693.

Name of Committee: National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council.

Date: January 21-22, 1999.

Open: January 22, 1999, 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

Agenda: Report from Institute Director, discussion of Institute programs.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: January 22, 1999, 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: CRAIG A. JORDAN, PHD, ACTING DIRECTOR, NIH/NIDCD/DEA, EXECUTIVE PLAZA SOUTH, ROOM 400C, BETHESDA, MD 20892-7180, 301-496-8693.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.173, Biological Research Related to Deafness and Communicative Disorders, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 18, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4369-N-13]

Notice of Proposed Information; Collection: Comment Request

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be 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: February 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding

this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Shelia Jones, Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 7232, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Deirdre Maguire-Zinni, Director, Entitlement Communities Division, (202) 708-1577 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected 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: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Urban

County and New York Towns Qualification/Requalification Processes.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: N/A.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, at sections 102(a)(6) and 102(e) requires that any county seeking qualification as an urban county notify each unit of general local government within the county that such unit may enter into a cooperation agreement to participate in the CDBG program as part of the county. Section 102(d) of the statute specifies that the period of qualification will be three years. Based on these statutory provisions, counties seeking qualification/requalification as urban counties under the CDBG program must provide information to HUD on a triannual basis identifying the communities within the county participating as a part of the county for purposes of receiving CDBG funds. The population of included units of local government for each eligible urban county and New York town are used in HUD's allocation of CDBG funds for all entitlement and State CDBG grantees.

New York towns must undertake a similar process on a triannual basis because under New York state law, towns that contain incorporated units of general local government within their boundaries cannot qualify as metropolitan cities unless they execute cooperation agreements with *all* such incorporated units. The New York towns qualification process must be completed prior to the qualification of urban counties so that any town that does not qualify as a metropolitan city

can still have an opportunity to participate as part of an urban county.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: N/A.

Members of affected public: Urban counties and New York towns that are eligible as entitlement grantees of the CDBG program.

Elimination of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of response: There are currently 147 qualified urban counties participating in the CDBG program that must requalify on a triannual basis. On average, 2 new counties qualify each year. The burden on new counties is greater than for existing counties that requalify. The Department estimates new grantees use, on average, 72 hours to review instructions, contact communities in the county, prepare and review agreements, obtain legal opinions, have agreements executed at the local and county level, and prepare and transmit copies of required documents to HUD. The Department estimates that counties that are requalifying use, on average, 40 hours to complete these actions. The time savings on requalification is primarily a result of a grantee's ability to use agreements with no specified end date. Use of such "renewable" agreements enables the grantee to merely notify affected participating units of government in writing that their agreement will automatically be renewed unless the unit of government terminates the agreement in writing, rather than executing a new agreement every three years.

Average of 2 new urban counties qualify per year	2 × hrs	=	144 hrs.
147 grantees requalify on triannual basis; average annual number of respondents = 49	49 × 40 hrs.	=	1,960 hrs.

Total burden	=	2,104 hrs.
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There are 10 New York towns that requalify on a triannual basis. They, too, may use "renewable" agreements which	reduces the burden required under this process. The Department estimates that New York towns, on average, use 30	hours on a triannual basis to complete the requalification process.
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10 towns requalify on triannual basis; average annual number of respondents = 3.3	3.3 × 30	=	100 hrs.
Total combined burden hours:	=	2,204 hrs.

This total number of combined burden hours can be expected to increase by 144 hours annually given the average of 2 new urban counties becoming eligible entitlement grantees each year.

Status of the proposed information collection: Existing collection in use without an OMB control number.

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

Dated: December 21, 1998.

Cardell Cooper,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4424-C-03]

Notice of Funding Availability for: the HUD-Administered Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program—Fiscal Year 1999, and the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program for Small Communities in New York State; Correction

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

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

SUMMARY: On November 25, 1998, HUD published a notice of funding availability (NOFA) announcing: (1) the availability of approximately \$54,558,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 funding for the HUD-administered Small Cities Program in New York State under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and (2) the availability of a maximum of approximately \$200,000,000–\$250,000,000 in FY 1999 funding under the Section 108 Loan Guarantee program for small cities in New York State.

On December 7, 1998, a correction notice was published to clarify that the application due date for this NOFA is February 3, 1999.

This correction notice removes language in the “Final Selection” portion of the NOFA that is not applicable to the FY 1999 funding process for this program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvette Aidara, State and Small Cities Division, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7184, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202)

708–1322 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 25, 1998 (63 FR 65486), HUD published a notice of funding availability (NOFA) (FR–4424) announcing:

(1) The availability of approximately \$54,558,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 funding for the HUD-administered Small Cities Program in New York State under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

(2) The availability of a maximum of approximately \$200,000,000–\$250,000,000 in FY 1999 funding under the Section 108 Loan Guarantee program for small cities in New York State.

On December 7, 1998, a correction notice was published to clarify that the application due date for this NOFA is February 3, 1999.

This correction notice, published in today's **Federal Register**, removes language in the “Final Selection” portion of the NOFA that is not applicable to the FY 1999 funding process for this program. Specifically, Section I.E.4 of the NOFA (“Final Selection”), which is found in the first column at 63 FR 65497, contains language regarding the submission of two applications. This language was in last year's NOFA for this program and was appropriate because the FY 1997/1998 NOFA, published on December 16, 1997, solicited and authorized applicants to submit a separate application for FY 1997 and 1998 funding. This language should have been removed from the FY 1999 NOFA because, for this fiscal year, applications are for FY 1999 funding only. This correction notice removes this language.

Accordingly, FR Doc. 98–31516, Notice of Funding Availability for: the HUD-Administered Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program—Fiscal Year 1999; and the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program for Small Communities in New York State (FR–4424–N–01), published in the **Federal Register** on November 25, 1998 (63 FR 65486), is corrected as follows:

On page 65497, in the first column, the first paragraph of the subsection titled “4. Final Selection” (the introductory paragraph) is corrected to read as follows:

The total points received by a project for all of the selection factors are added, and the project is ranked against all

other projects from all applications regardless of the program areas in which the projects were rated. The highest ranked projects will be funded to the extent funds are available. In the case of ties at the funding line, HUD will use the following criteria in order to break ties:

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Dated: December 21, 1998.

Camille E. Acevedo,

Assistant General Counsel for Regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

Applicant: Todd Detrick, Stroudsburg, PA, PRT–006038.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Phillip Netznik, New Lenox, IL, PRT–006189.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Wayne Bowser, Brookshire, TX, PRT–006175.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Miguel Gonzalez, Houston, TX, PRT–006174.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa,