

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**[Docket No. FR-4814-N-07]****Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request, Youthbuild Program**

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:* September 26, 2003.

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: Sheila Jones, Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 7232, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phyllis Williams at telephone number (202) 708-2290 (this is not a toll-free number).

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 affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection 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: Youthbuild Program.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2506-0142.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Youthbuild Program was authorized under Section 164 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 8011). Funded programs provide disadvantaged youth, predominantly high school drop outs with educational opportunities and job skills training. Information is collected from eligible applicants for a competition to determine which entities will receive grant funds.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD Form 40211, SF1199A, HUD-27054.

Members of affected public: Public or private nonprofit agencies, including State or local housing agencies or authorities, State or units of local government, or any entity eligible to provide education and employment training under other Federal employment training programs.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: 121,280.

Status of the proposed information collection: Since FY 2000, all grant administration and record keeping for the Youthbuild Program has been delegated to HUD Field Office jurisdictions. They have the responsibility for reviewing grant activities via Semi-Annual Reports for recipients of Youthbuild funds.

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

Dated: July 22, 2003.

Roy A. Bernardi,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**[Docket No. FR-4837-D-43]****Order of Succession for the Office of Policy Development and Research**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of order of succession.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research designates the Order of Succession for the Office of Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research. This Order of Succession supersedes the Order of Succession for the Office of Policy and Development, published on December 1, 1998.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 8, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lynn B. Newkirk, Director, Management and Administrative Services, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 8228, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-6000, telephone (202) 708-1812. (This is not 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 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research is issuing this Order of Succession of officials authorized to perform the duties and functions of the Office of the Assistant Secretary when, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, the Assistant Secretary is not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the Office. This Order of Succession is subject to the provisions of the Vacancy Reform Act of 1998 (5 U.S.C. 3345-3349d). This publication supersedes the Order of Succession notice on December 1, 1998 (63 FR 66193).

Accordingly, the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research designates the following Order of Succession:

Section A. Order of Succession

Subject to the provision of the Vacancy Reform Act of 1998, during any period when, by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office, the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research is not available to exercise the powers or perform the duties of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, the following officials within the Office of Policy Development and Research are hereby designated to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Office:

(1) General Deputy Assistant Secretary.

(2) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs.

(3) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Research, Evaluation, and Monitoring.

(4) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development.

These officials shall perform the functions and duties of the Office in the order specified herein, and no official shall serve unless all the other officials, whose position titles precede his or hers in this order, are unable to act by reason of absence, disability, or vacancy in office.

Section B. Authority Superseded

This Order of Succession supersedes the Order of Succession for the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, published on December 1, 1998 (63 FR 66193).

Authority: Section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: July 8, 2003.

Alberto F. Treviño,

Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request revising and extending the information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection instrument may be obtained by contacting the USGS clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made within 60 days directly to the USGS Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192. Telephone 703-648-7313.

Specific public comments are requested as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the USGS, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the USGS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: The National Atlas of the United States of America®.

Current OMB approval number: 1028-0057.

Abstract: Potential customers of National Atlas products and services

will be asked questions that provide (1) potential uses of these products and services; (2) types of personal computers and telecommunications used; (3) current methods of acquiring atlas-type information; (4) demographic information; (5) personal expectations from the products; (6) suggestions for improving these products and services. Survey questionnaires will be distributed by mail in a return postage-paid format, in person at National Atlas exhibits and other venues, and via the World Wide Web. Focus groups will be held at various locations across the United States and could include prototype product testing. Software usability studies will be conducted at various locations and will result in the development of products and services that are easier to use. Customer information gathered from the questionnaires, focus groups, and usability studies will be used to evaluate and improve the National Atlas of the United States based on customer responses. The proposed collection is limited in scope to the National Atlas products and the capability of the products to meet customer needs.

Bureau form number: None.

Frequency: An estimated 2-3 surveys, 2-5 focus groups, and 2-5 software usability studies per year to evaluate potential customer segments and reactions.

Description of respondents: Owners of personal computers, with Internet access. Potentially the general public, libraries, and schools.

Estimated completion time: Varies depending on the mechanism used: Approximately 0.15 minutes per survey and 1 hour per focus group session of usability test session.

Annual responses: Approximately 1,000 survey, 75 focus group responses, and 75 software usability responses.

Annual burden hours: 400.

Bureau clearance officer: John Cordyack, 703-648-7313.

Dated: July 14, 2003.

Robert A. Lidwin,

Chief of Staff for Geography.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposal to extend the collection of information described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; telephone (703) 648-7313.

Specific public comments are requested as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Annual National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Announcement.

OMB approval number: 1028-0051.

Abstract: Respondents submit proposals to support research in earthquake hazards and earthquake prediction to earth-science data and information essential to mitigate earthquake losses. This information will be used as the basis for selection and award of projects meeting the program objectives. Annual or final reports are required on each selected performance.

Bureau form number: None.

Frequency: Annual proposals, annual or final reports.

Description of respondents: Educational institutions, profit and non-profit organizations, individuals, and agencies of local or State governments.

Annual responses: 370.

Annual burden hours: 12,800 hours.