

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4817-N-20]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment for Contract Administration—Public and Indian Housing

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, 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:* January 16, 2004.

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: Mildred M. Hamman, Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing & Urban Development, 451-7th Street, SW., Room 4249, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mildred M. Hamman, (202) 708-0614, extension 4128. (This is not a toll-free number). For hearing- and speech-impaired persons, this telephone number may be accessed via TTY (Text telephone) by calling the Federal Information Relay Services at 1-800-877-8339 (toll-free).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit 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).

Housing Agencies (HAs) must maintain certain records and submit certain documents to HUD with the award of oversight or construction contracts for development or new low-income housing developments or modernization of existing developments. This information is necessary for compliance with procurement requirements part 85.36(b).

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 submissions of responses.

This Notice also Lists the Following Information:

Title of Proposal: Contract Administration—Public and Indian Housing.

OMB Control Number: 2577-0039.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use: HAS will keep records or submit the following information to HUD:

Bidding Control Record. HAS or its architect maintains a record of bid documents received or issued to each individual or firm requesting a bid package. A control record is required for each contract, but is not submitted to HUD, except for the bid tabulation when prior HUD approval of contract award is required.

Register of Change Order and Time Extensions. HAS maintain a register of change orders and time extensions to assure factual data upon which to adjudicate disputes or claims concerning delays from the HA, architect, contractor or HUD actions or inactions relative to approval, disapproval or execution of requested work changes or time extensions.

Form HUD-5372, Construction Progress Schedule. Immediately after execution of the Construction Contract, the contractor submits Form HUD-5372 to the HA to enable accurate checking of Actual completion of the contract within prescribed time periods.

Form HUD-51000, Schedule of Amounts for Contract Payments. Immediately after execution of the construction contract, the contractor submits the schedule of amounts for contract payment to the HA to enable accurate checking of periodical estimates for partial payments.

Agency form numbers: HUD-5372; HUD-5100.

Members of the Affected Public: State, local or tribal governments; business or other for-profit.

Estimation Including the Total Number of Hours Needed To Prepare the Information Collection for the Number of Respondents, Frequency of Response, and Hours of Response: 11,608 responses, one response per

construction contract, 1.3 hours per response, 14,506 total burden hours.

Status of the Proposed Information Collection: Extension.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: October 31, 2003.

Michael Liu,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4860-C-02]

Notice of Funding Availability for HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Competitive Reallocation of Funds To Provide Permanent Housing for the Chronically Homeless; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice of funding availability; correction.

SUMMARY: On October 15, 2003, HUD published the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Competitive Reallocation of HOME Funds to Provide Permanent Housing for the Chronically Homeless. This notice corrects that funding announcement by notifying applicants of the new government-wide requirement that all applicants for federal grants and cooperative agreements must provide a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number with their applications. In addition, this document makes a correction to the scoring assigned to certain HOME participating jurisdictions (PJs) found in Appendix 1 to the NOFA and changes the deadline for submission of applications to December 18, 2003.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Cliff Taffet, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington DC, 20410-5000; telephone (202) 708-3226 ext. 4589 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 15, 2003 (68 FR 59450), HUD published its Notice of Funding

Availability (NOFA) for the Competitive Reallocation of HOME Funds to Provide Permanent Housing for the Chronically Homeless. This notice published in today's **Federal Register** corrects the NOFA by requiring applicants to provide in their application package, a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. This correction is required by an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) policy directive issued in the **Federal Register** on June 27, 2003 (68 FR 38402). The policy directive requires all grant applicants to provide a DUNS number when applying for federal grants or cooperative agreements on or after October 1, 2003. This information was inadvertently left out of the October 15, 2003, NOFA.

In addition, it has come to our attention that in the NOFA published on October 15, 2003, the scoring for Selection Criterion 2C did not give recognition in all cases to Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set-aside funding in completed "mixed-funded" projects where "regular" (i.e., non-CHDO set-aside) HOME funds were also used. Therefore, nine PJs listed in Appendix 1 to the NOFA were improperly assigned 0 points when, in fact, their CHDO(s) had indeed completed rental projects of 5 or more units, as reported in IDIS (Integrated Disbursement and Information System) during the two year period ending June 30, 2003. Appendix A to this technical correction notice lists the nine PJs whose scores for Selection Criterion 2C are being raised to 15 based

upon the re-running of the IDIS data to give proper credit to these "mixed-funded" projects. The total scores assigned to these PJs on the "pre-scored" portion of the competition are being adjusted accordingly.

As a consequence of the scoring change, which could affect the decision of these PJs to apply under the HOME competition, the deadline for submission of applications is being moved back to December 18, 2003.

All other guidance and requirements contained in the original NOFA, including the scores assigned to PJs not appearing on Appendix A, are unchanged.

Accordingly, the Notice of Funding Availability for the Competitive Reallocation of HOME Funds to Provide Permanent Housing for the Chronically Homeless, published in the **Federal Register** on October 15, 2003, (68 FR 59450) is corrected to read as follows:

1. On page 59450, in the first column under Program Overview and again under section I, Application Due Date, Standard Forms, Further Information, and Technical Assistance, the deadline for submission of applications is changed to December 18, 2003.

2. On page 59454, in the middle column, under section VI. entitled, "Application Requirements and Checklist for Application Submission," a new paragraph at the end of this section to read as follows:

"New government-wide DUNS requirement. Beginning October 1, 2003, all applicants must provide a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to apply for a

grant or cooperative agreement from the federal government. Applicants are required to provide a DUNS number with the application. OMB is currently updating the SF-424 to accommodate the submission of the DUNS, however, at this time, applicants should simply indicate the DUNS number on a separate sheet of paper and include with the application package. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or applying on-line at www.dunandbradstreet.com. For faster service, HUD recommends using the telephone request line to obtain the DUNS number."

3. On Appendix 1, beginning on page 59455, the scores assigned to nine participating jurisdictions for Selection Criterion 2C and, consequently, their total scores are changed. The specific PJs affected by this change are St. Petersburg, FL (page 59458); Dupage County Consortium, IL (page 59458); New Orleans, LA (page 59459); Quincy Consortium, MA (page 59460); Middlesex County Consortium, NJ (page 59462); Ocean County Consortium, NJ (page 59462); Altoona, PA (page 59463); Utah, UT (page 59465); and Bellingham, WA (page 59466). A list of the affected PJs and their revised scores is found on Appendix A to this notice.

Dated: November 10, 2003.

Roy A. Bernardi,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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Appendix A
HOME Competition Summary Scoring Report
- Revised -

Grantee	St	Selection Criteria					# 3	Score
		# 1	# 2A	# 2B*	# 2C	# 2D		
ST. PETERSBURG	FL	25	13	10	15	6	0	69
DUPAGE CO CON	IL	22	10	10	15	3	0	60
NEW ORLEANS	LA	1	0	10	15	6	0	32
QUINCY CON	MA	12	5	10	15	9	0	51
MIDDLESEX CO CON	NJ	16	15	10	15	6	0	62
OCEAN CO CON	NJ	14	7	10	15	8	0	54
ALTOONA	PA	21	15	10	15	4	0	65
UTAH	UT	9	11	10	15	4	0	49
BELLINGHAM	WA	23	15	10	15	6	0	69

* _Score for this factor may be reduced based on updates obtained from field offices.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
 URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4892-N-01]

**OIG Fraud Alert: Bulletin on Detecting
 and Preventing Counterfeiting of
 Housing Authority Checks**

AGENCY: Office of the Inspector General,
 HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This **Federal Register** notice provides important information recently issued by HUD's Office of the Inspector General on detecting and preventing counterfeiting of local housing authority checks.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bryan P. Saddler, Counsel to the Inspector General, Office of Legal Counsel Office of Inspector General, Room 8260, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-4500, telephone (202) 708-1613 (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 (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The HUD Office of Inspector General is established by law to provide independent and objective reporting to the Secretary, the Congress, and the American people through its audit and investigative activities. HUD's OIG works to promote the integrity, efficiency and effectiveness of HUD