

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT****[Docket No. FR-5603-N-34]****Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) Training and Technical Assistance; Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)****AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, 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.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, as approved on November 18, 2011 (Pub. L. 112-55, 125 Stat. 552) authorizes HUD to award training and technical assistance contracts on a competitive basis. HUD intends to competitively award training and technical assistance contracts to national and regional nonprofit and for profit entities with demonstrated experience and expertise in the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). The purpose of the ONAP Training and Technical Assistance program is to improve the quality and quantity of low-income housing in Native American, Alaska Native, and native Hawaiian communities, as funded by Indian Housing Block Grants (IHBG) and Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants (NHHBG) and authorized by NAHASDA. The regulations for the IHBG program are at 24 CFR part 1000, and for the NHHBG program at 24 CFR part 1006. Successful applicants will have demonstrated training and technical assistance experience and expertise in NAHASDA; low-income housing development, inspection, maintenance, modernization, and operation; admissions and occupancy; procurement; financial and fiscal management; program income; governance and organizational development; leveraged financing, including Low Income Housing Tax Credits; healthy home environments, including mold and air quality issues; homebuyer education; crime prevention; youth activities, including Boys and Girls Clubs; and other topics responsive to low-income housing issues in native communities. Training and technical assistance services will be provided onsite and remotely, on a one-

on-one and classroom basis. Respondents to the NOFA will be required to submit a single proposal regardless of the number of programs or areas of expertise for which they offer to provide training and technical assistance. Factors for award include Factor 1: Capacity and Experience, Factor 2: Soundness of Approach, Factor 3: Leveraging, and Factor 4: Achieving Results and Program Evaluation. Narratives addressing Factors 1-4 must be formatted so that the total number of pages submitted is equal to or no more than 25 single-sided pages. The one-page application summary, organizational chart, budget discussion, and required forms are not included in the 25 page limit. Required forms include HUD-2880 (Applicant/Recipient Disclosure Update), HUD-2993 (Acknowledgement of Application Receipt), HUD-96011 (HUD Facsimile Transmittal), SF-424 (Application for Federal Assistance), and SF-LLL (Disclosure of Lobbying Activities). Applicants must submit their applications electronically to Grants.Gov or request a waiver from HUD. HUD expects to receive 25 applications and select ten awardees to enter in 24-month cooperative agreements, with a 12-month option period.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* June 29, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2577-New) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806. Email: [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) fax: 202-395-5806.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email Colette Pollard at [Colette.Pollard@hud.gov](mailto:Colette.Pollard@hud.gov) or telephone (202) 402-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the Information collection described below. 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 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:* Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) Training and Technical Assistance Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

*OMB Approval Number:* 2577-New.  
*Form Numbers:* HUD-2880, HUD-96011, HUD-2993.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:* The Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, as approved on November 18, 2011 (Pub. L. 112-55, 125 Stat. 552) authorizes HUD to award training and technical assistance contracts on a competitive basis. HUD intends to competitively award training and technical assistance contracts to national and regional nonprofit and for profit entities with demonstrated experience and expertise in the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA). The purpose of the ONAP Training and Technical Assistance program is to improve the quality and quantity of low-income housing in Native American, Alaska Native, and native Hawaiian communities, as funded by Indian Housing Block Grants (IHBG) and Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants (NHHBG) and authorized by NAHASDA. The regulations for the IHBG program are at 24 CFR part 1000, and for the NHHBG program at 24 CFR part 1006. Successful applicants will have demonstrated training and technical assistance experience and expertise in NAHASDA; low-income housing development, inspection, maintenance, modernization, and operation; admissions and occupancy; procurement; financial and fiscal management; program income; governance and organizational development; leveraged financing, including Low Income Housing Tax Credits; healthy home environments, including mold and air quality issues;

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*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* The estimated number of applicants is 25, responding once a year, for a total reporting burden of 1,500 hours. The estimated number of awardees is 10, the frequency of response is four times per year; and the total reporting burden is estimated at 1,830 hours.

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

Dated: May 23, 2012.

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS–R3–ES–2012–N116:  
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#### **Iris Lacustris (Dwarf Lake Iris); Draft Recovery Plan for Review and Comment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces availability for public review of the draft recovery plan for the *Iris lacustris* (dwarf lake iris), a species that is federally listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended. The species grows along the northern shorelines of Lakes Michigan and Huron, in the U.S. States of Wisconsin and Michigan and in Ontario, Canada. The purpose of the recovery plan is to recover this species in order that it can be removed from the list of Endangered and Threatened Plants. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft plan.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before June 29, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Field Office, 2651 Coolidge Road, Suite 101, East Lansing, MI 48823 (telephone 517–351–2555) or by accessing the Web site: <http://midwest.fws.gov/Endangered>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Barbara Hosler, at the above address and telephone. TTY users may contact Ms. Hosler through the Federal Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

##### *Recovery Program*

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure self-sustaining member of its ecosystem 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 federally listed threatened and endangered species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for reclassification and delisting, and provide estimates of the time and costs

for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The 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 public notice and opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into consideration in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

##### *Dwarf Lake Iris*

The dwarf lake iris was listed as threatened on October 28, 1988 (via a final rule published on September 28, 1988; 53 FR 37972), under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). The species grows along the northern shorelines of Lakes Michigan and Huron, in the U.S. States of Wisconsin and Michigan and in Ontario, Canada. Of 165 known occurrences, many lie on private property where awareness of the species' presence and significance is limited. Direct loss of plants and habitat is continuing and is expected to accelerate due to people's high demand of shoreline properties for development and recreation.

Dwarf lake iris typically grows in shallow soil over moist calcareous sands, gravel, and beach rubble. Sunlight is one of the most critical factors to the growth and reproduction of the species, and partly shaded or sheltered forest edges are optimal for sexual reproduction. Some form of disturbance is also required to maintain the forest openings that provide these partial shade conditions. The species is most often associated with shoreline coniferous forests dominated by northern white cedar and balsam fir. The principal limiting factor for dwarf lake iris is the availability of this suitable shoreline habitat.

##### **Recovery Criteria**

The dwarf lake iris will be considered for delisting when the likelihood of the species becoming threatened in the foreseeable future has been eliminated by the achievement of three criteria:

##### *Criterion 1*

The species has a 95 percent probability of persistence within the next 20 years, based on data obtained