

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4356-N-01]

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request****AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for 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: June 1, 1998.

**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: Oliver Walker, Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 9152, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact person, Alan Stailey, telephone number 202-708-0317 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available 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 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:* Housing Counseling Program and Recordkeeping Requirements.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2502-0261.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:*

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* Section 106 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, authorizes HUD to approve organizations with knowledge and experience in housing counseling services to renters, first-time homebuyers and homeowners experiencing financial difficulty. HUD recruits and approves community-based, non-profit organizations, national, regional and multi-state organizations, and state housing and finance agencies for the delivery of housing counseling services.

*Members of affected public:* Housing Counseling Grant Applicants.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* An estimation of the total numbers of hours needs to prepare the information collection is 2 hours for HUD-9900A, 8 hours for HUD-9900B, 2 hours for HUD-9900C, 1.17 hours for HUD-9902, and .25 for HUD-9921, the number of respondents is 1,241, frequency of response is annually, and the hours of response 13.42.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Extension of currently approved collection.

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

Dated: March 26, 1998.

**Art Agnos,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4355-N-01]

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request****AGENCY:** Office of Lead Hazard Control.**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: June 1, 1998.

**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: Ruth Wright, Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room B-133, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Matthew Ammon at (202) 755-1785, ext. 158 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available 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 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:* Lead Hazard Control Grant Program Data Collection for Rounds Two and Three Grantees.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2539-0008.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:*

This data collection is designed to provide timely information to HUD regarding the implementation progress of the grantees on carrying out the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program. The information collection will also be used to provide Congress with status reports as required by Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* None.

*Members of affected public:* State and local governments.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of*

*respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* Number of respondents=51; Frequency of response=4; Hours of response=45; Total Burden Hours=9,075.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Reinstatement.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The obligation to respond to this information collection is voluntary. Therefore, we expect the actual total burden hours to be substantially less than the estimated total burden hours.

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

Dated: March 25, 1998.

**David E. Jacobs,**

*Director, Office of Lead Hazard Control.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-435-N-02]

### Announcement of OMB Approval Number

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection; announcement of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this document is to announce the OMB approval number for the collection and analysis of data on crime in a Chicago public housing development and the adjacent neighborhood.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Hal Holzman, Office of Policy Development and Research, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 8140, (202) 708-3700. A telecommunications device for the hearing impaired (TTY) is available at (202) 708-3259. (These are not toll-free numbers.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 3, 1997 (62 FR 51878), the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of proposed data collection on crime in a public housing development and the adjacent neighborhood. The document, entitled "Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment," indicated that information collection requirements in the notice had been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval under Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). The proposal

also listed the title of the proposal, description of the need for the information and the proposed use.

The present document provides notice of the OMB approval number. Accordingly, the control number approved by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (U.S.C. 3501-3520) for the Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment is 2528-0191. This approval number expires on June 30, 1999. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

**Paul A. Leonard,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Policy Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Information Collection to be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Request Information Collection Authority.

**SUMMARY:** The collection of information described below will be submitted to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Copies of specific information collection requirements and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the Services' Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address or phone number listed below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 1, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and suggestions on specific requirements should be sent to the Service's Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222 ARLSQ, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240; Telephone 703/358-1943.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeffrey L. Horwath, Division of Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance, Arlington, Virginia at 703/358-1718.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Service proposes to submit the following information collection clearance requirements to OMB for review and approval under the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13. Comments are invited on: (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 authorizes the Service to allow the incidental, unintentional take of small numbers of marine mammals during a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) in a specified geographical region. Prior to allowing these takes, the Service must find that the total of such taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stocks, and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the species or stocks for subsistence uses by Alaskan Natives.

The information proposed to be collected by the Service will be used to evaluate applications for specific incidental take regulations to determine whether such regulations, and subsequent Letters of Authorization (LOA), should be issued; the information is needed to establish the scope of specific incidental take regulations. The information is also required to evaluate the impact of activities on the species or stocks of the marine mammals and on their availability for subsistence uses by Alaskan Natives. It will ensure that all available means for minimizing the incidental take associated with a specific activity are considered by applicants.

The Service estimates that the burden associated with this request will be a total of 1,100 hours for the full 3-year period of OMB authorization. Two-hundred hours will be required to complete the initial request for specific regulations. For each LOA expected to be requested and issued subsequent to issuance of specific regulations, the Service estimates that 20 hours will be invested: 8 hours will be required to complete each request for an LOA, 4 hours will be required for monitoring activities, and 8 hours will be required to complete each monitoring report. The Service estimates that five companies will be requesting LOAs and submitting