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Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Notice of Closed 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 the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C., as amended. The 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 contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Special Emphasis Panel SBIR Topic 52—Better Nitron Spin Trap for Oxygen Centered Radicals.

Date: July 16, 1998.

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: NIEHS, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Conference Room 3446, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: David Brown, MPH, Nat'l Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (919) 541-4964.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Special Emphasis Panel SBIR Topic 54—Device/ Capability for Quantitative Assessment of Bone Strength in Rodents.

Date: July 17, 1998.

Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIEHS, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Conference Room 3446, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: David Brown, MPH, Nat'l Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (919) 541-4964.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.115, Biometry and Risk

Estimation—Health Risks from Environmental Exposures; 93.142, NIEHS Hazardous Waste Worker Health and Safety Training; 93.143, NIEHS Superfund Hazardous Substances—Basic Research and Education; 93.894, Resources and Manpower Development in the Environmental Health Sciences; 93.113, Biological Response to Environmental Health Hazards; 93.114, Applied Toxicological Research and Testing, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4281-N-05]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request

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

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

SUMMARY: For the Federal Empowerment Zone Initiative (Round One and Round Two), the proposed information collection requirements described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval by September 1, 1998 for a three year period, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments due date: August 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties 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: James Selvaggi, (202) 708-3773, ext 4647 (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 collections to OMB for review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). OMB has previously extended its approval of control number 2506-0148 through August 31, 1998; that extension covers

information collections for the Round Two 1998 application process as well as for periodic reporting and responses to warning letters for Round One (1994) and Round Two (1998) programs.

This Notice solicits comments concerning the proposed collection for information for both the Round Two (1998) Urban Empowerment Zone Initiative (including the application process, periodic reporting, and responding to warning letters) and the Round One (1994) Urban Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Initiative (including periodic reporting, and responding to warning letters), during the three year period starting September 1, 1998. Commenters may wish to: (1) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper management of the Urban Empowerment Zone Initiative by the agency, including whether or not the information has practical utility; (2) evaluate the accuracy of HUD'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. This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: 1998 Urban Empowerment Zone Program (Round Two)/1994 Urban Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Program (Round One).

OMB Control Number: 2506-0148.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 amended the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to authorize the Secretary of HUD to designate 15 more urban empowerment zones. These statutes together require three sets of data. First, applicants for EZ designates must submit data (a) demonstrating their eligibility to apply, (b) addressing problems/needs in the proposed zone area and described in their proposed strategic plan, (c) determined by the applicant to be related to measuring success of the proposed implementation plan, measuring any lack of progress in achieving the activities in the proposed implementation plan, and justifying any boundary changes for the zone. Second, the statutes require HUD to review, periodically, the progress of designated urban communities (both Round 1 of 1994 and Round 2 of 1998) in carrying out their implementation programs and achieving the goals of their strategic plans. The Secretary is directed to collect such periodic and other data as deemed necessary for the review of the designees' progress. A third set of data

is required in those rare cases where HUD would send a decertification warning letter to a designee, which then would submit data needed to rebut a proposed decertification.

A. Data for a Round Two 1998 EZ Application. Information to be collected consists of statutorily required data related to poverty by census tract; other measures of pervasive poverty, unemployment and economic/social distress; overall population by tract; and geographic data as to size and configuration.

B. Data for Round One and Round Two Periodic Reports. These data consist of a short narrative of progress by the designee and individual progress reports on each project they describe in their implementation plans.

C. Data refuting Possible Decertification. In instances where warning letters may be sent to Round One or Round Two designees, the collection burden would consist of narrative and data they select in order to rebut the federal argument for decertification.

How the information is planned to be used to further the proper performance of functions of the agency. HUD will use the applicant information as part of its respective review and approval procedures for selecting the 1998 EZ designees. This will be a one-time process. And for both the 72 Round One designees and the 15 Round Two communities which are designated, HUD will require the periodic reports to be submitted annually. The designees' annual progress reports provide management information for HUD, oversight information for the Vice President's Community Empowerment Board, and status reporting for the Congress. These periodic reviews also provide the basis for HUD to continue or revoke a designation during the ten-year life of the federal program. For potential decertifications, HUD would use the designees' rebuttal information to make a final decision regarding decertification.

Description of the likely respondents, including the estimated number of likely respondents, and proposed frequency of response to the collection of information:

HUD anticipates that 225 communities will apply in 1998 for Round Two designation; for the subsequent ten year designation period, HUD estimates that 15 Round Two designees will submit annual progress reports and 72 Round One designees will submit annual progress reports for the remainder of their ten year periods. Possibly five de-certification warning

letters may require rebuttal by designees.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: Nomination for a Federal Empowerment Zone, HUD 40003 (5-98).

Members of affected public: Units of Local Government and States; Non-Profit Organization; Interested Members of the Public.

Estimate of the total reporting and recordkeeping burden that will result from the collection of information:

Number of Round Two applicants: 225.

Total burden hours (@ 50 hours per response): 11,250.

Number of Annual Progress Reports: 15 Round Two @ 15 hrs: 225.

72 Round One @ 15 hrs: 1080.

Number of Rebuttals—5 @ 20 hours: 100.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 12,655.

Status of the proposed information collection: The public was twice invited to comment on the accuracy of this information collection burden, via a Notice of Proposed Information Collection published in the **Federal Register** on January 23, 1998, and via an Interim Notice of Rulemaking published in the **Federal Register** in April 16, 1998. HUD received no public comments in response to either publication. This Notice now informs the public that HUD is seeking OMB approval for three years of the control number 2506-0148, for continuing management of the urban EZ programs (Round One and Round Two).

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

Dated: June 26, 1998.

Kenneth Williams,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs, CPD.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4356-N-09]

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:* August 31, 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: Wayne Eddins, Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vyllorya Evans, Office of Multifamily Housing, telephone number (202) 708-2866 (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: Application for Project Mortgage Insurance.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502-0029.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: This notice requests an extension of the use of Forms HUD-92013, HUD-92013-NHICF, 92013-HOSP, 90213 Supplement, applications for Multifamily Mortgage Insurance and their supporting exhibits that make up the basic application package for FHA-insurance on multifamily projects as authorized by Sections 207, 220, 221, 231, 232, 241, 242 of the National Housing Act. These project applications are submitted by project sponsors seeking feasibility determinations and by mortgagees applying for a