

Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended), this notice advises that OMB has responded to the Department's request for approval of the information collection for Public Housing Agency (PHA), LeaseRequirements, Recordkeeping Requirements. The OMB approval number for this information collection is 2577-0006, which expires March 31, 2006.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Dated: March 25, 2003.

Paula O. Blunt,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4815-N-14]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB: Modernization of Public Housing Under the Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP) Reporting Requirements

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.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* May 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2577-0157) and should be sent to: Lauren Wittenberg, OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; Fax number (202) 395-6974; e-mail Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will

be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the name and telephone number of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Modernization of Public Housing Under the Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP) Reporting Requirements.

OMB Approval Number: 2577-0157.

Form Numbers: HUD-52832, HUD-52833, HUD-52834, HUD-52835, HUD-52836, HUD-52837, HUD-52838, HUD-52839, HUD-52842.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:

Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) with 250 units or more of public housing submit information to HUD for approval of PHAs' Annual Comprehensive Plans. The information is to reserve formula share of the nation allocation for the CGP, certify resident consultation by the local government, certify a PHA's compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements, and to monitor performance of the projected activities of the CGP funds.

The Public Housing Capital Fund Program will replace the CGP once final regulations are implemented.

Respondents: State or Local Government.

Frequency of Submission: Annually.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden:	832	1		66.3		55,162

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 55,162.

Status: Reinstatement, with change of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired. The reported burden hours has been increased 842 hours due to a re-estimation of that burden.

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

Dated: March 26, 2003.

Wayne Eddins,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4529-N-05]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Emergency Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for

emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Comments Due Date: April 8, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within seven (7) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: Lauren Wittenberg, HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, lauren_wittenberg@opm.eop.gov, Fax: (202) 395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0050. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, an information collection package with respect to a guide format which specifies the components of a legal opinion required by the Department in connection with the insurance of mortgage loans upon multifamily rental projects and health care facilities under Title II of the National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1702, *et seq.* The guide form was originally prepared in 1994 in view of changes in opinion practice. This guide form has been used in the past to

establish the parameters of the opinion which HUD requires the counsel to the mortgagor to submit to HUD and the mortgagee. The guide clearly articulates those matters upon which HUD requires an opinion from private counsel, as well as those matters upon which confirmations are required. The guide also contains detailed instructions pertaining to the form as well as a format for certifications by the mortgagor as to matters particularly within the knowledge of the mortgagor upon which its legal counsel relies in rendering the opinion.

The Department regards the mortgagor's attorney as a crucial, central figure in the process of preparing and executing the legal and administrative documents necessary to achieve a closing in those multifamily rental and health care mortgage insurance programs where a note is endorsed for mortgage insurance by the Department. The existing guide form has expired and expedited processing of the guide is necessary to facilitate timely closings of pending multifamily mortgage insurance transactions. To the extent that the guide represents any "collection of information," the process is necessary to ensure the Department that the attorney representing the mortgagor has followed the otherwise specified requirements of the Department and to ensure the Department that the attorney has exercised an acceptable degree of due diligence in representing the client and in rendering the opinion to the mortgagee and HUD. The extent of due diligence expected to be performed under the guide is not substantially different from what HUD had anticipated under Form 1725 or from what qualified counsel, in fact, perform in conventional financing transactions.

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 submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Guide for Opinion of Mortgagor's Counsel.

Office: The Office of General Counsel.

OMB Control Number: 2510-0010.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The opinion is required to provide comfort to HUD and the mortgagee in multifamily rental and health care facility mortgage insurance transactions and similarly to HUD and owners in the capital advance transactions.

Form Number: Guide.

Members of affected public: Counsel to mortgagors of multifamily rental projects and health care facilities upon which the mortgage loans are insured by HUD.

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	×	Frequency of response	=	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
700		1		1		700

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 700.

Status: Expired.

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

Dated: March 26, 2003.

Camille Acevedo,
Associate General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4529-N-06]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Guide for Opinion of Counsel to the Mortgagor and HUD Guide for Counsel to Owner

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, 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 2, 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: