

contributions to cover homeownership assistance payments, housing assistance payments to owners and the fee for preliminary and ongoing PHA administrative costs for the fiscal year and the amount of the advance to be paid by HUD for each month during the quarter.

*Voucher for Payment of Annual Contribution and Operating Statement, Form HUD 52681*, is used by HUD to approve actual PHA program expenses for the PHA fiscal year, and is the basis for reviewing PHA financial estimates for the subsequent fiscal year. This form is also used to make a year-end settlement of monthly advances provided by HUD during the PHA's fiscal year and actual PHA expenditures for the voucher program, and to monitor the financial status of PHAs.

*Request for Tenancy Approval, Form HUD-52517*, is completed and submitted by the family to the PHA when the family finds a unit that is suitable for its needs. The PHA reviews the request to determine if the owner is eligible to participate in the program, if the unit is eligible, and if the lease complies with the program and statutory requirements governing prohibited and required lease provisions. This form is not sent to HUD.

*Voucher, Form HUD-52646*, is the document that authorizes the family to look for an eligible unit. It specifies the appropriate unit size necessary to meet the family's needs. The voucher also sets forth the family's obligations under the housing choice voucher program. This form is not sent to HUD.

PHA Preparation of Information about the Tenant for the Owner, when the PHA is approving a new unit selected by the family, the PHA must advise the owner that the PHA has not screened the family and provide the name and address of previous landlords if such information is readily available. This information is not provided to HUD.

*Family Portability Information, HUD-52665*, this form standardizes the portability information submitted to the receiving PHA by the initial PHA. In addition, this form is used for monthly portability billing by the receiving PHA. After the payment amount is established, the form does not need to be resubmitted until the payment amount changes. This information is not provided to HUD.

*Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Contracts and Tenancy Addendums*, the contract is a written agreement between the PHA and the owner of a unit or manufactured home space occupied by a voucher participant. The HAP contract must be executed before the PHA can

make payment on behalf of an eligible family. The HAP contract consists of the three parts: Part A (Contract Information); Part B (Body of the Contract) and Part C (Tenancy Addendum). Separate tenancy addenda forms are provided to the landlord for attachment to the tenant's lease. The PHA must be provided a copy of any revisions to the lease agreed by the owner and the tenant. These forms are not sent to HUD. Below is an explanation of each contract form:

*HAP Contract for Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance Housing Choice Voucher Program, Form 52641*, is used for all program participants except manufactured homeowners leasing the manufactured home space. This form is not sent to HUD.

*HAP Contract for Manufactured Home Space Rental, Form 52642*, is used for manufactured homeowners who lease the manufactured home space. This form is not sent to HUD.

*Tenancy Addendum, form 52641A*, this form must be attached to a copy the lease that is provided to the tenant by the landlord. If there is any conflict between the tenancy addendum and any other provisions of the lease, the language of the tenancy addendum shall control. This form is not sent to HUD.

*Tenancy Addendum, Form 52642-A*, is to be attached to a copy of the lease provided to the tenant by the landlord, for manufactured home space rental. If there is any conflict between the tenancy addendum and any other provisions of the lease, the language of the tenancy addendum shall control. This form is not sent to HUD.

*Agency form numbers:* HUD-52515, HUD-52667, HUD-52580 and HUD-52580-A, HUD-52663, HUD-52672, HUD-52673, HUD-52681, HUD-52681-B, HUD-52517, HUD-52646, HUD-52665, HUD-52641, HUD-52642, HUD-52641-A, HUD-52642-A

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including the number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* 250,000 families + 100,000 tenant-based owners = 352,500 respondents, total annual responses 2,563,500, hours per response varies for each form, frequency, annually and on occasion, total burden hours 775,750.

*Status of the Proposed Information Collection:* Revision.

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

Dated: December 31, 2003.

**William Russell III,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing and Voucher Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4910-N-03]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment—Public and Indian Housing—Line of Credit Control System/Voice Response System: LOCCS/VRS Payment Vouchers

**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:* March 22, 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 and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4255, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mildred M. Hamman, (202) 708-0614, extension 4128. (This is not a toll-free number).

**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).

The Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS) is HUD computerized cash management and disbursement system developed to assist the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) in planning, accounting, and evaluating HUD disbursements within specific Public and Indian Housing (PIH) housing program areas. The Voice Response System (VRS) allows the grant recipient to requisition grant funds via a touch-tone telephone. The applicable payment voucher will be prepared by the grantee before calling

LOCCS/VRS with the drawdown request, and will be used as a prompt for entering the information through the touch-tone pad and for confirming information that is spoken back by the VRS simulated voice.

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:* Public and Indian Housing—Line of Credit Control System/Voice Response System: LOCCS/VRS Payment Voucher.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577-0166.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Grant recipients will use the applicable payment voucher to request funds from HUD through the LOCCS/VRS voice activated system. The information collected on the payment voucher will also be used as an internal control measure to ensure the lawful and appropriate disbursement of Federal funds as well as provide a service to program recipients.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* HUD-50080 Series.

*Members of affected public:* Local, State, or Tribal Governments; Resident Organizations.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* 5,312 respondents, 22 responses per respondent; 116,864 total responses, .15 minutes per

responses (116,864 × .15) 17,540 total reporting burden hours.

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

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

Dated: December 31, 2003.

**William Russell III,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing and Voucher Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4800-FA-03]

### Announcement of Funding Awards for the Rural Housing and Economic Development Program; Fiscal Year 2003

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

**ACTION:** Notice of funding awards.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this announcement notifies the public of funding decisions made by the Department in a competition for funding under the Super Notice of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA) for the Rural Housing and Economic Development Program. This announcement contains the names of the awardees and the amounts of the awards made available by HUD.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jackie L. Williams, Ph.D., Director, Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 7137, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-2290 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- and speech-impaired persons may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339. For general information on this and other HUD programs, call Community Connections at 1-800-998-

9999 or visit the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Rural Housing and Economic Development program was authorized by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 1999. The competition was announced in the SuperNOFA published April 25, 2003. Applications were rated and selected for funding on the basis of selection criteria contained in that notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.250.

The Rural Housing and Economic Development Program is designed to build capacity at the State and local level for rural housing and economic development and to support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas. Eligible applicants are local rural non-profit organizations, community development corporations, federally recognized Indian tribes, and State housing finance agencies. The funds made available under this program were awarded competitively, through a selection process conducted by HUD.

Prior to the rating and ranking of this year's applications, Eastern Eight Community Development in Johnson City, Tennessee was awarded \$134,000, Fort Belknap Indian Community in Harlem, Montana was awarded \$66,782, and Haliwa Saponi Indian Tribe in Hollister, North Carolina was awarded \$89,421 as a result of funding errors during the previous year's funding. For the Fiscal Year 2003 competition, a total of \$24,590,272 was awarded to 87 projects nationwide.

In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing the grantees and amounts of the awards in Appendix A to this document.

Dated: December 17, 2003.

**Roy A. Bernardi,**

*Assistant Secretary for Community, Planning and Development.*

#### APPENDIX A.—FISCAL YEAR 2003 FUNDING AWARDS FOR RURAL HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Applicant	City	State	Award dollars
<b>Innovative Grants</b>			
Arkansas Human Development Corporation .....	Little Rock .....	AR .....	400,000
Navajo Partnership for Housing, Inc. ....	Saint Michaels .....	AZ .....	400,000
PPEP Microbusiness and Housing Development .....	Tucson .....	AZ .....	400,000