

soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* July 21, 2008.

**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: Lillian L. Deitzer, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410; telephone: 202-708-2374, (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail Ms. Deitzer at [Lillian.L.Deitzer@HUD.gov](mailto:Lillian.L.Deitzer@HUD.gov) for a copy of the proposed form and other available information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judy Mize, Office of Community Renewal, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 402-4167 (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).

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:* Annual Progress Reports for Empowerment Zones.

*OMB Control Number:* 2506-0148.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* This is an information collection for reporting requirements of 30 Urban Empowerment Zones (EZs). HUD will regularly evaluate the progress of implementation of the strategic plan in each designated Empowerment Zone (Rounds I, II and III) as required by HUD's regulations (24 CFR 597.400 and 24 CFR 598.415). The information submitted will enable HUD to assess performance of designees and the effectiveness of the Empowerment Zone Initiative.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:*

*Members of Affected Public:* State or local governments.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:*

Paperwork requirement	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Annual responses	Hours per response	Burden hours
Annual Reports:					
Round I EZs .....	7	2	7	10	70
Round II EZs .....	15	15	15	10	150
Round III EZs .....	8	2	8	10	80
Response to a Letter of warning .....	0	2	.....	4	8
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>308</b>

*Frequency of Submission:* Periodically and Annually.

*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: May 12, 2008.

**Nelson R. Bregón,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5188-N-06]

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request, HUD-Administered Small Cities Program Performance Assessment Report**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, 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:* July 21, 2008.

**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: Pam Williams, Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 7234, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eva Fontheim at (202) 402-3461 (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:* HUD-Administered Small Cities Program Performance Assessment Report.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2506-0020.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The information collected from grant recipients participating in the HUD-administered CDBG program provides HUD with financial and physical development status of each activity funded. These reports are used to determine grant recipient performance.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, requires grant recipients that receive CDBG funding to submit a Performance Assessment Report (PAR), Form 4052, on an annual basis to report on program progress; and such records as may be necessary to facilitate review and audit by HUD of the grantee's administration of CDBG funds (Section 104 (e)(1)).

*Members of affected public:* This information collection applies solely to local governments in New York State that have HUD-administered CDBG grants that remain open or continue to generate program income.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* The estimated number of respondents is 65. The proposed frequency of the response to the collection of information is annual. Annual recordkeeping is estimated at 260 hours for approximately 65 grant recipients.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Revision of a currently approved collection, and a request for OMB renewal for three years. The current OMB approval will expire in July 2008.

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

Dated: May 13, 2008.

**Nelson R. Bregón,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5191-N-04]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; FHA-Insured Mortgage Loan Servicing Involving the Loss Mitigation Programs

**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:* July 21, 2008.

**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: Lillian Deitzer, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail [Lillian\\_L\\_Deitzer@HUD.gov](mailto:Lillian_L_Deitzer@HUD.gov) or telephone (202) 402-8048.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vance T. Morris, Director, Office of Single Family Program Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1672 x2419 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

**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 affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection 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 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:* FHA-Insured Mortgage Loan Servicing Involving the Loss Mitigation Programs.

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

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* FHA insurance is an important source of mortgage credit for low and moderate-income borrowers and neighborhoods. Providing assistance, as needed, to enable families to cure their delinquencies and retain their homes stabilizes neighborhoods that might otherwise suffer from deterioration and problems associated with vacant and abandoned properties. Avoidance of foreclosure and the resultant costs also serve to further stabilize the mortgage insurance premiums charged by FHA and the Federal budget receipts generated from those premiums.

The information collection request for OMB review seeks to combine the requirements of several existing OMB collections under one collection; they are as follows OMB collections 2502-0301, 0464 and 0523.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* HUD-1 Settlement Statement, HUD-27011 Single Family Application for Insurance Benefits, HUD-90035 Information/Disclosure, HUD-90041 Request for Variance, Pre-foreclosure sale procedure, HUD-90045 Approval to Participate, HUD-90051 Sale Contract Review, HUD-90052 Closing Worksheet, HUD-92068 F Request for Financial Information, HUD-PA-426 How to Avoid Foreclosure.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* The number of burden hours is 777,494, the number of respondents is 83,110, the number of responses is 508,883, the frequency of response is on occasion, and the burden hour per response is from 15 minutes to 4 hours depending upon the activity.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* This is a new collection.

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

Date: May 16, 2008.

**Frank L. Davis,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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