

all U.S. and foreign patents and applications claiming priority to any member of the above.

The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned or exclusively licensed to the Government of the United States of America.

The prospective exclusive license territory may be worldwide and in fields of use that may be limited to human therapeutics for (1) X-linked juvenile retinoschisis and (2) schisis cavity associated ocular disease or injury.

The aforementioned patent estates cover inventions directed to gene therapy and specifically, expression vectors and therapeutic methods of using such vectors in the treatment of ocular diseases resulting from failure to produce or the defective production of an ocular protein. This invention is also directed to methods of administering expression vectors capable of modulating a target gene or gene product for the treatment of ocular disease.

This notice is made in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty bearing. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless within thirty () days from the date of this published notice, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404.

In response to this Notice, the public may file comments or objections. Comments and objections, other than those in the form of a license application, will not be treated confidentially, and may be made publicly available.

License applications submitted in response to this notice will be presumed to contain business confidential information and any release of information in these license applications will be made only as required and upon a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: November 21, 2019.

Michael A. Shmilovich,

*Senior Licensing and Patenting Manager,
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.*

[FR Doc. 2019-25685 Filed 11-25-19; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4140-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276-1243.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: 2020–2023 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Methodological Field Tests (OMB No. 0930-0290)—Extension

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) is a survey of the U.S. civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 12 years old or older. The data are used to determine the prevalence of use of tobacco products, alcohol, illicit substances, and illicit use of prescription drugs. The results are used by SAMHSA, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), federal government agencies, and other organizations and researchers to establish policy, direct program activities, and better allocate resources.

Methodological tests will continue to be designed to examine the feasibility, quality, and efficiency of new procedures or revisions to existing survey protocol. Specifically, the tests will measure the reliability and validity of certain questionnaire sections and items through multiple measurements on a set of respondents; assess new methods for gaining cooperation and

participation of respondents with the goal of increasing response and decreasing potential bias in the survey estimates; and assess the impact of new sampling techniques and technologies on respondent behavior and reporting. Research will involve focus groups, cognitive laboratory testing, customer satisfaction surveys, and field tests.

These methodological tests will continue to examine ways to increase data quality, lower operating costs, and gain a better understanding of sources and effects of nonsampling error on NSDUH estimates. Particular attention will be given to minimizing the impact of design changes so survey data continue to remain comparable over time. If these tests provide successful results, current procedures or data collection instruments may be revised.

The number of respondents to be included in each field test will vary, depending on the nature of the subject being tested and the target population. However, the total estimated response burden is 8,225 hours. The exact number of subjects and burden hours for each test are unknown at this time, but will be clearly outlined in each individual submission. These estimated burden hours are distributed over three years as follows:

TABLE 1—ESTIMATED BURDEN FOR NSDUH METHODOLOGICAL FIELD TESTS

Time period	Respondent burden hours
May 2020 to May 2021	2,742
May 2021 to May 2022	2,742
May 2022 to May 2023	2,741
Total	8,225

Send comments to Summer King, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 15E57-B, Rockville, Maryland 20857, OR email a copy to summer.king@samhsa.hhs.gov. Written comments should be received by January 27, 2020.

Summer King,
Statistician.

[FR Doc. 2019-25647 Filed 11-25-19; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4162-20-P

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6190-N-01]

Notice of Intent To Close Reno Field Office

AGENCY: Office of Field Policy and Management, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that HUD intends to close the Reno, NV field office. HUD is providing this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Lawyer, Deputy Director of Operations, Office of Field Policy and Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 7108, Washington, DC 20410; telephone number 317-957-7318 (This is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairment may contact this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Federal Property Management Reform Act of 2016 (40 U.S.C. 524), HUD is publishing this notice to provide notice of its intent to close its unoccupied Reno, NV field office. The Act requires executive departments and agencies to assess leased space to identify space that is not fully used or occupied, establish goals and policies that will lead the agency to reduce excess property and underutilized property, and to transfer and dispose of excess property as promptly as possible in accordance with the agency's delegated authority and applicable regulations.

Based upon Section 7(p) of the Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535p), a plan for the reorganization of any regional, area, insuring, or other field office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development may take effect only upon the expiration of 90 days after publication in the **Federal Register** with a cost-benefit analysis of the plan for each affected office. Such cost-benefit analysis shall include, but not be limited to—(1) An estimate of cost savings supported by background information detailing the source and substantiating the amount of the savings; (2) an estimate of the additional cost which will result from the reorganization; (3) a study of the impact on the local economy; and (4) an estimate of the effect of the reorganization on the availability, accessibility, and quality of services provided for recipients of those services. Where any of the above factors cannot be quantified, the Secretary shall provide a statement on the nature and extent of those factors in the cost-benefit analysis.

Cost Benefit Analysis*A. Background*

HUD's current field structure, consisting of 65 regional and field offices covering 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico, is built on the structure of the former Federal Housing Administration (FHA), which had insuring offices throughout the country. As the agency evolved into a cabinet department (1968) its program portfolio grew and staffing levels rose to more than 18,000 in 1973. As a result of legislative action HUD's program portfolio has continued to increase in size, complexity and scope, while its staffing has gradually been reduced by almost two-thirds, to under 7,000.

HUD's existing field office structure is decades old. Advances in technology have made it possible and more cost effective to manage our workload in a more centralized fashion. A set of 16 small offices were successfully closed in Fiscal Year 2014, demonstrating that HUD could continue to deliver services nationwide from a smaller footprint. Closing the Reno, NV Field Office, which has no staff, will achieve operational savings.

The closure of this field office will save money while still ensuring that HUD can effectively respond rapidly to the ever-evolving mission and the budget challenges of today and tomorrow. Leveraging technology has allowed HUD to substantially reduce its footprint and costs while not significantly affecting the delivery of its services.

B. Description of Proposed Changes

One (1) field office in Reno, NV will be closed. There are no staff remaining in that office to be impacted. This action will allow the Department to align resources to more effectively support program operations and reduce operational cost, while maintaining effective program delivery in the state of Nevada from the Las Vegas Field Office.

The proposed changes are expected to produce ongoing cost savings and make more efficient use of real property assets.

(1) Estimate of Cost Savings

The closure of the Reno, NV field office will eliminate the cost of office space leases and administrative costs, including transit, mail, copiers, and telephones, totaling \$101,000 annually. The lease cost is based upon HUD's occupancy agreement with General Services Administration (GSA).

(2) Estimate of the Additional Cost

Implementation costs of approximately \$15,000 are expected in closing the office; thus, the projected total annual savings will be gained beginning in Fiscal Year 2021 and every year thereafter.

a. One-Time Costs

One-time costs for space alterations, security and move out expenses are projected to cost \$15,000. There are no early lease termination fees for this office. There are no remaining employees in this office, and therefore there are no additional buyout, personal relocation, severance, or unemployment costs.

b. Reoccurring Costs

Program delivery to the affected jurisdiction is already managed by program staff in the Las Vegas Field Office, the San Francisco Regional Office, and other HUD field offices. Minimal additional travel costs will be incurred by limited staff travel to the affected jurisdictions to ensure ongoing coordination of program delivery and customer service.

(3) Study of the Impact on the Local Economy

Any impact on the Reno economy in terms of housing, schools, public services, taxes, employment and traffic congestion will be negligible. The office closure should not disrupt the service delivery currently provided to the community.

(4) Estimate of the Effect of the Reorganization

HUD products and services provided to the communities in the affected jurisdictions are currently managed remotely from larger HUD offices, primarily the Las Vegas Field Office, the San Francisco Regional Office, and other HUD field offices, and this will continue to be the case.

Based on the time necessary for office closure, and moveout costs, the closure of the Reno Office will result in minor savings of approximately \$10,000 in Fiscal Year 2020. The closure will not introduce new recurring costs, and therefore the full savings of \$101,000 per annum is expected in Fiscal Year 2021 and each year thereafter.

Dated: November 19, 2019.

Benjamin DeMarzo,

Assistant Deputy Secretary for Field Policy and Management.

[FR Doc. 2019-25571 Filed 11-25-19; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4210-67-P