

(Pub. L. 111–117, enacted on December 16, 2009) permits the HUD Secretary to use up to \$65,000,000 of the HOPE VI appropriations for a Choice Neighborhoods Initiative demonstration. With FY 2010 funding, the Choice Neighborhoods Initiative is a demonstration program under section 24 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437v). Thus, except as otherwise specified in the appropriations act, the HOPE VI program requirements and selection criteria will apply to Choice Neighborhoods grants for FY 2010. In preparation for the competitive process to award funding, HUD posted on its Web site a pre-notice to help potential applicants prepare for the application process. The pre-notice sets forth the core goals of the initiative, identifies key program elements and activities, and outlines the framework of the competition HUD will use to award FY 2010 funding. The actual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will contain the selection criteria for awarding Choice Neighborhoods grants and specific requirements that will apply to selected grantees.

Building upon the successes achieved and the lessons learned from the HOPE VI program, Choice Neighborhoods will employ a comprehensive approach to community development centered on housing transformation. The program aims to transform neighborhoods of poverty into viable mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities by revitalizing severely distressed public and assisted housing and investing and leveraging investments in well-functioning services, effective schools and education programs, public assets, public transportation, and improved access to jobs. Choice Neighborhoods grants will primarily fund the transformation of public and/or HUD-assisted housing developments through preservation, rehabilitation, and management improvements as well as demolition and new construction. In addition, these funds can be used on a limited basis (and combined with other funding) for improvements to the surrounding community, public services, facilities, assets and supportive services. Choice Neighborhoods grant funds are intended to catalyze other investments that will be directed toward necessary community improvements. The leveraging of other sources will be necessary to address other key neighborhood assets and achieve the program's core goals. This may include resources from other HUD programs, such as the Community Development

Block Grant and Section 108 Loan Guarantee programs, as well as from other Federal, State, local and private programs or entities. HUD is working with other Federal agencies to integrate Choice Neighborhoods with other Federal place-based programs.

OMB Control Number: 2577–Pending.

Agency Form Number: 2577–Pending.

Members of Affected Public: Local governments, public housing authorities, nonprofits, and for-project developers that apply jointly with a public entity.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of responses: For Choice Neighborhoods Round 1: Burden hours per response total 58.09 for Implementation Grant applications, and 35.59 for Planning Grant applications. For FY 2010, applicants may only submit an Implementation Grant application or a Planning Grant application, not both. The total burden hours, estimating 100 respondents for each grant application type, is 5,809 for Implementation Grants, and 3,559 for Planning Grants.

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

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

Dated: August 19, 2010.

Leroy McKinney, Jr.,
Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR 5377–N–02]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request, State Community Development Block (CDBG) Program

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:* October 25, 2010.

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: Leroy McKinney, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4178, Washington, DC 20410; telephone, 202–402–5564 (this is not a toll-free number), or e-mail Mr. McKinney at Leroy.McKinneyJr@hud.gov.

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 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: State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2506–0085.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (HCDA), requires grant recipients that receive CDBG funding to retain records necessary to document compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements on an on-going basis. Grantees must also submit an annual performance and evaluation report to demonstrate progress that it has made in carrying out its consolidated plan, 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)]. The statute also requires [Section 104(e)(2)] that HUD conduct an annual review to determine whether States have distributed funds to units of general local government in a timely manner. HUD has re-designed a form by which the grantees can report their compliance with this requirement.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: The collection of this information will be submitted on HUD's timely distribution form or in similar format from State records or systems.

Members of affected public: This information collection applies to 50 State CDBG Grantees (49 States and Puerto Rico but not Hawaii).

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 50. The proposed frequency of the response to the collection of information is annual at 1.5 hours per response with a total of 75 hours additional reporting burden. The record keeping burden for program compliance is already included under the currently approved information collection. The estimate of the annual reporting and recordkeeping is increased to 112,175 hours for 50 grant recipients. The 75 hour increase due to the addition of the timely distribution form represents .067% of the original burden.

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 April 30, 2012.

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

Dated: August 17, 2010.

Mercedes Márquez,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Scientific Committee (SC); Announcement of Plenary Session

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The OCS Scientific Committee will meet at the Embassy

Suites Dulles North in Ashburn, Virginia.

DATES: Tuesday, September 14, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, September 15, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Thursday, September 16, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Embassy Suites Dulles North, 44610 Waxpool Road, Ashburn, Virginia 20147, telephone (703) 723-5300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of the agenda may be requested from BOEM by e-mailing Ms. Carolyn Beamer at carolyn.beamer@boemre.gov. Other inquiries concerning the OCS SC meeting should be addressed to Dr. James Kendall, Executive Secretary to the OCS SC, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4043, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817, or by calling (703) 787-1656 or via e-mail at james.kendall@boemre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OCS SC will provide advice on the feasibility, appropriateness, and scientific value of the OCS Environmental Studies Program to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the BOEM. The SC will review the relevance of the research and data being produced to meet BOEM scientific information needs for decision making and may recommend changes in scope, direction, and emphasis.

The Committee will meet in plenary session on Tuesday, September 14. The Director will address the Committee on the general status of the BOEM and its activities. There will be a presentation from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on the Natural Resource Damage Assessment process and U.S. Geological Survey science with respect to the Deepwater Horizon incident. Following these presentations BOEM regional officials will discuss their most pertinent and current issues.

On Wednesday, September 15, the Committee will meet in discipline breakout sessions (*i.e.*, biology/ecology, physical sciences, and social sciences) to review the specific studies plans of the BOEM regional offices for Fiscal Years 2011-2013.

On Thursday, September 16, the Committee will meet in plenary session for reports of the individual discipline breakout sessions of the previous day and to continue with Committee business.

The meetings are open to the public. Approximately 30 visitors can be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis at the plenary session.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix I, and the Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-63, Revised.

Dated: August 18, 2010.

Robert P. LaBelle,

Acting Associate Director for Offshore, Energy and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R1-R-2010-N157; 1265-0000-10137-S3]

Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge, Hawai'i County, HI; Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of our draft comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment (Draft CCP/EA) for the Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge (refuge) for public review and comment. The Draft CCP/EA describes our proposal for managing the refuge for the next 15 years.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send us your written comments by September 15, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Address comments, questions, and requests for further information to Jim Kraus, Refuge Manager, Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge, 60 Nowelo Street, Suite 100; Hilo, HI 96720. Alternatively, you may fax comments to the refuge at (808) 443-2304, or e-mail them to FW1PlanningComments@fws.gov. Include "Hakalau Forest Refuge CCP" in the subject line of the message.

Additional information concerning the refuge is available on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/hakalauforest/>. You may request the CCP/EA for review by any of the above contact methods, or you may view or download it at <http://www.fws.gov/pacific/planning>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Kraus, Refuge Manager, (808) 443-2300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

With this notice, we continue the CCP process for the Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge. We began this process by publishing a notice of intent in the