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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 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program is a major program of the Federal government for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments.

Under section 8(y) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, a public housing agency may provide tenant-based assistance to an eligible family that purchases a dwelling unit the family will occupy. In implementation of this statute, a PHA may choose to administer a homeownership voucher program and provide homeownership assistance payments to eligible home buyers using funds available by HUD to the PHA under the housing choice voucher program. Homeownership assistance payments are made available by the PHA to assist participants in paying mortgage and other homeownership expenses.

Collection of accurate information regarding private home purchases under this program is vital to PIH's ability to measure the program usage and effectiveness, promote and further the purposes of the program, as well as to provide information to the public and to Congress regarding program implementation. The purpose of this survey is to contact public housing agencies to collect information regarding the number of homeownership closings, problems in reporting homeownership closings under PIH reporting systems, and to obtain information needed to plan the application of resources to further promote and expand the program.

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, Homeownership Voucher Survey.

OMB Control Number: 2577–XXXX.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use: The Homeownership Voucher survey will give PIH the ability to measure the usage of this program and to determine the extent to which technical assistance and/or training is needed for program implementation.

Agency Form Numbers, if Applicable: None.

Members of Affected Public: State or local governments, housing agencies.

Estimation of the Total Number of Hours Needed to Prepare the Information Collection Including Number of Respondents, Frequency of Response, and Hours of Response: Homeownership Voucher Program Survey, with a one-time response estimated to take 6 minutes per survey, for a total reporting burden of 245 hours, based on 2450 survey responses.

Status of the Proposed Information Collection: New collection.

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

Dated: June 16, 2004.

Michael M. Liu,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Service Area Designation

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is published to exercise the authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs. Under 25 CFR 20.201, notice is hereby given of the service area designation for the

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians recognized as eligible to receive services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

EFFECTIVE DATE: This service area designation becomes effective on July 22, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kenneth D. Reinfeld, Office of Self-Governance and Self-Determination, Telephone 202–208–5734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 25 CFR part 20, Financial Assistance and Social Services Programs, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs designates the following locale as a service area appropriate for the extension of BIA financial assistance and/or social services. 25 CFR part 20—Financial Assistance and Social Services Programs regulations have full force and effect when extending the BIA financial assistance and/or social services into the service area location. Without officially designated service areas, such services are provided only to Indian people who live within the reservation boundaries. The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians is now authorized to extend financial assistance and social services to eligible tribal members (and their family members who are Indian) who reside outside the boundaries of the federally recognized tribe's reservation within the areas designated below.

Tribe: Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians.

Service Area locations: The counties of Hennipen, Anoka, and Ramsey in the State of Minnesota.

Dated: June 9, 2004.

David W. Anderson,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Off-Track Wagering Compact.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes an approved Off-Track Wagering Compact between the Chickasaw Nation and the State of Oklahoma. Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, the Secretary of the Interior is required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands.