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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the name and telephone number of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information: *Title of Proposal:* Mortgagees Annual Notification to Mortgagees.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0235.
Form Numbers: None.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: Mortgagees are required to inform mortgagees of interest paid and taxes disbursed from escrow accounts for income tax purposes. Servicing lenders must maintain a toll free number, and servicing personnel for mortgagees' enquiries. Mortgagees must provide interest accounting in such a way as to allow the homeowner to easily identify the amount of any subsidy HUD paid on behalf of the homeowner.

Respondents: For-profit institutions.
Frequency of Submission: Annually.
Reporting Burden: Number of Respondents 1,622; Average responses

per respondent 3,391; Total annual responses 5,499,507.

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 1,689.

Status: Extension of a currently approved collection; HUD is seeking renewal of the approval for this information collection requirement.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: September 30, 2003.

Wayne Eddins,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4679-N-07]

**Changes in Certain Multifamily
Mortgage Insurance Premiums**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice reissues as final the notice published on July 1, 2003, for public comment. That notice lowered the mortgage insurance premiums (MIP) for certain Federal Housing Administration (FHA) insurance programs whose commitments will be issued in Fiscal Year (FY) 2004. HUD received no comments from the public on that notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael McCullough, Director, Office of Multifamily Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-8000, (202) 708-1142 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access these numbers through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 17, 2003 (68 FR 12792), HUD published a final rule on "Mortgage Insurance Premiums in Multifamily Housing Programs," which revised the regulatory system for establishing the MIP. Instead of setting the MIP at a specific rate, the Secretary is permitted to charge an MIP within the full range of HUD's statutory authority of one fourth of one percent to one percent through a notice, as provided in section 203(c)(1) of the National Housing Act (the Act) (12 U.S.C. 1709(c)(1)). The March 17, 2003, final

rule stated that HUD would provide a 30-day period for public comment on future notices changing mortgage insurance premiums in multifamily insured housing programs.

Pursuant to that procedure, this notice lowers mortgage insurance premiums in FY 2004 to 50 basis points for multifamily programs authorized under Sections 207, 220, and 221(d)(4) of the Act without low-income housing tax credits, Section 231 of the Act, and insured programs with HOPE VI with or without low-income housing tax credits. The effective date of these changes is October 1, 2003. Multifamily programs under the following sections of the Act will remain at 80 basis points and will continue to require a credit subsidy obligation: Section 221(d)(3) for nonprofit and cooperatives for new construction or rehabilitation, Section 223(d) for operating loss loans for both apartments and health care facilities, and Section 241(a) for supplemental loans for additions or improvements to existing apartments. The MIP for sections 223(a)(7), and 207 pursuant to 223(f), 232, 232 pursuant to 223(f), 242, and 241(a) of the Act for health care facilities, Title XI, and low-income housing tax credit projects remain unchanged at 50 basis points.

The mortgage insurance premiums in effect for FHA firm commitments issued, amended, or reissued in FY 2004, are shown in the table below:

Fiscal Year 2004	
Multifamily loan program	Basis points
Section 207—Multifamily Housing—New Constr/Sub. Rehab	50
Section 207—Manufactured Home Parks	50
Section 220—Housing In Urban Renewal Areas	50
Section 221(d)(3)—Moderate Income Housing	80
Section 221(d)(4)—Moderate Income Housing	50
Section 223(a)(7)—Refinancing of Insured Multifamily Project	50
Section 223(d)—Operating Loss Loans	80
Section 207 pursuant to 223(f)—Purchase or Refinance Housing	*50
Section 213—Cooperatives	50
Section 231—Housing for the Elderly	50
Section 232—Health Care Facilities	50
Section 232 pursuant to Section 223(f)—Purchase or Refinance Health Care	*50
Section 234(d)—Condominium Housing	50
Section 241(a)—Additions & Improvements for Apartments	80

Fiscal Year 2004	
Multifamily loan program	Basis points
Section 241(a)—Additions & Improvements for Health Care Facilities	50
Section 242—Hospitals	50
Title XI—Group Practice	50

*First Year MIP for these programs remain at 100 basis points.

Applicable Mortgage Insurance Premium Procedures

The MIP regulations are found in 24 CFR part 207. This notice is published in accordance with the procedures stated in 24 CFR 207.252, 207.252(a), and 207.254.

Transition Guidelines

A. General

If a firm commitment has been issued at a higher MIP, and FHA has not initially endorsed the note, the lender may request the field office to reprocess the commitment at the lower MIP and reissue the commitment on or after October 1, 2003. If the initial endorsement has occurred the MIP cannot be changed.

B. Extension of Outstanding 57 and 61 Basis Points Firm Commitments

FHA may extend outstanding firm commitments when the Hub/Program Center determines that the underwriting conclusions (rents, expenses, construction costs, mortgage amount and case required to close) are still valid.

C. Reprocessing of Outstanding 57 and 61 Basis Points Firm Commitments

FHA will consider requests from mortgagees to reprocess outstanding firm commitments at the lower mortgage insurance premium once the new premiums become effective in FY 2004:

1. Outstanding commitments with initial 60-day expiration dates on or after the effective date of this MIP notice.
 - FHA Multifamily Hub/Program Center staff will simply reprocess these cases to reflect the impact of the lower MIP and reissue commitments with a new date.
2. Outstanding commitments with initial expiration dates prior to the effective date of this MIP notice which have pending extension requests or have had extensions granted by FHA beyond the initial 60-day period.
 - These cases will require more extensive reprocessing by FHA staff. Reprocessing will include an updated FHA field staff analysis and review of

rents, expenses, construction costs, particularly considering any changes in Davis-Bacon wage rates, and cash required to close. (An updated appraisal may be required from the mortgagee depending on the age of the appraisal.) If reprocessing results in favorable underwriting conclusions, Hub/Program Center staff will reissue commitments with a new date at the new MIP.

D. Reopening of Expired 57 or 61 Basis Points Firm Commitments

FHA will consider requests from mortgagees, which may be either updated Traditional Application Processing (TAP) firm commitment applications or updated Multifamily Accelerated Processing (MAP) applications with updated exhibits, to reopen expired 57 or 61 basis points commitments on or after the effective date of the MIP notice, provided that the reopening requests are received within 90 days of the expiration of the commitments and include the \$.50 per thousand of requested mortgage reopening fee. Reopening requests will be reprocessed by FHA field staff under the instructions in paragraph C.2 above.

After expiration of the 90-day reopening period, mortgagees are required to submit new applications with the \$3 per thousand application fee (MAP applications must start at the pre-application stage).

Credit Subsidy

Mortgagee Letters will be issued from time to time to advise mortgagees of any requirements for credit subsidy and the availability of credit subsidy. In FY 2004, the same three programs will require credit subsidy as in FY 2003: Section 221(d)(3) for nonprofit and cooperatives for new construction or substantial rehabilitation, Section 223(d) for operating loss loans for both apartments and health care facilities, and Section 241(a) for supplemental loans for additions or improvements to existing apartments only. FHA will not issue amended commitments for increased mortgage amounts nor obligate additional credit subsidy for projects requiring credit subsidy in FY 2004.

Dated: September 25, 2003.

John C. Weicher,

Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Federal Acknowledgment; Documented Petitions for Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe, Submission to OMB for Renewal

AGENCY: Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request for Documented Petitions for Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe is submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget for extension.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 6, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send your written comments to Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior. You may fax comments to (202) 395-6566 or send an e-mail to OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov. Please send a duplicate copy to R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-4660 MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection submission should be directed to R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4660 MIB, Washington, DC 20240. You may also call (202) 208-3592.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A request for comments was published in the **Federal Register** on June 2, 2003 (68 FR 32765). No comments were received.

I. Abstract

The information collection is needed to establish whether a petitioning group has the characteristics necessary to be acknowledged as having a sovereign-to-sovereign relationship with the United States. Federal acknowledgment makes the group eligible for benefits from the Federal Government.

II. Method of Collection

The Federal acknowledgment regulations at 25 CFR Part 83 contain seven criteria (§ 83.7) which groups seeking Federal acknowledgment as Indian tribes must demonstrate that they meet. Information collected from petitioning groups under these