

ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

Project/Activity (survey, form(s), focus group, worksheet, etc.)	No. of respondents	Frequency of responses ⁽¹⁾	Burden hours per respondent	Annual Responses ⁽²⁾	Total annual burden hours
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(A×B)	(A×B×C)
NFIRS v5.0:					
Manual	1,700	1	12.00 hrs.	1,484,100	1,633,325
Electronic	15,300	1	4.75 hrs.	13,640,400	5,944,500
Subtotal—Modules	17,000	.....	.....	15,124,500	7,577,825
Training v5.0	390	1	.....	390	5,760
Total	17,390	1	.....	15,124,890	7,583,585

¹ Each response may include several module submissions, though majority only NFIRS 1. Same respondent may respond more than once depending on the number of incidents being reported.

² Based on an estimated total of 10,000,000 incidents reported annually.

Estimated Cost: The wage burden for collection of information at the local level including training is estimated at \$113,667.375 for both manual and electronic submissions (7,583,585 hrs @ \$15/hr). The average cost to respondent per incident reported is \$180.00 and \$71.00 for the manual and electronic submission, respectively.

Comments: Written comments are solicited to (a) Evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments must be submitted on or before March 20, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments to Chief, Records Management Section, Information Resources Management Branch, Information Technology Services Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Mark A. Whitney, Fire Program Specialist, United States Fire Administration, National Fire Data Center, (301) 447-1836, or e-mail mark.whitney@dhs.gov for additional information. You may contact the Records Management Branch for copies of the proposed collection of

information at facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or e-mail address: FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov.

Dated: January 12, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed new information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning a survey of property owners in communities with high densities of disaster recipients to identify flood insurance purchasing patterns and develop strategies to improve overall compliance with flood insurance regulations.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 1994 National Flood Insurance Act requires flood victims in Federally declared

disaster areas to purchase flood insurance as a condition of Federal financial assistance if their property is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). This flood insurance coverage must be maintained for the life of a property loan or if an Individual and Household Program (IHP) grant is received, funds to cover the insurance for three years are deducted from the grant. Following the three-year, grant recipients must maintain their insurance coverage. If these victims do not comply with these requirements, they will not be eligible for future Federal disaster assistance. Flood insurance compliance among victims of federally declared flood events appears to be problematic. FEMA post-disaster records indicate that a significant number of flood-damaged structures, located both in and outside SFHAs, have either (a) never had flood insurance, or (b) purchased flood insurance but did not maintain the policies.

Collection of Information

Title: Flood Insurance Policy Acquisition and Retention Among Recipients of Federal Assistance Study.

Type of Information Collection: New Collection.

OMB Number: 1660-NW19.

Form Numbers: None.

Abstract: This survey will collect information on flood insurance purchasing patterns among property owners in communities with high densities of disaster recipients. Data findings will be used to develop strategies to improve compliance with flood insurance regulations.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 400 hours.

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Telephone Survey	1,200	1	.33 hr (20 min)	1,200	400
Total	1,200	1	.33	1,200	400

Estimated Cost: \$5,592.00 for all respondents combined, based on the 2004 Bureau of Labor Statistics national median hourly rate of \$13.98. Average cost to respondents is approximately \$4.62 based on a response time of 20 minutes or .33 hours.

Comments: Written comments are solicited to (a) Evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. Comments must be submitted on or before March 20, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit written comments to Chief, Records Management Section, Information Resources Management Branch, Information Technology Services Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Room 316, Washington, DC 20472.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact David C. Thomas, Acting Chief, Risk Management Section at (202) 646-3842 for additional information. You may contact the Records Management Branch for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or e-mail address: FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov.

Dated: December 12, 2005.

Darcy Bingham,
Branch Chief, Information Resources Management Branch, Information Technology Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Notice of Funding Availability for the Hispanic Serving Institutions Assisting Communities (HSIAC) Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, 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: *Comment Due Date:* March 20, 2006.

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: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8228, Washington, DC 20410-6000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Brunson, 202-708-3061, ext. 3852 (this is not a toll-free number), for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Housing and Urban Development 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 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: Notice of Funding Availability for the Hispanic Serving Institutions Assisting Communities Program.

OMB Control Number: 2528-0198 (exp. 02/28/06).

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The information is being collected to select applicants for award in this statutorily created competitive grant program and to monitor performance of grantees to ensure they meet statutory and program goals and requirements.

Agency Form Numbers: SF-424, SF-424 Supplement, HUD-424-CB, SFLLL, HUD-27300, HUD-2880, HUD-2991, HUD-2990, HUD-2993, HUD-2994, A, HUD-96010, and HUD-96011.

Members of the Affected Public: Nonprofit Hispanic-Serving Institutions that meet the definition of an HSI established in Title V of the 1998 Amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1965 (Pub. L. 105-244; enacted October 7, 1998).

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: Information pursuant to grant award will be submitted once a year. The following chart details the respondent burden on an annual and semi-annual basis: