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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the Information collection described below. 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:* Impact of Housing and Services Interventions for Homeless Families.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2528-0259.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use:* This study will enroll up to 2,500 homeless families in twelve sites and randomly assign each family to one of four interventions. Families will be interviewed at baseline (entry/random assignment), tracked for 18 months after intervention, and administered a follow-up interview at 18 months. Outcomes of interest include: Housing stability, family preservation, child well-being, adult well-being, and self-sufficiency. Clearance is sought for the 18-month follow-up survey instrument.

*Frequency of Submission:* Other, once.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	Burden hours
Reporting Burden .....		2,039	1	1.0617	2,165

*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 2,165.  
*Status:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: November 30, 2011.

**Colette Pollard,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5480-N-118]

**Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Transformation Initiative: Natural Experiment Grant Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been 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.

The information is being collected to select applicants for award in this

statutorily created competitive grant program and to monitor performance of awardees to ensure they meet statutory and program goals and requirements.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* January 5, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2528-New) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: (202) 395-5806. Email: [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov); fax: (202) 395-5806.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email Colette Pollard at [Colette.Pollard@hud.gov](mailto:Colette.Pollard@hud.gov) or telephone (202) 402-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

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This notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Transformation Initiative: Natural Experiment Grant Program.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2528-New.

*Form Numbers:* HUD-2993, HUD-2880, SF-424, SF-424supp, HUD-424CB, HUD-96011, SF-LLL.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:* The information is being collected to select applicants for award in this statutorily created competitive grant program and to monitor performance of awardees to ensure they meet statutory and program goals and requirements.

*Frequency of Submission:* Annually.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	Burden hours
Reporting Burden .....	35	50		58	1,010

*Total Estimated Burden Hours: 1,010.*  
*Status: New collection.*

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

Dated: November 23, 2011.

**Colette Pollard,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket BOEM-2011-0095]

#### Request for Information on the State of the Offshore Renewable Energy Industry—Auction Format Information Request (AFIR)

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** BOEM invites public comment on a proposed set of auction formats which may be used to issue commercial renewable energy leases on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). BOEM is examining several auction formats, each designed to efficiently issue renewable energy leases to those who value them most and are best positioned to develop them, while also ensuring that the government receives a fair return in exchange. BOEM is focusing primarily on variations of Ascending Clock Auctions and Package Auctions formats described in more detail below. BOEM is also considering a multiple factor auction approach in which bidders can earn a discount on their bids submitted under one of the auction formats noted above, based on company-specific attributes deemed relevant to the success of their projects. The auction format selected for each sale area would likely vary based on the actual characteristics of that sale. Such characteristics could include the size and homogeneity of the area to be offered. BOEM will hold a workshop to help familiarize stakeholders with the auction format options and to solicit feedback on Friday, December 16, 2011, at the South Interior Building in Washington, DC.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted electronically or postmarked no later

than January 20, 2012. All written comments received during the comment period will be made available to the public and considered during preparation of Proposed Sale Notices (PSN) pertaining to the competitive leasing of OCS lands to support the development of offshore wind energy resources.

**ADDRESSES:** Potential auction participants, Federal, state, and local government agencies, tribal governments, and other interested parties are requested to submit their written comments on the contents of this AFIR in one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled “Enter Keyword or ID,” enter BOEM-2011-0095 then click “search.” Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available for this document.

2. *Written Comments:* In written form, delivered by hand or by mail, enclosed in an envelope labeled “Comments on Offshore Wind AFIR” to: Economics Division, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 381 Elden Street, MS 4050, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Greg Adams, BOEM Economics Division, 381 Elden Street, MS 4050, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817, (703) 787-1537 or [greg.adams@boem.gov](mailto:greg.adams@boem.gov); or Wright Frank, BOEM Office of Renewable Energy Programs, 381 Elden Street, HM 1328, Herndon, Virginia 20170, (703) 787-1325 or [wright.frank@boem.gov](mailto:wright.frank@boem.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Authority

This request for information is published pursuant to subsection 8(p) of the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337(p)), as amended by section 388 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPA) and the implementing regulations at 30 CFR 585.116, which authorize the Director of BOEM to solicit information from industry and other relevant stakeholders to evaluate the state of the offshore renewable energy industry, including economic matters that promote or detract from continued development. The information received may be used to evaluate program options to promote safe and environmentally responsible development in a manner that ensures a fair value for use of the nation’s OCS.

#### Purpose of the AFIR

The purpose of this information request is to invite public comment on the auction format options described in this request. Due to the complexities associated with lease valuation and optimal lease configurations, renewable energy leasing will require more diverse approaches than the sealed-bid, cash bonus approach used to issue offshore oil and gas leases.

The auction formats and their specifications are designed to address important program objectives, including:

- *Fair Return:* BOEM is statutorily required to obtain a “fair return” for leases and grants on the OCS;
- *Economic Efficiency:* The lease auction process should try to ensure that commercial renewable energy leases on the OCS are awarded to those who value the areas the most;
- *Program Efficiency:* The lease auction process must be manageable for BOEM to administer;
- *Lease Boundary Flexibility:* Within constraints fixed by BOEM, the auction should allow bidders to identify the optimal lease areas;
- *Competition:* The lease auction process must be fair, and encourage participation from all interested bidders;
- *Transparency:* The lease auction process must be an open one in which bids are comparable and the reason why the winners won is clear;
- *Neutrality:* The lease auction process must ensure that all bidders are treated equally;
- *Simplicity:* The lease auction process must be easily understood and implemented, by both the bidders and BOEM; and
- *Consistency:* The lease auction process should be applicable to the issuance of leases in a variety of potential renewable energy development contexts.

BOEM contracted with Power Auctions LLC to study auction formats for issuing renewable energy leases (hereinafter, “Ausubel and Cramton (2011a), (2011b), and (2011c),” respectively). Based on its findings and BOEM’s own internal research, BOEM has identified several potentially suitable auction formats. A more comprehensive discussion of these auction formats prepared by BOEM staff, along with the Power Auctions LLC study, can be found on BOEM’s