

OMB Approval Number: 2577-0192.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Form Number: None.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The information collection burden associated with designated housing is required by statute. Section 10 of the Housing Opportunity and Extension Act of 1996 modified Section 7 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 to require Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) to submit to HUD a plan for designation before they designate projects for only elderly families, disabled families, or elderly families and disabled families. In this plan, PHAs must document why the designation is needed, information on the proposed designation and the total PHA inventory, and what additional housing resources will be available to the non-designated group.

Respondents (i.e. affected public): State, or Local Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25.

Estimated Number of Responses: 1.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Average Hours per Response: 15 hours.

Total Estimated Burdens: 375 hours.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) 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) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to 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.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

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

Dated: October 28, 2013.

Merrie Nichols-Dixon,

Deputy Director, Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5683-N-97]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Section 3 Business Registry Pilot Program Participant and Recipients Surveys

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD has submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: December 4, 2013.

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: 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email Colette.Pollard@hud.gov or telephone 202-402-3400. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described in Section A. The Federal Register notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on August 22, 2013.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Section 3 Business Registry Pilot Program Participant and Recipients Surveys.

OMB Approval Number: 2529-0053.

Type of Request: Extension without of a currently approved collection.

Form Number: HUD-968, HUD-969.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: This

information collection contains two surveys that will provide insights into the effectiveness of the Section 3 Business Registry and assess potential outcomes. This information may be useful to HUD for developing policies regarding the Section 3 Business Registry. This information collection will be limited to businesses that have self-certified their Section 3 eligibility to HUD and recipients of HUD funding (i.e., Public Housing Authorities and local government agencies). The surveys will be sent electronically to all certified businesses in the Section 3 Business Registry database and HUD funding recipients in an effort to produce the greatest amount of responses. Random sampling will not be used to identify potential respondents. Respondents will have a minimum of 60 days to respond to the surveys. Responding to these surveys is voluntary.

Respondents (i.e. affected public): Businesses that are either owned by, or substantially employ, low- or very low-income persons; low-income persons; developers; members of the general public; public housing agencies; and State and local governments.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: At this time, there are approximately 800 businesses in the five pilot locations that have self-certified their eligibility with HUD and 150 HUD-funding recipients in the five pilot areas may complete the Section 3 surveys. It is estimated that each survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete for a total of 475 hours.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) 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) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to 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. HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

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

Dated: October 29, 2013.

Colette Pollard,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No FR-5728-N-01]

Small Multifamily Building Risk Share Initiative: Request for Comment

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces HUD's intent to implement an initiative under the Risk Sharing Program, authorized by section 542(b) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, directed to facilitating the financing of small multifamily properties. Through this Notice, HUD solicits comment on the described initiative. Following receipt of comments and revisions, if any, as a result of those comments, HUD will solicit applications from high capacity Community Development Finance Institutions (CDFIs) and other mission-motivated financial institutions to participate in HUD's Risk Sharing Program.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* January 3, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410-0500. Communications must refer to the above docket number and title. There are two methods for submitting public comments. All submissions must refer to the above docket number and title.

1. *Submission of Comments by Mail.* Comments may be submitted by mail to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410-0500.

2. *Electronic Submission of Comments.* Interested persons may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. HUD strongly encourages commenters to submit comments electronically. Electronic

submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit a comment, ensures timely receipt by HUD, and enables HUD to make them immediately available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through the www.regulations.gov Web site can be viewed by other commenters and interested members of the public. Commenters should follow the instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically.

Note: To receive consideration as public comments, comments must be submitted through one of the two methods specified above. Again, all submissions must refer to the docket number and title of this document.

No Facsimile Comments. Facsimile (FAX) comments are not acceptable.

Public Inspection of Public Comments. All properly submitted comments and communications submitted to HUD will be available for public inspection and copying between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., weekdays, at the above address. Due to security measures at the HUD Headquarters building, an appointment to review the public comments must be scheduled in advance by calling the Regulations Division at 202-708-3055 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Copies of all comments submitted are available for inspection and downloading at www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn Wehrli, Office of Multifamily Development, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 6156, Washington, DC 20410; telephone number (202) 402-5210 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The purpose of this Notice is to invite certain mission-oriented lenders (Applicants) to comment on the section 542(b) Risk Share Program initiative described in this Notice, and to participate in the proposed initiative as Qualified Participating Entities (QPEs) to increase the flow of credit to small multifamily properties and to demonstrate the effectiveness of providing Federal credit enhancement for refinancing and rehabilitation of small multifamily housing. Under this

initiative, Applicants qualified as QPEs and relying on a 50 percent Risk Share arrangement with HUD, will be able to underwrite, originate, and service loans that (1) are on properties of 5-49 units, or (2) do not exceed the amount of \$3,000,000.

A. Proposed Statutory Changes

In the President's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget request to the United States Congress, statutory changes to section 542(b) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Section 542(b)) were requested that would, through loans originated by lenders that have demonstrated experience in affordable housing lending, remove affordability restrictions currently required under Section 542(b) in order to reduce the burden on owners who access this capital in order to provide affordable housing in their communities. The language would also authorize Ginnie Mae to securitize loans on small buildings made under Section 542(b). This change would significantly enhance the impact and utility of this initiative. If granted this authority by the Congress, HUD would invite Applicants that engage in Risk Sharing under the authority of this Notice to modify their agreements to take advantage of such new authority. In addition, HUD would implement a broader Small Building Risk Share Initiative through publication of regulations and/or guidance.

B. Program Description

Qualified CDFIs and other mission-driven lenders approved to participate in the initiative would be authorized to originate, underwrite, and service loans for HUD multifamily mortgage insurance for project refinancing, rehabilitation, substantial rehabilitation, or equity take outs, but exclude new construction. The cornerstone of the Risk Share Program is that the lender shares the insurance risk with FHA, and since lenders will cover 50 percent of the risk of loss under the Small Buildings initiative, it provides participants significantly more flexibility with respect to underwriting terms, parameters, and ongoing compliance than is found in other FHA insurance programs, such as the Multifamily Accelerated Program (MAP).

Upon presentation of appropriate certifications, HUD will endorse such loans for full mortgage insurance. Applicants will be responsible for the full range of loan management, servicing, and property disposition activities.