

25, 2003. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Department of Homeland Security Desk Officer, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20530.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(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 agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(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, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Application to Preserve Residence for Naturalization.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form N-470. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. The information will be used to determine whether an alien who intends to be absent from the United States for a period of one year or more is eligible to preserve residence for naturalization purposes.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 375 responses at 1 hour per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 375 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan, 202-514-3291, Director, Regulations and Forms Services Divisions, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Room 4034, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536.

Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to: Ms. Terry O'Malley, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Homeland Security, 7th and D Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20530, (202) 358-3571.

Dated: August 20, 2003.

Richard A. Sloan,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4815-N-59]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB: Section 8 Random Digit Dialing Fair Market Rent Survey

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 to be collected is used to determine Section 8 Fair Market Rents (FMRs) in areas not covered by either the AHS or the CPI surveys.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* September 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2528-0142) and should be sent to: Lauren Wittenberg, OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building,

Washington, DC 20503; Fax number (202) 395-6974; E-mail Lauren_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained though HUD's Information Collection Budget Tracking System at <http://mf.hud.gov.63001/po/i/icbts/>.

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: Section 8 Random Digit Dialing Fair Market Rent Surveys.

OMB Approval Number: 2528-0142.

Form Numbers: None.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: The information is used to determine Section 8 Fair Market Rents (FMRs) in areas not covered by either the AHS or the CPI surveys.

Respondents: Individual or Households.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Reporting Burden: Number of Respondents 894,708; Average response per respondent 0.03; Total annual responses 29,835; Average burden per response 0.63 hrs.

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 18,926.

Status: Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: August 20, 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-4639-N-04]

Notice of HUD-Held Multifamily and Healthcare Loan Sale (MHLS 2003-1)

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

ACTION: Notice of sale of mortgage loans.

SUMMARY: This notice announces HUD's intention to sell certain unsubsidized multifamily and healthcare mortgage loans, without Federal Housing Administration (FHA) insurance, in a competitive, sealed bid sale, Multifamily and Healthcare Loan Sale 2003-1 (MHLS 2003-1). This notice also describes generally the bidding process for the sale and certain persons who are ineligible to bid.

DATES: The Bidder Information Package (BIP) will be available to qualified bidders on or about August 15, 2003. Bids for the loans must be submitted on the bid date that currently is scheduled for September 16, 2003. HUD anticipates that awards will be made on or before September 18, 2003. Closings are expected to take place between September 22 and September 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: To become a qualified bidder and receive the BIP, prospective bidders must complete, execute and submit both a Confidentiality Agreement and a Qualification Statement that are acceptable to HUD. Both documents are available on the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/comp/asset/hsgloan.cfm>. The executed documents must be mailed and faxed to Owusu & Company at 1900 L Street, NW., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036, Attention MHLS 2003-1 Sale Coordinator, Fax: (202) 223-7293.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Myrna Gordon, Deputy Director, Asset Sales Office, Room 6266, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-2625, extension 3369, or Erin E. Moore, Office

of General Counsel, Insured Housing, Multifamily Division, Room 9230; telephone (202) 708-0614, extension 5763. Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may call (202) 708-4594 (TTY). These are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HUD announces its intention to sell in MHLS 2003-1 certain unsubsidized mortgage loans (Mortgage Loans) secured by multifamily and healthcare properties located throughout the United States. The Mortgage Loans are comprised of performing and nonperforming mortgage loans. A final listing of the Mortgage Loans will be included in the BIP. The Mortgage Loans will be sold without FHA insurance and with servicing released. HUD will offer qualified bidders an opportunity to bid competitively on the Mortgage Loans.

The Mortgage Loans will be stratified for bidding purposes into separate pools. Each pool will contain Mortgage Loans that generally have similar performance, property type, geographic location, lien position and other characteristics. Qualified bidders may submit bids on one or more pools of Mortgage Loans. A mortgagor who is a qualified bidder may submit an individual bid on its own Mortgage Loan.

The Bidding Process

The BIP will describe in detail the procedure for bidding in MHLS 2003-1. The BIP also will include a standardized non-negotiable loan sale agreement (Loan Sale Agreement) and a loan information CD that contains a spreadsheet with selected attributes for each Mortgage Loan.

As part of its bid, each bidder must submit a deposit equal to the greater of \$100,000 or 10% of the bid price. HUD will evaluate the bids submitted and determine the successful bids in its sole and absolute discretion. If a bidder is successful, the bidder's deposit will be non-refundable and will be applied toward the purchase price. HUD anticipates that the awards will be made on or before September 18, 2003 (Award Date). Deposits will be returned to unsuccessful bidders. Closings are scheduled to occur between September 22 and September 30, 2003.

These are the essential terms of sale. The Loan Sale Agreement, which is included in the BIP, contains additional terms and details. To ensure a competitive bidding process, the terms of the bidding process and the Loan Sale Agreement are not subject to negotiation.

Due Diligence and Inquiries

The due diligence contractor for MHLS 2003-1 is American Express Tax and Business Services, Inc. located at 1101 14th Street, NW., 14th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. For general questions regarding the Bidder Information Package, Loan Sale Agreement, loan information, bid structure, bid evaluation, sale procedures and mortgage loan due diligence, please contact Owusu & Company at (866) 565-0558.

Mortgage Loan Sale Policy

HUD reserves the right to add Mortgage Loans to or delete Mortgage Loans from MHLS 2003-1 at any time prior to the Award Date. HUD also reserves the right to reject any and all bids, without prejudice to HUD's right to include any Mortgage Loans in a later sale. Mortgage Loans will not be withdrawn after the Award Date except as is specifically provided in the Loan Sale Agreement.

This is a sale of unsubsidized mortgage loans. Pursuant to the Multifamily Mortgage Sale Regulations at 24 CFR part 290, the Mortgage Loans will be sold without FHA mortgage insurance. Consistent with HUD's policy as set forth in 24 CFR 290.35, HUD is unaware of any Mortgage Loan that is delinquent and secures a project (1) for which foreclosure appears unavoidable, and (2) in which very-low income tenants reside who are not receiving housing assistance and who would be likely to pay rent in excess of 30 percent of their adjusted monthly income if HUD sold the Mortgage Loan. If HUD determines that any Mortgage Loans meet these criteria, they will be removed from the sale.

Mortgage Loan Sale Procedure

HUD selected a competitive sale as the method to sell the Mortgage Loans primarily to satisfy the Mortgage Sale Regulations. These regulations require that, except under certain limited circumstances, HUD-held multifamily mortgage loans must be sold on a competitive basis (24 CFR 290.30). This method of sale optimizes HUD's return on the sale of these Mortgage Loans, affords the greatest opportunity for all qualified bidders to bid on the Mortgage Loans, and provides the quickest and most efficient vehicle for HUD to dispose of the Mortgage Loans.

Bidder Eligibility

In order to bid in the sale, a prospective bidder must complete, execute and submit both a Confidentiality Agreement and a Qualification Statement acceptable to