

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:* Rural Housing and Economic Development Grant Application.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2506-0169.

*Form Numbers:* SF 424, HUD.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:* The

proposed information collection is to be used for selection of applicants for Rural Housing and Economic Development program grant funds to develop the capacity for housing and economic development activities in rural areas and for innovative grants for housing and economic development.

*Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local or Tribal Government.

|                        | Number of<br>respondents | Annual<br>responses | ×    | Hours per<br>response | =    | Burden<br>hours |
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*Status:* Reinstatement, without change, of previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

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

Dated: December 15, 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-4882-N-02]

### **America's Affordable Communities Initiative, HUD's Initiative on Removal of Regulatory Barriers: Proposals for Incentive Criteria on Barrier Removal in HUD's Funding Allocations; Extension of Public Comment Deadline**

**AGENCY:** Office of the General Counsel, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On November 25, 2003, HUD published a notice that announced HUD's intention to establish in the majority of its FY2004 Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs), including HUD's SuperNOFA, a policy priority for increasing the supply of affordable housing through the removal of regulatory barriers. This new policy priority will be added to the list of policy priorities that HUD traditionally includes in its NOFAs. As a policy priority (and like the other policy priorities), higher rating points will be available to governmental applicants that are able to demonstrate successful efforts in removing regulatory barriers to affordable housing, and to nongovernmental applicants that are

associated with jurisdictions that have undertaken successful efforts in removing barriers. HUD also solicited comment on the November 25, 2003, notice. The purpose of this notice is to announce that the public comment due date has been extended to January 12, 2004.

**DATES:** *Comment Due Date:* January 12, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this rule to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-0500. Comments should refer to the above docket number and title. A copy of each communication submitted will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours (weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time) at the above address. Facsimile (FAX) comments are not acceptable.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Camille E. Acevedo, Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of General Counsel, Room 10282, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-0500, telephone (202) 708-1793 (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 Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As noted in the Summary portion of this notice, on November 25, 2003 (68 FR 66294), HUD announced its intention to establish in the majority of its FY2004 Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs), including HUD's SuperNOFA, a policy priority for increasing the supply of affordable housing through the removal of regulatory barriers. The

November 25, 2003, notice describes in detail the proposal and also solicited public comment, and provided a public comment through December 29, 2003. The purpose of this notice published in today's **Federal Register** is to announce that the public comment due date has been extended to January 12, 2004.

Dated: December 16, 2003.

**A. Bryant Applegate,**

*Senior Counsel and Director of America's  
Affordable Communities Initiative.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### **List of Programs Eligible for Inclusion in Fiscal Year 2004 Annual Funding Agreements To Be Negotiated With Self-Governance Tribes by Interior Bureaus Other Than the Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice lists programs or portions of programs that are eligible for inclusion in Fiscal Year 2004 annual funding agreements with self-governance tribes and lists programmatic targets for each of the non-BIA bureaus, pursuant to section 405(c)(4) of the Tribal Self-Governance Act.

**DATES:** This notice expires on September 30, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Inquiries or comments regarding this notice may be directed to the Office of Self-Governance (MS-2548, MIB), 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240-0001. Telephone (202) 219-0240 or to the bureau points of contact listed below.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**