

U.S. government that imposes a legally enforceable obligation on the sponsor to support the sponsored immigrant until the obligation period ends.

Certain noncitizens are required by regulation to affirmatively request an exemption from filing an Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the INA. See 8 CFR 213a.2(a)(1)(i)(B). The Request for Exemption for Intending Immigrant's Affidavit of Support (Form I-864W) is the current mechanism used to affirmatively request the exemption.

However, USCIS is discontinuing the use of the Request for Exemption for Intending Immigrant's Affidavit of Support in its adjudications. Instead, a noncitizen who needs to affirmatively request the exemption from USCIS can request it on the form for their immigration benefit request by checking the appropriate box. For example, an adjustment of status applicant who needs to affirmatively request the exemption will do so on their Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Form I-485) and would not need to complete and submit a Request for Exemption for Intending Immigrant's Affidavit of Support.

#### Comments

The information collection notice was previously published in the **Federal Register** on October 26, 2023, at 88 FR 73612, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did receive three comments in connection with the 60-day notice resulting in clarification updates to the instructions.

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: <http://www.regulations.gov> and enter USCIS-2007-0029 in the search box. Comments must be submitted in English, or an English translation must be provided. The comments submitted to USCIS via this method are visible to the Office of Management and Budget and comply with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.12(c). All submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make to DHS. DHS may withhold information provided in comments from public viewing that it determines may impact the privacy of an individual or is offensive. For additional information, please read the Privacy Act notice that

is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies 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 agency's 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 Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the INA; Contract Between Sponsor and Household Member; Affidavit of Support under Section 213A of the INA.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the DHS sponsoring the collection:* I-864; I-864A, I-864EZ; USCIS.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. USCIS uses the data collected on Form I-864 to determine whether the sponsor has the ability to support the sponsored immigrant under section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act. This form standardizes evaluation of a sponsor's ability to support the sponsored immigrant and ensures that basic information required to assess eligibility is provided by sponsors.

Form I-864A is a contract between the sponsor and the sponsor's household members. It is only required if the sponsor used income of their household members to reach the required 125 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines. The contract holds these household members jointly and severally liable for the support of the sponsored immigrant. The information

collection required on Form I-864A is necessary for public benefit agencies to enforce the Affidavit of Support in the event the sponsor used income of their household members to reach the required income level and the public benefit agencies are requesting reimbursement from the sponsor.

USCIS uses Form I-864EZ in exactly the same way as Form I-864; however, USCIS collects less information from the sponsors as less information is needed from those who qualify in order to make a thorough adjudication.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-864 is 453,345 and the estimated hour burden per response is 5.81 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-864A is 215,800 and the estimated hour burden per response is 1.5 hours; the estimated total number of respondents for the information collection I-864EZ is 100,000 and the estimated hour burden per response is 2.25 hours.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* The total estimated annual hour burden associated with this collection is 3,128,684 hours.

(7) *An estimate of the total public burden (in cost) associated with the collection:* The estimated total annual cost burden associated with this collection of information is \$135,569,525.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-7080-N-24]

#### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: HUD Environmental Review Online System (HEROS) OMB Control No.: 2506-0202

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the

Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* July 5, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Interested persons are also invited to submit comments regarding this proposal and comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Clearance Officer, REE, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 8210, Washington, DC 20410–5000; email [PaperworkReductionActOffice@hud.gov](mailto:PaperworkReductionActOffice@hud.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, REE, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 7th Street SW, Room 8210, 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. This is not a toll-free number. HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for 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 February 28, 2024 at 89 FR 14676.

**A. Overview of Information Collection**

*Title of Information Collection:* HUD Environmental Review Online System (HEROS).

*OMB Approval Number:* 2506–0202.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Form Number:* HUD 4755.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* 24 CFR part 58, “Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities” requires Responsible Entities (including States, units of general local government, Indian tribes, territories, and Alaska native villages) receiving HUD assistance or carrying out environmental reviews for recipients to maintain a written environmental review record for all projects receiving HUD funding that is subject to Part 58 documenting compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality, related federal environmental laws, executive orders, and authorities, and Part 58 procedure. Various laws that authorize this procedure are listed in 24 CFR 58.1(b). 24 CFR part 50, “Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality,” implements procedures for HUD to perform environmental reviews for projects where Part 58 procedures are not permitted by law. Under Part 50,

HUD staff complete the environmental review records, but they may use any information supplied by an applicant or contractor, provided HUD independently evaluates the information and is responsible for its accuracy and prepares the environmental finding. HEROS allows users to complete, store, and submit their environmental review records and documents online. HEROS is currently optional for Responsible Entities and many other non-HUD users, who may continue to use paper-based environmental review formats or provide information to HUD staff for the staff to input into HEROS; however, it is mandatory for some non-HUD users, such as those subject to the FHA Multifamily Accelerated Processing Guide (MAP Guide).

This information collection also contains a new form, HEROS Access Form. The HEROS Access Form is required for respondents to obtain access to HEROS. It is an electronic form that is hosted by the company DocuSign on their website. HUD uses the information collected in the HEROS Access Form to approve requests for access to HEROS. Respondents fill out the form with relevant information, which is then passed on to a HUD staff member who assists in creating a new HEROS user account for the respondent.

*Respondents:* The respondents are state, local, and tribal governments receiving HUD funding who are required to complete environmental reviews as well as sub-recipients, applicants, and third-party providers who submit information to be used in the completion of environmental review records. The specific data has been broken down into two data sets: data on the HEROS system itself (“HEROS”), and data on the HEROS Access Form which is required to gain access to HEROS.

**HEROS**

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response <sup>1</sup>	Annual cost
Exempt/CENST re-views.	500	34.75 .....	17,376	0.75 .....	13,032	\$39.630	\$205,312.500
Reviews that convert to exempt.	500	12.35 .....	6,147	2 .....	12,294	39.630	292,000.000
CEST/EA reviews ....	250	11.34 .....	2,834	4 .....	11,336	39.630	102,200.000
Total .....	500	varies .....	26,357	varies .....	36,662	39.630	1,452,915.06

HEROS ACCESS FORM

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
HEROS Access Form HUD 4755 .....	2,870	1.05	3,013	.10	301.3	\$39.63	\$11,940.52
Total .....	2,870	1.05	3,013	.10	301.3	39.63	11,940.52

**Note:** Average hours per response varies substantially depending on level of review. Reviews that are exempt or Categorically Excluded Not Subject To the related laws and authorities (CENST) take roughly 45 minutes to complete. Reviews that are Categorically Excluded Subject To the related laws (CEST) or require an Environmental Assessment (EA) take an average of 4 hours to complete. Some CEST reviews “convert to exempt,” and require roughly 2 hours to complete.

HUD grants<sup>1</sup> cover all eligible costs including staff work. Hourly cost per response based on hourly mean wage of urban planners working for local government (Bureau of Labor Statistics, <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes193051.htm>). This would apply only to those receiving HUD grants, and not to those receiving other forms of HUD assistance, such as lenders under FHA programs.

**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.

(5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

<sup>1</sup> Caveat to the monetary costs for HEROS: HUD grants cover all eligible costs, including staff work for grant recipients, so for HUD grants (as opposed to other forms of HUD assistance, such as FHA-backed multifamily mortgages) the monetary costs are typically \$0 for all environmental review types.

**C. Authority**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR–7080–N–26]

**30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Survey of Lead Hazard Reduction Program Grantees; OMB Control No.: 2539–New**

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy Development and Research, Chief Data Officer, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* July 5, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Interested persons are also invited to submit comments regarding this proposal and comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Anna Guido,

Clearance Officer, REE, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 8210, Washington, DC 20410–5000; email [PaperworkReductionActOffice@hud.gov](mailto:PaperworkReductionActOffice@hud.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Anna P. Guido, Reports Management Officer, REE, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 8210, Washington, DC 20410; email: [PaperworkReductionActOffice@hud.gov](mailto:PaperworkReductionActOffice@hud.gov), telephone (202)–402–5535.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for 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 March 11, 2024 at 89 FR 17509.

**A. Overview of Information Collection**

*Title of Information Collection:* Survey of Lead Hazard Reduction Program Grantees.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2539–New.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* New evaluation of the effectiveness of OLHCHH grantees in producing lead-safe housing, repairing or eliminating lead-based paint hazards.