

a local USCIS office after March 26, 2007, or received by an incorrect designated Service Center, will be returned to the applicant with accompanying fees for resubmission at the proper filing location.

*Which version of the Form N-565 will USCIS accept?*

As of February 26, 2007, USCIS will accept Form N-565 (edition date 09/29/06, OMB Control No. 1615-0091). Any prior versions submitted after March 26, 2007 will be returned to the applicant with accompanying fees for resubmission of the proper form edition.

*Does this Direct Mail Notice affect Form N-565s that have already been filed with USCIS?*

No. Applications received by a local USCIS office prior to February 26, 2007 will remain within the jurisdiction of that office for the completion of processing. Therefore, it is not necessary for individuals who previously filed an application at a local USCIS office to file a new application in connection with this change of procedure.

**Paperwork Reduction Act**

USCIS will be amending the instructions to the Form N-565 to reflect the new filing instructions. Accordingly, USCIS will provide the Office of Management and Budget with a copy of the amended form through the automated Regulatory Office Combined Information System (ROCIS). Changing the filing instructions will not have any affect on the reporting burden hours.

Dated: November 21, 2006.

**Emilio T. Gonzalez,**

*Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5117-N-09]

**Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Fair Housing Initiatives 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.

This information is required by the grant application to assist the Department in selecting the highest ranked applicants to receive funds under the Fair Housing Initiatives Program and carry out fair housing enforcement and/or education and outreach activities under the following initiatives; Private Enforcement, Education and Outreach, and Fair Housing Organizations. The information collected from quarterly and final progress reports and enforcement log will enable the Department to evaluate the performance of agencies that receive funding and determine the impact of the program on preventing and eliminating discriminatory housing practices.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* February 26, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2529-0033) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lillian Deitzer, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail *Lillian\_L\_Deitzer@HUD.gov* or telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Deitzer or from HUD's Web site at *http://hlannwp031.hud.gov/po/i/icbts/collectionsearch.cfm*.

**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 affecting 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:* Fair Housing Initiatives Program.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2529-0033.

*Form Numbers:* Forms HUD-904-A, HUD-904-B, and HUD-904-C, SF-424, SF-424-Supplement, SF-269-A, SF-LLL, HUD-2880, HUD-2990, HUD-2991, HUD-2993, HUD-424-CB, HUD-424CBW, HUD-2994-A, HUD-22081, HUD-96010, HUD-27061, and HUD-96011.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:* This information is required by the grant application to assist the Department in selecting the highest ranked applicants to receive funds under the Fair Housing Initiatives Program and carry out fair housing enforcement and/or education and outreach activities under the following initiatives; Private Enforcement, Education and Outreach, and Fair Housing Organizations. The information collected from quarterly and final progress reports and enforcement log will enable the Department to evaluate the performance of agencies that receive funding and determine the impact of the program on preventing and eliminating discriminatory housing practices.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion, Quarterly, Semi-annually, Annually, Other as required by application and award documents.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
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*Total Estimated Burden Hours:*  
48,444.

*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: January 19, 2007.

**Lillian L. Deitzer,**

*Departmental Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4878-N-03]

### Final Guidance on Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons: Announcement of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice; announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** On January 22, 2007, HUD published in the **Federal Register** final guidance on "Federal Financial Assistance Regarding Title VI Prohibition against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons" (LEP Final Guidance). This guidance becomes effective on February 21, 2007. This notice announces that HUD will hold a meeting at HUD Headquarters on February 13, 2007, to brief interested members of the public on the LEP Final Guidance and respond to questions about the guidance.

**DATES:** HUD will conduct the meeting on LEP Final Guidance on February 13, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The LEP Guidance meeting will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern time) on February 13, 2007, at HUD Headquarters for which the address is the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC.

Members of the public who are interested in attending this meeting in person must submit a request to HUD by sending an e-mail to [limitedenglishproficiency@hud.gov](mailto:limitedenglishproficiency@hud.gov). The e-mail must contain the participant's name, contact information, and basis for interest in this meeting. In addition, participants who require a reasonable accommodation must identify the

accommodation they need to attend and fully participate in this meeting. The deadline for submitting requests is Friday, February 9, 2007.

HUD will strive to honor requests on a first-come first-serve basis. However, HUD reserves the right to select participants so as to ensure that there is adequate representation of the various sectors affected by the LEP Final Guidance.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pamela D. Walsh, Director, Program Standards Division, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 5246, Washington, DC 20410-0500; telephone (202) 708-2288 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech disabilities may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

*To Request Participation in the Meeting:* A request to participate in the meeting must be submitted to the following e-mail address: [limitedenglishproficiency@hud.gov](mailto:limitedenglishproficiency@hud.gov). The deadline for submitting requests is Friday, February 9, 2007.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

##### Background

On January 22, 2007, HUD published in the **Federal Register** final guidance to help recipients of federal financial assistance take reasonable steps to meet their regulatory and statutory obligations to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to HUD programs and activities. Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI) and its implementing regulations, recipients of federal financial assistance have a responsibility to ensure meaningful access to programs and activities by LEP persons.

Executive Order 13166, issued on August 11, 2000, and published in the **Federal Register** on August 16, 2000 (65 FR 50121), directs each federal agency that extends assistance, which is subject to the requirements of Title VI, to publish guidance for its respective recipients clarifying this obligation. The Department of Justice (DOJ) issued the first LEP guidance as a model for other federal agencies. HUD's guidance adheres to the federal-wide compliance standards and framework detailed in the DOJ model LEP Guidance, published on June 18, 2002 (67 FR 41455). HUD's guidance follows the established format used in the DOJ model. Specific examples set out in HUD's guidance explain and/or highlight how federal-wide compliance standards are

applicable to recipients of HUD's federal financial assistance.

The January 22, 2007, LEP Final Guidance was preceded by proposed guidance published on December 19, 2003 (68 FR 70968) for which HUD solicited public comment. The LEP Final Guidance takes into consideration the public comments received on the December 19, 2003, proposed guidance. There are no significant changes between the proposed guidance and the final guidance. However, for purposes of clarification, several minor changes were made in Appendix A, and a new Appendix B has been added to the Guidance. Appendix B, "Questions and Answers (Q&A)," responds to frequently asked questions (FAQs) related to providing meaningful access to LEP persons. HUD's LEP Final Guidance can be found at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/promotingfh/lep.cfm>.

#### February 13, 2007 Meeting

In consideration of widespread interest in HUD's LEP Final Guidance, HUD will hold a meeting on the guidance on February 13, 2007, and interested members of the public are invited to attend this meeting.

Members of the public who are interested in attending the meeting in person must submit a request to HUD by sending an e-mail to [limitedenglishproficiency@hud.gov](mailto:limitedenglishproficiency@hud.gov). The email must contain the participant's name, contact information, and basis for interest in this meeting. In addition, participants who require a reasonable accommodation must identify the accommodation they need to attend and fully participate in this meeting.

The deadline for submitting requests is Friday, February 9, 2007.

HUD will strive to honor requests on a first-come first-serve basis. However, HUD reserves the right to select participants so as to ensure that there is adequate representation of the various sectors affected by LEP Final Guidance.

HUD will respond to requests to participate in this meeting and will provide participants with information on attending the February 13, 2007, meeting prior to the meeting date. HUD advises participants that they must comply with security procedures when visiting the HUD building.

Please send any questions regarding the meeting to the above email address. HUD will respond to your questions by e-mail.