

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondents' burden, invites the general public to take this opportunity to comment on this proposed information collection as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Office of Community Preparedness is soliciting comments concerning a proposed new collection, Community Preparedness and Participation Survey.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until May 12, 2006. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

ADDRESSES: National Citizen Corps Office, Attn: Susan Drgos, 810 7th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531.

• Mail: National Citizen Corps Office, Attn: Susan Drgos, 810 7th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20531.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Drgos, 202-786-9463 (this is not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To request a copy of this Information Collection Request, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling or writing Citizen Corps Contact, Susan Drgos, 202-786-9463. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

(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 submissions of responses.

Analysis

Agency: Department of Homeland Security, Preparedness Directorate, Office of Grants and Training, Office of Community Preparedness.

Title: Community Preparedness and Participation Survey.

OMB Number: 3067-NEW.

Frequency: Once per year.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 13,200 per year.

Estimated Time per Respondent: .334 hour.

Total Burden Hours: 4,408.80 per year.

Total Burden Cost: None.

Description: This information collection will enable Citizen Corps to operate effectively and efficiently to regularize and coordinate activities between Citizen Corps and those groups active in educating, training, and coordinating volunteers in crime prevention, disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, public health, and safety issues.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5038-N-01]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request: HOME Investment Partnership Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be 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.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* May 12, 2006.

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: Shelia Jones, Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 7232, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Huber, (202) 708-2684 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35 as Amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected 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: HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

OMB Control Number: 2506-0171.

Description of the need for the Information and proposed use: The information collected through HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) (§ 92.502) is used by HUD Field Offices, HUD Headquarters and HOME Program Participating Jurisdictions (PJs). The information on program funds committed and disbursed is used by HUD to track PJ performance and to determine compliance with the statutory 24-month commitment deadline and the regulatory 5-year expenditure deadline (§ 92.500(d)). The project-specific property, tenant, owner and financial data is used to compile annual reports to Congress required at Section 284(b) of the Act, as well as to make program management decisions about how well program participants are achieving the statutory objectives of the HOME Program. Program management reports are generated by IDIS to provide data on the status of program participants' commitment and disbursement of HOME funds. These reports are provided to HUD staff as well as to HOME PJs.

Management reports required in conjunction with the Annual Performance Report (§ 92.509) are used by HUD Field Offices to assess the effectiveness of locally designed programs in meeting specific statutory requirements and by Headquarters in preparing the Annual Report to Congress. Specifically, these reports permit HUD to determine compliance with the requirement that PJs provide a 25% match for HOME funds expended

during the Federal fiscal year (Section 220 of the Act) and that program income be used for HOME eligible activities (Section 219 of the Act), as well as the Women and Minority Business Enterprise requirements (§ 92.351(b)).

Financial, project, tenant and owner documentation is used to determine compliance with HOME Program cost limits (Section 212(e) of the Act), eligible activities (§ 92.205), and eligible costs (§ 92.206), as well as to determine whether program participants are achieving the income targeting and affordability requirements of the Act (Sections 214 and 215). Other information collected under Subpart H

(Other Federal Requirements) is primarily intended for local program management and is only viewed by HUD during routine monitoring visits. The written agreement with the owner for long-term obligation (§ 92.504) and tenant protections (§ 92.253) are required to ensure that the property owner complies with these important elements of the HOME Program and are also reviewed by HUD during monitoring visits. HUD reviews all other data collection requirements during monitoring to assure compliance with the requirements of Title II and other related laws and authorities.

The additional information collected from the new IDIS Performance Measurement screens is used by HUD and HOME Program PJs. HUD tracks PJ performance in complying with the statutory requirements of 24 CFR Part 91 and 92. PJs use the required information in the execution of their program, and to gauge their own performance in relation to stated goals.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: None.

Members of affected public: State and local government participating jurisdictions.

ESTIMATION OF THE TOTAL NUMBERS OF HOURS NEEDED TO PREPARE THE INFORMATION COLLECTION INCLUDING NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS, FREQUENCY OF RESPONSE, AND HOURS OF RESPONSE

Reg. section	Paperwork requirement	Recordkeeping hours	Reporting hours	Number of jurisdictions	Total hours
§ 92.61	Program Description and Housing Strategy for Insular Areas.		10	4	40
§ 92.66	Reallocation—Insular Areas		3	4	12
§ 92.101	Consortia Designation		5	36	180
§ 92.200	Private-Public Partnership	2		594	1,188
§ 92.201	Distribution of Assistance	2		594	1,188
§ 92.201	State Designation of Local Recipients		1.5	51	76.5
§ 92.202	Site and Neighborhood Standards	2		594	1,188
§ 92.203	Income Determination	2		6,667	13,334
§ 92.206	Documentation required by HUD to be included in project file to determine project eligibility, i.e., eligible uses and costs, cost limits, mixed-projects and value.	5	6,667	33,335	
§ 92.216					
§ 92.217					
§ 92.218					
§ 92.250					
§ 92.252					
§ 92.254					
§ 92.206	Eligible Costs—Refinancing		4	100	400
§ 92.251	Written Property Standards	1		6,667	6,667
§ 92.253	Tenant Protections (including lease requirement).	5		6,667	33,335
§ 92.254	Homeownership—Median Purchase Price	5		80	400
§ 92.254	Homeownership—Alternative to Resale/recapture.		5	100	500
§ 92.300	CHDO Identification	2		594	1,188
§ 92.300	Designation of CHDOs		1.5	480	720
§ 92.300	CHDO Project Assistance	2		594	1,188
§ 92.303	Tenant Participation Plan	10		4,171	41,710
§ 92.350	Equal Opportunity (including nondiscrimination, and minority and women business enterprise and minority outreach efforts).	5		6,667	33,335
§ 92.351	Affirmative Marketing	10		6,667	66,670
§ 92.353	Displacement, relocation and acquisition (including tenant assistance policy).	5		6,667	33,335
§ 92.354	Labor	2.5		6,667	16,667.50
§ 92.355	Lead-based paint	1		6,667	6,667
§ 92.357	Debarment and Suspension	1		6,667	6,667
§ 92.501	Investment Partnership Agreement	0.5	0.5	598	598
§ 92.502	Homeownership and Rental Set-Up and Completion (IDIS).		16	594	9,504
§ 92.502	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Set-Up (IDIS)		5.5	225	1,237.50
§ 92.502	IDIS Performance Measurement Set-Up and Completion Screens.		21	6,671	140,091
§ 92.504	Participating Jurisdiction's Written Agreements	10		6,667	66,670
§ 92.509	Management Reports—Annual Performance Reports.		2.5	598	1,495
§ 92.509	Management Reports—FY Match Report		0.75	594	445.5
§ 91.220	Describe the use of ADDI funds		1	427	427
§ 91.220	Describe the Plan for outreach		1	427	427
§ 91.220	Describe plan to ensure suitability of families		1	427	427
§ 91.604	Describe prior commitment		1	37	37

ESTIMATION OF THE TOTAL NUMBERS OF HOURS NEEDED TO PREPARE THE INFORMATION COLLECTION INCLUDING NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS, FREQUENCY OF RESPONSE, AND HOURS OF RESPONSE—Continued

Reg. section	Paperwork requirement	Recordkeeping hours	Reporting hours	Number of jurisdictions	Total hours
§ 91.616	Confirm first-time homebuyer status	0.1	.....	427	43
§ 92.502	Input first-time homebuyer status (IDIS) .....	.....	0.2	427	85
Total Annual Respondent and Burden Hours.	.....	.....	.....	6,667	521,478

Estimate of Respondent Cost: 521,478 hours × \$31/hour = \$16,165,818.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: March 3, 2006.

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Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4917-N-07]

Mortgage and Loan Insurance Programs Under the National Housing Act—Debenture Interest Rates

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces changes in the interest rates to be paid on debentures issued with respect to a loan or mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Administration under the provisions of the National Housing Act (the Act). The interest rate for debentures issued under section 221(g)(4) of the Act during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2006, is 5 1/8 percent. The interest rate for debentures issued under any other provision of the Act is the rate in effect on the date that the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date that the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. The interest rate for debentures issued under these other provisions with respect to a loan or mortgage committed or endorsed during the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2006, is 4 7/8 percent. However, as a result of an amendment to section 224 of the Act, if an insurance claim relating to a mortgage insured under sections 203 or 234 of the Act and endorsed for insurance after January 23, 2004, is paid in cash, the debenture interest rate for purposes of calculating

a claim shall be the monthly average yield, for the month in which the default on the mortgage occurred, on United States Treasury Securities adjusted to a constant maturity of 10 years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: L. Richard Keyser, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 2232, Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone (202) 755-7500 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 224 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1715o) provides that debentures issued under the Act with respect to an insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4) of the Act) will bear interest at the rate in effect on the date the commitment to insure the loan or mortgage was issued, or the date the loan or mortgage was endorsed (or initially endorsed if there are two or more endorsements) for insurance, whichever rate is higher. This provision is implemented in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR 203.405, 203.479, 207.259(e)(6), and 220.830. These regulatory provisions state that the applicable rates of interest will be published twice each year as a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Section 224 further provides that the interest rate on these debentures will be set from time to time by the Secretary of HUD, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, in an amount not in excess of the annual interest rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield of all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of maturities of 15 or more years.

The Secretary of the Treasury (1) has determined, in accordance with the provisions of section 224, that the statutory maximum interest rate for the period beginning January 1, 2006, is 4

7/8 percent; and (2) has approved the establishment of the debenture interest rate by the Secretary of HUD at 4 7/8 percent for the 6-month period beginning January 1, 2006. This interest rate will be the rate borne by debentures issued with respect to any insured loan or mortgage (except for debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4)) with insurance commitment or endorsement date (as applicable) within the first 6 months of 2006.

For convenience of reference, HUD is publishing the following chart of debenture interest rates applicable to mortgages committed or endorsed since January 1, 1980:

Effective interest rate	on or after	prior to
9 1/2	Jan 1, 1980	July 1, 1980.
9 7/8	July 1, 1980	Jan 1, 1981.
11 3/4	Jan 1, 1981	July 1, 1981.
12 7/8	July 1, 1981	Jan 1, 1982.
12 3/4	Jan 1, 1982	Jan 1, 1983.
10 1/4	Jan 1, 1983	July 1, 1983.
10 3/8	July 1, 1983	Jan 1, 1984.
11 1/2	Jan 1, 1984	July 1, 1984.
13 3/8	July 1, 1984	Jan 1, 1985.
11 5/8	Jan 1, 1985	July 1, 1985.
11 1/8	July 1, 1985	Jan 1, 1986.
10 1/4	Jan 1, 1986	July 1, 1986.
8 1/4	July 1, 1986	Jan 1, 1987.
8	Jan 1, 1987	July 1, 1987.
9	July 1, 1987	Jan 1, 1988.
9 1/8	Jan 1, 1988	July 1, 1988.
9 3/8	July 1, 1988	Jan 1, 1989.
9 1/4	Jan 1, 1989	July 1, 1989.
9	July 1, 1989	Jan 1, 1990.
8 1/8	Jan 1, 1990	July 1, 1990.
9	July 1, 1990	Jan 1, 1991.
8 3/4	Jan 1, 1991	July 1, 1991.
8 1/2	July 1, 1991	Jan 1, 1992.
8	Jan 1, 1992	July 1, 1992.
8	July 1, 1992	Jan 1, 1993.
7 3/4	Jan 1, 1993	July 1, 1993.
7	July 1, 1993	Jan 1, 1994.
6 5/8	Jan 1, 1994	July 1, 1994.
7 3/4	July 1, 1994	Jan 1, 1995.
8 3/8	Jan 1, 1995	July 1, 1995.
7 1/4	July 1, 1995	Jan 1, 1996.
6 1/2	Jan 1, 1996	July 1, 1996.
7 1/4	July 1, 1996	Jan 1, 1997.
6 3/4	Jan 1, 1997	July 1, 1997.
7 1/8	July 1, 1997	Jan 1, 1998.
6 3/8	Jan 1, 1998	July 1, 1998.
6 1/8	July 1, 1998	Jan 1, 1999.