

Estimation of the total numbers of respondents, frequency of response, and hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of hours of response: As closings occur in connection with the aforementioned projects.

Number of respondents	Burden hours	Frequency of response	Total burden hours
700	1.0	1	700

Status of the proposed information collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: February 28, 2006.

Camille Acevedo,

Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5037-N-11]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Mortgagee's Certification of Fees and Escrow and Surety Bond Against Defects

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.

Mortgagees provide this information to certify that fees are within acceptable limits and the required escrows will be

collected. HUD determines the reasonableness of the fees and uses the information in calculating the financial requirement for closing. The surety bond ensures a project has ample coverage regarding defects.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* April 5, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2502-0468) 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, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Lillian.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.

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: Mortgagee's Certification of Fees and Escrow and Surety Bond Against Defects.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0468.
Form Numbers: HUD-2434 and HUD-3259.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: Mortgagees provide this information to certify that fees are within acceptable limits and the required escrows will be collected. HUD determines the reasonableness of the fees and uses the information in calculating the financial requirement for closing. The surety bond ensures a project has ample coverage regarding defects.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	1,020	1.49		0.60		917

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 917.

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: February 28, 2006.

Lillian L. Deitzer,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Indian Arts and Crafts Board

Proposed Agency Information Collection With Indian Artist/Artisan Survey; Comment Request

AGENCY: Indian Arts and Crafts Board, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposal for the collection of information listed below

has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed information collection form may be obtained by contacting the Board's Director at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made directly to the Office of Management and Budget. A copy of the comments and suggestions should also be sent to the Board's Director.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection, but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by April 5, 2006, in order to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send your written comments to Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention, Department of the Interior Desk Officer, by fax to 202-395-6566, or by e-mail to oir_docket@omb.eop.gov. Send a copy of your written comments to Meridith Z. Stanton, Director, Indian Arts and Crafts Board, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-2058 MIB, Washington, DC 20240. If you wish to submit comments by facsimile, the number is (202) 208-5196, or you may send them by e-mail to iacb@ios.doi.gov. Please mention that your comments concern the Indian Artist/Artisan Survey, OMB control # 1085-0003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the Indian Artist/Artisan Survey, OMB Control # 1085-0003, i.e., the information collection instrument, should be directed to Meridith Z. Stanton, Director, Indian Arts and Crafts Board, 1849 C Street, NW., MS 2058 MIB, Washington, DC 20240. You may also call (202) 208-3773 (not a toll free call), or send your request by e-mail to iacb@ios.doi.gov or by facsimile to (202) 208-5196.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The IACB is responsible for promoting the development of American Indian and Alaska Native Arts and crafts, improving the economic status of members of federally recognized Tribes, and helping to develop and expand marketing opportunities for arts and crafts produced by Native American Indians and Alaska Natives. This year, the Secretary of the Interior has mandated that each department complete a Strategic Plan. In conjunction with this

plan, the Commissioners for the IACB have requested that the IACB generate baseline numbers that will be included in the Strategic Plan, as well as other statistics that will be used for evaluating and strengthening our Congressional mandate. The IACB has designed a questionnaire that would produce valid and reliable results that can be generalized to the entire universe of study. It is directed toward the Native American Indian and Alaska Native artist/artisan constituency. The questionnaire is to be utilized at Indian markets across the country, which is where most artists and artisans served by the IACB sell their work. Recently, the IACB learned that it would be able to participate in the Santa Fe Indian Market, the largest event in the Southwest, and felt this would be an excellent opportunity to utilize the questionnaire. In order to do this, it requested emergency approval of the Indian Artist/Artisan Survey; OMB approved the survey under OMB Control Number 1085-0003. The IACB is planning to extend the information collection approval for the standard three years and to add additional surveys in other regions necessary to establish a national baseline.

II. Data

(1) *Title:* Indian Artist/Artisan Survey. *OMB Control Number:* 1085-0003. *Current Expiration Date:* February 28, 2006.

Type of Review: Information Collection Renewal.

Affected Entities: Businesses or other for-profit entities; Tribes.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 400.

Frequency of response: Annual.

(2) Annual reporting and record keeping burden.

Total annual reporting per respondent: 10 minutes.

Total annual reporting: 67 hours.

(3) Description of the need and use of the information: This information is required to generate baseline numbers for our Strategic Plan, as well as other statistics to be used for evaluating and strengthening our Congressional mandate.

III. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection and the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to 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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

Dated: February 17, 2006.

Meridith Z. Stanton,

Director, Indian Arts and Crafts Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Office of Acquisition and Property Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The proposal for the collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed information collection request may be obtained by contacting the Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made directly to the Office of Management and Budget. A copy of the comments