

sponsoring the collection: Form N-426. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: Primary:* Individuals or Households. This form will be used by USCIS to request a verification of the military or naval service claim by an applicant filing for naturalization on the basis of honorable service in the U.S. armed forces.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 45,000 responses at 45 minutes (.75) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 33,750 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the information collection instrument, please visit the USCIS Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/>.

We may also be contacted at: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529, Telephone number 202-272-8377.

Dated: March 14, 2008.

**Stephen Tarragon,**

*Acting Chief, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5187-N-14]

**Housing Counseling Program—Application for Approval as a Housing Counseling Agency**

**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.

National, regional, Multi-State intermediaries and Local public and private nonprofit agencies that provide housing counseling services directly or through their affiliates or branches regarding home buying, homeownership and rental housing programs submit an application for designation as a HUD-approved housing counseling agency. HUD uses the information to evaluate the agency and populate Agency profile data in the Housing Counseling System (HCS) database. This data populates the HUD's Web site and automated 1-800 Hotline.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* April 18, 2008.

**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-NEW) 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, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail [Lillian\\_L\\_Deitzer@HUD.gov](mailto:Lillian_L_Deitzer@HUD.gov) or telephone (202) 402-8048. 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:* Housing Counseling Program—Application for Approval as a Housing Counseling Agency.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2502-NEW.

*Form Numbers:* HUD-9900.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use:* National, regional, Multi-State intermediaries and Local public and private nonprofit agencies that provide housing counseling services directly or through their affiliates or branches regarding home buying, homeownership and rental housing programs submit an application for designation as a HUD-approved housing counseling agency. HUD uses the information to evaluate the agency and populate Agency profile data in the Housing Counseling System (HCS) database. This data populates the HUD's Web site and automated 1-800 Hotline.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting burden .....	200	1		8		1,600

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 1,600.  
Status: New Collection.

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

Dated: March 13, 2008.

**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-5100-FA-02]

**Announcement of Funding Awards for  
the Rural Housing and Economic  
Development Program; Fiscal Year  
2007**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of funding awards.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section  
102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of  
Housing and Urban Development  
Reform Act of 1989, this announcement  
notifies the public of funding decisions  
made by the Department in a  
competition for funding under the

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)  
for the Rural Housing and Economic  
Development Program. This  
announcement contains the names of  
the awardees and the amounts of the  
awards made available by HUD.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jackie L. Williams, PhD, Director, Office  
of Rural Housing and Economic  
Development, Office of Community  
Planning and Development, 451  
Seventh Street, SW., Room 7137,  
Washington, DC 20410-7000; telephone  
(202) 708-2290 (this is not a toll-free  
number). Hearing- and speech-impaired  
persons may access this number via  
TTY by calling the Federal Relay  
Service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339. For  
general information on this and other  
HUD programs, call Community  
Connections at 1-800-998-9999 or visit  
the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Rural  
Housing and Economic Development  
program was authorized by the  
Department of Veterans Affairs, Housing  
and Urban Development and  
Independent Agencies Appropriations  
Act of 1999. The competition was  
announced in the NOFA published  
March 13, 2007 (72 RF 11600).  
Applications were rated and selected for  
funding on the basis of selection criteria  
contained in that notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic  
Assistance number for this program is  
14.250.

The Rural Housing and Economic  
Development Program is designed to  
build capacity at the state and local  
level for rural housing and economic  
development and to support innovative  
housing and economic development  
activities in rural areas. Eligible  
applicants are local rural non-profit  
organizations, community development  
corporations, federally recognized  
Indian tribes, state housing finance  
agencies, and state community and/or  
economic development agencies. The  
funds made available under this  
program were awarded competitively,  
through a selection process conducted  
by HUD.

For the Fiscal Year 2007 competition,  
a total of \$16,800,000 was awarded to 58  
projects nationwide.

In accordance with section  
102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of  
Housing and Urban Development  
Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987. 42  
U.S.C. 3545), the Department is  
publishing the grantees and amounts of  
the awards in Appendix A to this  
document.

Dated: February 29, 2008.

**Nelson R. Bregón,**

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for  
Community Planning and Development.

Aleutian Housing Authority .....	AK	\$300,000.00
AVCP Regional Housing Authority .....	AK	300,000.00
Chilkoot Indian Association .....	AK	185,851.00
Collaborative Solutions, Inc. ....	AL	300,000.00
Hale Empowerment and Revitalization Organization .....	AL	300,000.00
Community Resource Group, Inc. ....	AR	300,000.00
Universal Housing Development Corporation .....	AR	300,000.00
Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc. ....	AZ	300,000.00
Big Pine Paiute Tribe .....	CA	300,000.00
Community Assistance Network .....	CA	300,000.00
Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority .....	CA	300,000.00
Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians .....	CA	300,000.00
Walking Shield, Inc. ....	CA	300,000.00
National Council on Agricultural Life & Labor Research Fund .....	DE	300,000.00
Central Florida Community Development Corporation .....	FL	300,000.00
JCVision and Associates, Inc. ....	GA	300,000.00
Homeward, Inc. ....	IA	300,000.00
Community Ventures Corporation .....	KY	300,000.00
Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation .....	KY	300,000.00
Purchase Area Housing Corporation .....	KY	300,000.00
Young Adult Development in Action, Inc. ....	KY	300,000.00
La. Tech. College Foundation Tallulah .....	LA	300,000.00
Macon Ridge Community Development Corporation .....	LA	243,800.00
Four Directions Development Corporation .....	ME	299,992.00
Penobscot Indian Nation .....	ME	300,000.00
Penquis CAP, Inc. ....	ME	300,000.00
Huron Potawatomi, Inc. ....	MI	299,825.00
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community .....	MI	300,000.00
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians .....	MI	300,000.00
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians .....	MI	300,000.00
Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation .....	MN	180,000.00
Tunica County Community Development Coalition, Inc. ....	MS	235,520.00
Browning Community Development Corporation .....	MT	300,000.00
Crow Tribal Housing Authority .....	MT	300,000.00
Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe .....	NC	289,793.00