

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection.

**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 29, 2009.

**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 sent to: Lillian L. Deitzer, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4178, Washington, DC 20410–5000; telephone 202–402–8048 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail Ms. Deitzer at [Lillian.L.Deitzer@hud.gov](mailto:Lillian.L.Deitzer@hud.gov) for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dacia Rogers, Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives, PIH, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4116, Washington, DC 20410; telephone 202–402–3374, for copies of other available documents (this is not a toll-free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department will submit the proposed information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (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:* Public Housing Lease Requirements—24 CFR 966.4.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577–0006.

*Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use:* HUD regulations 24 CFR 966.4 prescribe the provisions that shall be incorporated in leases by public housing agencies (PHAs) for dwelling units assisted under the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 in projects owned by or leased to PHAs and leased or subleased by PHAs to the tenants.

This recordkeeping requirement imposed upon PHAs by HUD regulations and associated information collected by the PHA from tenants is incidental to the PHAs' day-to-day operations as landlords of rental housing. If these minimal requirements were not imposed; the Federal Government would have no assurance that PHAs were adopting leases consistent with the law and regulations and no assurance that tenants were being provided proper access to the PHA's grievance procedures.

*Agency Form Numbers:* None.

*Members of Affected Public:* State or local Government; Public Housing Agencies (PHAs), Individuals or Households.

*Estimation of the Total Number of Hours Needed to Prepare the Information Collection Including Number of Respondents, Frequency of Response, and Hours of Response:* 3,300 respondents; 144 average number of tenants; annually frequency of responses;.33 hours per response (recordkeeping); 156,816 total burden hours.

*Status of the Proposed Information Collection:* Extension.

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

Dated: March 24, 2009.

**Merrie Nichols-Dixon,**

*Deputy Director for Policy, Program and Legislative Initiatives.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR 5288–N–05]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment Screening and Eviction for Drug Abuse and Other Criminal Activity

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection.

**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 29, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB Control number and should be sent to: Lillian L. Deitzer, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4178, Washington, DC 20410–5000; telephone 202–402.8048 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail Ms. Deitzer at [Lillian.L.Deitzer@hud.gov](mailto:Lillian.L.Deitzer@hud.gov) for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dacia Rogers, Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives, PIH, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4116, Washington, DC 20410; telephone 202–402–3374, for copies of other available documents (this is not a toll-free number.)

**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:* Screening and Eviction for Drug Abuse and Other Criminal Activity.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577–0232.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The collection of information implements statute and gives Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) and assisted housing owners the tools for adopting and implementing fair, effective and comprehensive policies for screening out program applicants who engage in illegal drug use or other criminal activity and for evicting or terminating assistance of persons who engage in such activity. PHAs that administer a Section 8 or public housing program under an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) with HUD may request criminal history records from any law enforcement agency concerning an adult member of a household applying for admission to a public housing or Section 8 program.

*Agency form numbers:* None.

*Members of affected public:* State or Local Government; Public Housing Agencies (PHAs).

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* 3300 PHAs (respondents); estimated average number of respondents 15,200; total annual burden hours 73,550.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Extension.

**Authority:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: March 24, 2009.

**Merrie Nichols-Dixon,**

*Deputy Director for Policy, Program and Legislative Initiatives.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5298-N-01]

### Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Tenant Data Collection; Advance Solicitation of Comment on Data Collection Methodology

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 requires state agencies administering properties receiving low-income housing tax credits to submit to HUD, not less than annually, certain demographic and economic information on households residing in such properties. This statute

also requires HUD to establish standards and definitions for the information that state housing agencies must submit, and to provide them with technical assistance in establishing systems to compile and submit such information. This notice seeks early input from applicable state agencies, and other interested stakeholders on a methodology or approach to meet this statutory requirement in advance of HUD's submission of a formal proposal for public comment.

*Comment Due Date:* May 29, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this notice to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410-0500. Communications must refer to the above docket number and title. There are two methods for submitting public comments. All submissions must refer to the above docket number and title.

1. *Submission of Comments by Mail.* Comments may be submitted by mail to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410-0500.

2. *Electronic Submission of Comments.* Interested persons may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. HUD strongly encourages commenters to submit comments electronically. Electronic submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit a comment, ensures timely receipt by HUD, and enables HUD to make them immediately available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through the <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site can be viewed by other commenters and interested members of the public. Commenters should follow the instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically.

**Note:** To receive consideration as public comments, comments must be submitted through one of the two methods specified above. Again, all submissions must refer to the docket number and title of the rule.

*No Facsimile Comments.* Facsimile (FAX) comments are not acceptable.

*Public Inspection of Public Comments.* All properly submitted comments and communications submitted to HUD will be available for public inspection and copying between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at the above address. Due to security measures at the HUD Headquarters building, an advance

appointment to review the public comments must be scheduled by calling the Regulations Division at 202-708-3055 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Copies of all comments submitted are available for inspection and downloading at <http://www.regulations.gov>

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on LIHTC tenant data collection, contact Michael K. Hollar, Senior Economist, Economic Development and Public Finance Division, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8216, Washington, DC 20410-6000, telephone number (202) 402-5878, or send an e-mail to [Michael.K.Hollar@hud.gov](mailto:Michael.K.Hollar@hud.gov). For specific legal questions pertaining to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, contact Branch 5, Office of the Associate Chief Counsel, Passthroughs and Special Industries, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224, telephone number (202) 622-3040, fax number (202) 622-4451. Additional copies of this notice are available through HUD User at (800) 245-2691 for a small fee to cover duplication and mailing costs.

*Copies Available Electronically:* This notice and additional information about the LIHTC program are available electronically on the Internet at <http://www.huduser.org/datasets/lihtc.html>.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Background

*Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA)*

Section 2835(d) of HERA (Pub. L. 110-289, approved July 30, 2008) amends Title I of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 *et seq.*) (1937 Act) to add a new section 36 (to be codified as 42 U.S.C. 1437z-8) that requires each state agency administering tax credits under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (low-income housing tax credits or LIHTC) to furnish HUD, not less than annually, information concerning the race, ethnicity, family composition, age, income, use of rental assistance under section 8(o) of the U.S. Housing of 1937 or other similar assistance, disability status, and monthly rental payments of households residing in each property receiving such credits through such agency. New section 36(a) of the 1937 Act further provides that, to the extent feasible, each agency administering tax