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**Update**

Random Digit Dialing (RDD) surveys were completed in October 2008 for the following FMR areas: New Orleans—Metairie—Kenner, LA MSA, Hattiesburg, MS MSA, and Pearl River County, MS. These RDDs were begun in August 2008 but were interrupted by Hurricane Ike and so not completed

until October 2008. The RDD survey for Hattiesburg, MS indicated a slight decline in rents in that metropolitan area, but the difference in rents was within the confidence interval of the survey result so no change in the FMR is indicated. Survey results for Pearl River show an increase in market rents over the published FY2009 FMR.

New Orleans was surveyed at the request of program sponsors in response to evidence that the New Orleans rental market and the Section 8 program were being adversely affected by the FMR bonus applied to the New Orleans FMR

in FY2006 to facilitate program operations after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The New Orleans survey indicates that current market rents in New Orleans are lower than the FY2009 FMR published on September 29, 2008. This revision to the New Orleans FMR effectively eliminates the Katrina-related bonus in New Orleans. Because the rental market appears to be working again in New Orleans, return of the New Orleans FMR to its market level is warranted.

The FMR for the affected areas are updated as follows:

2009 Fair market rent	Number of bedrooms				
	0 BR \$	1 BR \$	2 BR \$	3 BR \$	4 BR \$
New Orleans—Metairie—Kenner, LA MSA .....	733	811	949	1219	1259
Pearl River, MS .....	539	540	647	790	1113

Dated: March 26, 2009.

**Jean Lin Pao,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-5280-N-13]

**Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

**DATES:** *Effective Date: April 10, 2009.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7262, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 800-927-7588.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized,

excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: April 2, 2009.

**Mark R. Johnston,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Proposed Renewal of Information Collection: OMB Control Number 1091-0001, Applicant Background Survey**

**AGENCY:** Office of Civil Rights, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8 (d)). This notice identifies an information collection activity that the Office of Civil Rights, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior (DOI) has submitted to OMB for renewal.

**DATES:** OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection renewal request, but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by *May 11, 2009*, in order to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your written comments by facsimile to 202-395-5806 or e-mail (*OIRA\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov*) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of the Interior Desk Officer (1091-0001). Also, please send a copy of your comments to Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Office of Civil Rights, Attn. Ophelia Anderson, 1849 C St., NW., MS 5230 MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Send any faxed comments to (202) 208-6112, attn Ophelia Anderson. Comments may also be e-mailed to *Ophelia\_Anderson@ios.doi.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information on this information collection or its Applicant Background Survey Form should be directed to U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Office of Civil Rights, Attn. Ophelia Anderson 1849 C St., NW., MS 5230 MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we

cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

DOI is below parity with the Relevant Civilian Labor Force representation for many mission critical occupations. The Department's Strategic Human Capital management Plan identifies the job skills that will be needed in its current and future workforce. The job skills it will need are dispersed throughout its eight bureaus and include, among others, making visitors welcome to various facilities, such as parks and refuges, processing permits for a wide variety of uses of the public lands, collecting royalties for minerals extracted from the public lands, rounding-up and adopting-out wild horses and burros found in the west, protecting archeological and cultural resources of the public lands, and enforcing criminal laws of the United States. As a result of this broad spectrum of duties and services, the Department touches the lives of most Americans.

The people who deal with the Department bring with them a wide variety of backgrounds, cultures, and experiences. A diverse workforce enables the Department to provide a measure of understanding to its customers by relating to the diverse background of those customers. By including employees of all backgrounds, all DOI employees gain a measure of knowledge, background, experience, and comfort in serving all of the Department's customers.

In order to determine if there are barriers in our recruitment and selection processes, DOI must track the demographic groups that apply for its jobs. There is no other statistically valid method to make these determinations, and no source of this information other than directly from applicants. The data collected is not provided to selecting officials and plays no part in the merit staffing or the selection processes. The data collected will be used in summary form to determine trends covering the demographic make-up of applicant pools and job selections within a given occupation or organizational group. The records of those applicants not selected are destroyed in accordance with DOI's records management procedures.

##### II. Data

(1) *Title:* Applicant Background Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 1091-0001.

*Current Expiration Date:* April 30, 2009.

*Type of Review:* Information Collection Renewal.

*Affected Entities:* Applicants for DOI jobs.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 335,820

*Frequency of Response:* Once per job application.

(2) *Annual reporting and record keeping burden:*

*Average reporting burden per application:* 2 minutes.

*Total annual reporting:* 11,194.

(3) *Description of the need and use of the information:* This information is required to obtain the source of recruitment, ethnicity, race, and disability data on job applicants to determine if the recruitment is effectively reaching all aspects of relevant labor pools and to determine if there are proportionate acceptance rates at various stages of the recruitment process. Response is optional. The information is used for evaluating recruitment only, and plays no part in the selection of who is hired.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments on the collection of information was published on November 28, 2008 (73 FR 72518). No comments were received. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on this information collection activity.

##### III. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated 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.

All written comments will be available for public inspection in the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC during normal business hours, excluding legal holidays. For an appointment to inspect comments, please contact Ophelia Anderson by telephone on (202) 219-0805, or by e-mail at [Ophelia\\_Anderson@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Ophelia_Anderson@ios.doi.gov). A valid picture identification is required for entry into the Department of the interior.

Dated: April 6, 2009.

**Sharon Eller,**

*Director, Office of Civil Rights, Office of the Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Proposed Renewal of Information Collection: OMB Control Number 1094-0001, Alternatives Process in Hydropower Licensing**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comments on the provisions thereof.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by *June 9, 2009*.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your written comments to the Linda S. Thomas, U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., MS 115 SIB, Washington, DC 20240, phone 202-208-7294, fax 202-219-2374, or by electronic mail to [Linda\\_thomas@nbc.gov](mailto:Linda_thomas@nbc.gov). Please mention that your comments concern the Alternatives Process in Hydropower Licensing, OMB Control 1094-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the information collection request, any explanatory information and related forms, contact Linda S. Thomas, U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., MS 115 SIB, Washington, DC 20240, phone 202-208-7294, fax 202-219-2374, or by electronic mail to [Linda\\_thomas@nbc.gov](mailto:Linda_thomas@nbc.gov).