

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5319-N-01]

Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Title I Manufactured Home Loan Program: Notification of Availability of Program Reform Implementation and Request for Comments**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD has issued a 2009 Title I Letter 2009 to implement the reforms that were made to the Title I Manufactured Home Loan Program pursuant to the FHA Manufactured Housing Modernization Act. The letter is available at www.hud.gov/fha. Through this notice, HUD solicits comments on the implementation of these reforms as presented in the letter. HUD will take these comments into consideration in the development of a final rule that will follow the letter, and codify in regulation the reforms to the Title I Manufactured Home Loan Program.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* June 22, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding the 2009 title I Letter 2009 to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 10276, 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 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 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 appointment to review the public comments must be scheduled in advance 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 via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Copies of all comments submitted are available for inspection and downloading at www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information contact, Margaret Burns, Director, Office of Single Family Program Development, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 9278, Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone number 202-708-2121. (This is not a toll-free number.) Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The FHA Manufactured Housing Loan Modernization Act of 2008 (Subtitle B of Title II of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008; Public Law 110-289, approved July 30, 2008) (Act), amended various provisions in section 2 of Title I of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1703 *et seq.*) relating to the Manufactured Home Loan Program for the purpose of providing: (1) Adequate funding for FHA insured manufactured housing for low and moderate income homebuyers, (2) modernizing the FHA Title I insurance program for manufactured housing loans to enhance participation by Ginnie Mae and the private lending markets, and (3) to adjust the low loan limits for Title I manufactured home loan insurance to reflect the increase in costs since such

limits were last increased in 1992 and to index the limits to inflation.

The Act revised the FHA Title I Manufactured Home Loan Program by: (1) Increasing the loan limits and establishing indexing for future adjustments based on inflation, (2) changing the insurance type from portfolio insurance to individual loan insurance, (3) providing that insurance on each individually Title I insured manufactured home loan be incontestable, except for fraud or misrepresentation, (4) changing the method for calculating the insurance premium by allowing for both an upfront insurance premium, not to exceed 2.25 percent, and an annual insurance premium to be paid during the term of the loan, not to exceed 1.0 percent, (5) revising the underwriting criteria for loans and advances of credit in connection with the Title I manufactured home loan products as may be necessary to ensure that the program is financially sound, and (6) requiring a leasehold agreement if a manufactured home unit is to be situated in a manufactured home community. The term of the lease must not less than 3 years, renewable upon expiration of the original term by successive 1 year terms. The lessor must provide the lessee written notice of termination of the lease not less than 180 days prior to expiration of the current lease.

A Title I Letter has been issued to implement these reforms. HUD requests comments from lenders and other interested parties with regard to the implementation of these reforms. All comments received will be reviewed and considered by HUD in its development of a rule amending the Title I Manufactured Home Loan Program regulations at 24 CFR part 201. The rule will adopt the letter as issued or as may be revised pursuant to public comment or further consideration by HUD. Although FHA welcomes comments on all aspects of the Title I Letter, it is especially interested in receiving comments concerning upfront and periodic insurance charges, the methodology for indexing so as to be able to annually adjust the maximum loan limits, the underwriting criteria, and the potential economic costs and benefits of the reforms contained in the letter.

Comments must be submitted by the deadline date established in the **DATES** section of this notice, and in accordance with the instructions contained in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Dated: April 14, 2009.

Brian D. Montgomery,

Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION BOARD

Inter-American Foundation Board Meeting; Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: April 27, 2009, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

PLACE: 901 N. Stuart Street, Tenth Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- Approval of the Minutes of the December 15, 2008, Meeting of the Board of Directors
- President's Report
- Regional and Summit of the Americas Overview
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: April 13, 2009.

Jennifer Hodges Reynolds,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

Agency Information Collection Activity; National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (EDMAP and STATEMAP)

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

ACTION: Notice of a new information collection.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a new information collection request (ICR) for approval of the paperwork requirements for the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP). The NCGMP has two components: educational (EDMAP) and State (STATEMAP). This notice provides the public an opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of the application requirements discussed below.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before May 21, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments on this information collection directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, *Attention:* Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, via e-mail [*OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov*] or fax (202) 395–5806; and identify your submission as 1028–NEW. Please also submit a copy of your comments to Phadrea Ponds, USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer, 2150–C Center Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); (970) 226–9230 (fax); or *pponds@usgs.gov* (e-mail). Please reference Information Collection 1028–NEW, NCGMP in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE

CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Randall Orndorff, Associate Program Coordinator (STATEMAP and EDMAP), National Cooperative Geological Mapping Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 908, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); at 703–648–4316 (telephone); or *rorndorff@usgs.gov* (e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The primary objective of the EDMAP component of the NCGMP is to train the next generation of geologic mappers. To do this, NCGMP provides funds for graduate and selected undergraduate students in academic research projects that involve geologic mapping as a major component. Through these cooperative agreements, NCGMP hopes to expand the research and educational capacity of academic programs that teach earth science students the techniques of geologic mapping and field data analysis. We will accept only one proposal from an individual principal investigator (professor or faculty advisor), although we will accept more than one proposal from a single university if authored by different principal investigators. Although

EDMAP awards support student mapping in the field, the student's faculty advisor must write the proposal. All applications must be submitted through Grants.gov.

The primary objective of the STATEMAP component of the NCGMP is to establish the geologic framework of areas determined to be vital to the economic, social, or scientific welfare of individual States. The State geologist determines mapping priorities in consultation with a multi-representational State Mapping Advisory Committee. We will accept only one proposal from each State each fiscal year. Proposals may contain a number of geologic mapping projects and may include one compilation or digitization project, or all projects may be for new mapping if the State chooses. All applications must be submitted through Grants.gov.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: None. This is a new collection.

Title: National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (EDMAP and STATEMAP).

Respondent Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: 101. U.S. accredited university geoscience or related departments are eligible for EDMAP funds. University professors must write and submit the proposals. Only State Geological Surveys are eligible to apply for the STATEMAP component. Since many State Geological Surveys are organized under a State university system, such universities may submit a proposal on behalf of the State Geological Survey.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 101.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: 2,020. We expect to receive 55 applications for EDMAP and 46 for STATEMAP, each taking 20 hours to complete. This includes the time for project conception and development, proposal writing and reviewing, and submitting a project narrative through Grants.gov.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: There are no "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

III. Request for Comments

On April 22, 2008, we published a **Federal Register** notice (73 FR 21646) soliciting comments on the STATEMAP component. The comment period closed on June 23, 2008. On August 26, 2008,