

establishment of the Critical Infrastructure Partnership Advisory Council (CIPAC) by notice published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 14930–14933) dated March 24, 2006. That notice identified the purpose of CIPAC as well as its membership. This notice provides (i) the quarterly CIPAC membership update, (ii) instructions on how the public can obtain the CIPAC membership roster and other information on the Council, and (iii) information on recently completed CIPAC meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Wong, Director Partnership Programs and Information Sharing Office, Partnership and Outreach Division, Office of Infrastructure Protection, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, by telephone (703) 235–3999 or e-mail at CIPAC@dhs.gov.

Responsible DHS Official: Nancy J. Wong, Director Partnership Programs and Information Sharing Office, Partnership and Outreach Division, Office of Infrastructure Protection, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, by telephone (703) 235–3999 or e-mail at CIPAC@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose and Activity: CIPAC facilitates interaction between government officials and representatives of the community of owners and/or operators for each of the critical infrastructure and key resources (CIKR) sectors defined by Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7 (HSPD–7) and identified in the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP). The scope of activities covered by CIPAC includes planning; coordinating among government and CIKR owner/operator security partners; implementing security program initiatives; conducting operational activities related to critical infrastructure protection security measures, incident response, recovery, infrastructure resilience, reconstituting CIKR assets and systems for both man-made as well as naturally occurring events; and sharing threat, vulnerability, risk mitigation, and infrastructure continuity information and best practices.

Organizational Structure: CIPAC members are organized into 18 CIKR sectors. Within all of the sectors containing private sector CIKR owners/operators, there generally exists a Sector Coordinating Council (SCC) that includes CIKR owners and/or operators or their representative trade

associations. Each of the sectors also has a Government Coordinating Council (GCC) whose membership includes a lead Federal agency that is defined as the Sector Specific Agency (SSA), and all relevant Federal, State, local, tribal, and/or territorial government agencies (or their representative bodies) whose mission interests also involve the scope of the CIPAC activities for that particular sector.

CIPAC Membership: CIPAC Membership includes (i) CIKR owner and/or operator members of an SCC; CIKR owners and operators own and invest in infrastructure assets or in the systems and processes to secure them. CIKR owners and/or operators are held responsible by the public for CIKR operations and the response and recovery when their CIKR assets and systems are disrupted; (ii) trade association members who are members of a SCC representing the interests of CIKR owners and/or operators; (iii) each sector's Government Coordinating Council (GCC) members; and, (iv) State, local, tribal, and territorial governmental officials comprising the DHS State, Local, Tribal, Territorial GCC.

CIPAC Membership Roster and Council Information: The current roster of CIPAC membership is published on the CIPAC Web site (<http://www.dhs.gov/cipac>) and is updated as the CIPAC membership changes. Members of the public may visit the CIPAC Web site at any time to obtain current CIPAC membership as well as the current and historic list of CIPAC meetings and agendas.

Signed: February 22, 2010.

Nancy Wong,

Designated Federal Officer for the CIPAC.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS–2010–0006]

National Protection and Programs Directorate; Technical Assistance Request and Evaluation

AGENCY: National Protection and Programs Directorate, DHS.

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments; new information collection request: 1670–NEW.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security, National Protection and Programs Directorate/Cybersecurity and Communications/Office of Emergency Communications, has submitted the

following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (P.L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until May 3, 2010. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1

ADDRESS: Written comments and questions about this Information Collection Request should be forwarded to NPPD/CS&C/OEC, Attn.: Jonathan Clinton, Jonathan.Clinton@dhs.gov.

Written comments should reach the contact person listed no later than May 3, 2010. Comments must be identified by DHS–2010–0006 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

- *E-mail:* Jonathan.Clinton@dhs.gov.

Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Emergency Communications (OEC), formed under Title XVIII of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, 6 U.S.C. 101 *et seq.*, as amended, is authorized to provide technical assistance at no charge to State, regional, local, and tribal government officials. OEC will use the Technical Assistance Request Form to identify the number and type of technical assistance requests from each State and territory. OEC will use the Technical Assistance Evaluation Form to support quality improvement of its technical assistance services. Registration forms will be submitted electronically. Evaluation forms may be submitted electronically or in paper form.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments which:

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, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Analysis

Agency: Department of Homeland Security, National Protection and Program Directorate.

Title: Technical Assistance Request and Evaluation.

Form: Not Applicable.

OMB Number: 1670-NEW.

Frequency: Annual.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal government.

Number of Respondents: 350.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 175 annual burden hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$4,273.50.

Signed: February 12, 2010.

Thomas Chase Garwood, III,

Chief Information Officer, National Protection and Programs Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5298-N-02]

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Tenant Data Collection: Responses To Advance Solicitation of Comment on Data Collection Methodology

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice follows the publication, on March 30, 2009, of an advance notice soliciting public comment on methodology for the collection of data on low-income housing tax credit housing, as required by statute. HUD received public comments on that advance notice, and, after considering the public comment, is now issuing the specific information collection requirements. This notice

references the publication in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 8392, February 24, 2010), of a notice of proposed information collection. Copies of the actual revised forms may be viewed by contacting the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** listed in this notice. The proposed information collection is published pursuant to HUD's procedures for obtaining Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for information collections, and, as such, there is a provision for public comment. However, please be advised that if you commented on the March 30, 2009 notice, your comments have already been considered and there is no need to resubmit them.

DATES: *Effective Date:* April 2, 2010.

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 8234, Washington, DC 20410-6000, telephone number 202-402-5878, or send an e-mail to 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

Section 2835(d) of the Housing and Economic Reform Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-289, approved July 30, 2008) (HERA) 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 1937 Act 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 of the 1937 Act further provides that to the extent feasible, collect such information through existing reporting processes and in a manner that minimizes burden on property owners.

New section 36 requires HUD to establish standards and definitions for the information to be collected by State agencies and to provide States with technical assistance in establishing systems to compile and submit such information and, in coordination with other Federal agencies administering housing programs, establish procedures to minimize duplicative reporting requirements for properties assisted under multiple housing programs.

On March 30, 2009, HUD published a notice at 74 FR 14149 seeking early input from State agencies and other interested stakeholders on a methodology or approach to meet the statutory requirement to furnish HUD the required information. HUD received approximately 25 comments on this notice by the comment due date of May 29, 2009, from entities including State housing finance and tax credit agencies; tax credit property managers; housing trade associations; research institutes; and nonprofit organizations. The following summary of public comments addresses the significant issues raised and the approach HUD is taking in response. Additionally, interested members of the public may view and respond to the notice of information collection published in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 8392); however, there is no need to resubmit comments HUD already received in connection with the March 30, 2009 notice.

II. Public Comments

1. Tenant Data Collection

Comment: A number of commenters supported the general idea of using the National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA) Tenant Income Certification (TIC) for tenant data collection, but also suggested that States retain flexibility to make modifications. It was suggested that a separate page be added to collect racial, ethnic, and disability status data, along with a statement that responding is voluntary. Other commenters opposed the use of these forms on various grounds. Other commenters stated that Housing Finance Agencies (HFAs) should be given the flexibility to design their own forms, but use the NCSHA TIC to obtain uniform definitions of the required data, which can be adapted. Some