

owners of public housing and assisted housing properties to have HUD review this information for the purpose of identifying these properties as meeting certain requirements for the weatherization program. Demand for the weatherization funds is very high, and long waiting lists already exist in many states for these funds; absent emergency processing of this information request, these individuals are likely to be placed at a competitive disadvantage in applying for Recovery Act weatherization assistance funding, since HUD is otherwise unable to identify these buildings or properties as meeting these requirements under the expedited procedures described in the DOE January 25, 2010 rule.

Failure to secure the information in a timely fashion may delay the ability of potential weatherization program grant recipients to apply for Recovery Act weatherization funds under the streamlined procedures envisioned in the DOE rule.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Multifamily Weatherization Certification.

Description of Information Collection: Certification to be provided by owners of public housing and assisted housing multifamily properties to enable HUD to identify additional properties or buildings that meet requirements of DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program, in addition to those properties already posted on DOE's Web site.

OMB Control Number: 2501—Pending.

Agency Form Numbers: None.

Members of Affected Public: Public Housing Authorities, Owners of HUD-assisted multifamily properties.

Estimation of the Total Numbers of Hours Needed to Prepare the Information Collection Including Number of Respondents, Frequency of Responses, and Hours of Responses: The estimated number of respondents is 100, and the number of responses is 1. There will be in total, approximately 100 total responses. The total reporting burden is 50 hours.

Status of the Proposed Information Collection: New collection of information.

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

Dated: May 11, 2010.

Leroy McKinney,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5376-N-37]

Uniform Physical Standards & Physical Inspection Requirements

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.

All multifamily properties with Section 8 project based assistance or housing with HUD insured or HUD Held mortgages or Housing that is receiving insurance from HUD must be inspected regularly. Entities responsible for conducting physical inspections of the properties are HUD, the lender or the owner. Owners/Agents which have been cited with Exigent Health and Safety (EH&S) deficiencies must certify that (EH&S) deficiencies noted during the inspections have been repaired. This information is intended to ensure that HUD Program Participants maintain HUD properties in a condition that is decent, safe, sanitary, and in good repair.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* June 17, 2010

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2502-0369) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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McKinney Jr. at Leroy.McKinneyJr@hud.gov or telephone (202) 402-5564. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. McKinney.

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: Uniform Physical Standards & Physical Inspection Requirements.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0369.

Form Numbers: None.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: All multifamily properties with Section 8 project based assistance or housing with HUD insured or HUD Held mortgages or Housing that is receiving insurance from HUD must be inspected regularly. Entities responsible for conducting physical inspections of the properties are HUD, the lender or the owner. Owners/Agents which have been cited with Exigent Health and Safety (EH&S) deficiencies must certify that (EH&S) deficiencies noted during the inspections have been repaired. This information is intended to ensure that HUD Program Participants maintain HUD properties in a condition that is decent, safe, sanitary, and in good repair.

Frequency of Submission: Annually, Semi Annually, Every 3 years.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	House per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	10,576	1		3.1		32,953

Total Estimated Burden Hours:
32,953.

Status: Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: May 10, 2010.

Leroy McKinney, Jr.,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5374-N-11]

Buy American Exceptions Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-05, approved February 17, 2009) (Recovery Act), and implementing guidance of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), this notice advises that certain exceptions to the Buy American requirement of the Recovery Act have been determined applicable for work using Capital Fund Recovery Formula and Competition (CFRFC) grant funds. Specifically, an exception was granted to the Housing Authority of Owensboro for the purchase and installation of tank-less water heaters at Adams Village.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dominique G. Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing Investments, Office of Public Housing Investments, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4130, Washington, DC, 20410-4000, telephone number 202-402-8500 (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 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1605(a) of the Recovery Act provides that none of the funds appropriated or made available by the Recovery Act may be used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States. Section 1605(b) provides that the Buy American requirement shall not apply in any case or category in which the head of a Federal department or agency finds that: (1) Applying the Buy American requirement would be inconsistent with the public interest; (2) iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality, or (3) inclusion of iron, steel, and manufactured goods will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent. Section 1605(c) provides that if the head of a Federal department or agency makes a determination pursuant to section 1605(b), the head of the department or agency shall publish a detailed written justification in the **Federal Register**.

In accordance with section 1605(c) of the Recovery Act and OMB's implementing guidance published on April 23, 2009 (74 FR 18449), this notice advises the public that, on April 23, 2010, upon request of the Housing Authority of Owensboro, HUD granted an exception to the applicability of the Buy American requirements with respect to work, using CFRFC grant funds, based on the fact that the relevant manufactured goods (tank-less water heaters) are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality.

Dated: May 10, 2010.

Deborah Hernandez,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5413-N-01]

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program—Demonstration Project of Small Area Fair Market Rents in Certain Metropolitan Areas for Fiscal Year 2011

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

ACTION: Notice of Demonstration Project of Small Area Fair Market Rents (FMRs) in Selected Metropolitan Areas for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011.

SUMMARY: Section 8(c)(1) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (USHA) requires the Secretary to publish FMRs periodically, but not less than annually, adjusted to be effective on October 1 of each year. The primary uses of FMRs are to determine payment standard amounts for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, to determine initial renewal rents for some expiring project-based Section 8 contracts, to determine initial rents for housing assistance payment (HAP) contracts in the Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy program (Mod Rehab), and to serve as a rent ceiling in the HOME rental assistance program. Today's notice announces a demonstration project that will set small area FMRs for the HCV program within certain metropolitan areas, and requests comments on several topics related to small area FMRs, including how these small areas should be defined. Small area FMRs calculated for the Demonstration projects will be used only in the Section 8 HCV program and will not affect rents in any other HUD or other federal program. HUD expects that small area FMRs will provide Section 8 tenants with greater ability to move into opportunity areas where jobs, transportation, and educational opportunities exist, and prevent undue subsidy in lower-rent areas.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* July 19, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding HUD's small area FMR demonstration, as announced in this notice, to the Office of General Counsel, Rules Docket