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### Background and Purpose

*STCW requirements:* Regulation I/10 of the STCW requires Parties to the Convention to establish procedures to recognize certificates issued to maritime officers by or under the authority of another Party. STCW also requires the flag state of a vessel to ensure that all officers serving on board hold properly recognized and endorsed credentials.

*Citizenship waiver provisions within the United States Code:* Title 46 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) allows the employment of foreign citizens aboard certain United States flag vessels. Specifically, 46 U.S.C. 8103(b)(3) establishes authority to waive the requirement for United States citizenship for:

(A) An offshore supply vessel or other similarly engaged vessel of less than 1,600 gross tons as measured under section 14502 of this title, or an alternate tonnage measured under section 14302 of this title as prescribed by the Secretary under section 14104 of this title that operates from a foreign port;

(B) A mobile offshore drilling unit or other vessel engaged in support of exploration, exploitation, or production of offshore mineral energy resources operating beyond the water above the outer Continental Shelf (as that term is defined in section 2(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331(a)); and

(C) Any other vessel if the Secretary determines, after an investigation, that qualified seamen who are citizens of the United States are not available.

*Need for the policy:* Recognition of seafarer competence certificates from other countries would ensure compliance with the STCW Convention requirements, be in accordance with the citizenship waiver requirements in 46 U.S.C. 8103(b)(3), and help ensure that United States flagged vessels are not subject to detention in foreign ports due to allegations of improperly credentialed seafarers. It would also be done in anticipation of the regulatory changes that would be needed to bring the United States into compliance with the STCW requirements.

### The Proposed Policy

Given this need, the Coast Guard is developing a policy to start establishing a process for the United States' recognition of foreign certificates held by foreign officers who may be employed on some United States flag vessels.

The Coast Guard is beginning to develop policy guidance for arrangements between parties to STCW for recognition of certificates under STCW Regulation I/10. The policy would provide guidance for Coast Guard on how and when to recognize STCW certificates issued by other countries. The policy would also provide a list of which countries' certificates may be recognized and the process used to determine that list.

As part of this policy, we expect that once the United States is satisfied that a certificate-issuing country complies with the STCW Convention requirements concerning standards of competence, the issuing and endorsement of certificates, and record keeping, both countries could sign a written formal agreement establishing recognition of each country's STCW certificates.

The proposed policy could also offer guidance for mariners and/or vessel operators/employers with regard to applying for and obtaining a United States-issued endorsement of their foreign certificates.

We welcome your comments on the above proposals. In particular, the Coast Guard is interested in the following information:

1. Which United States flag vessels employ foreign citizens?
2. What are the nationalities of foreign citizens working United States flag vessels?
3. What countries issue STCW certificates for foreign citizens working United States flag vessels?

We will review and analyze all comments received in order to develop the policy.

**Authority:** We issue this notice under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 46 U.S.C. 8103(b)(3).

Dated: September 1, 2010.

**Kevin S. Cook,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Prevention Policy.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5415-N-17]

#### Notice of Availability: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Program

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief of the Human Capital Officer, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HUD announces the availability on its Web site of the applicant information, deadline information, and other requirements for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Program NOFA for FY2010. Approximately \$1.68 billion is made available through this NOFA, through Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111-117, approved December 16, 2009). Carried over or recaptured funds from previous fiscal years, if available, may be added to this amount. Applicants may obtain copies of HUD's FY2010 CoC NOFA and the HUD's Fiscal Year 2010 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Policy Requirements and General Section to HUD's FY2009 NOFAs for Discretionary Programs (General Section) at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/fundsavail.cfm>. Applicants will be required to complete and submit their applications in *e-snaps* at <http://www.hud.gov/esnaps>. This system is not part of Grants.gov. Applicants are strongly encouraged to carefully review application submission requirements contained in the FY2010 CoC NOFA.

The Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) numbers for the CoC Homeless Assistance Program are: 14.235, Supportive Housing Program (SHP); 14.238, Shelter Plus Care (S+C) and 14.249, Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy (SRO).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding specific program requirements should be directed to the agency contact identified in the program NOFA. Questions regarding the 2010 General Section should be directed to the Office of Departmental Grants Management and Oversight at 202-708-0667 (this is not a toll-free number) or the NOFA Information Center at 1-800-HUD-8929 (toll-free). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access these numbers via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

Dated: September 20, 2010.

**Barbara S. Dorf,**

*Director, Office of Departmental Grants, Management and Oversight, Office of the Chief of the Human Capital Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-FR-5383-N-22]

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment; Public/Private Partnerships for the Mixed Finance Development of Public Housing Units**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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: November 26, 2010

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name. The OMB Control number for this Information Collection (IC) is pending, since this IC is being detached from the IC for the Public Housing Capital Fund Program, 2577-0157. Comments should be sent to: Leroy McKinney, Jr., Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4178, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-5564, (this is not a toll-free number) or email Mr.

McKinney at [Leroy.McKinneyJr@hud.gov](mailto:Leroy.McKinneyJr@hud.gov). 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. (Other than the HUD USER information line and TTY numbers, telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Arlette Mussington, Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives, PIH, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room LP2206, Washington, DC 20410; telephone 202-402-4109, (this is not a toll-free number). Additional information can be obtained at <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/under> Title 24, part 941, subpart F.

**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:* Public/Private Partnerships for the Mixed Finance Development of Public Housing Units.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577—pending.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility (QHWRA) Act of 1998 (HUD Reform Act) authorized PHAs to use a combination of private financing and public housing development funds to develop public housing units (Mixed-Finance Development). The implementing regulation for Mixed-Finance transactions is 24 CFR 941, subpart F. Mixed-Finance public housing development is designed to enable PHAs and their partners to structure transactions that make use of private and/or public sources of financing. Many potential scenarios for ownership and transaction structures exist. HUD must ensure that public housing rental regulations and public housing development regulations, which include wider HUD and Federal statutes and regulations, e.g., OMB Circulars, Fair Housing Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, are followed by PHAs and their private sector partners.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* HUD-50029, HUD-50030, Regulatory and Operating Agreement (form number pending). All other information will be collected via unique legal documents.

*Members of affected public:* Real Estate development and management entities, financial entities, Community Development entities, State and Local Governments.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:*

*Frequency of Submission:* Once per Mixed-Finance transaction.

HUD Form Number	No. of respondents	Frequency of response	Estimated hours of preparation	Total annual burden hours
HUD-50029 .....	40	1	16	640
HUD-50030 .....	70	1	16	1,120
Homeownership Addendum .....	40	1	8	320
Regulatory and Operating Agreement .....	70	1	4	280
Mixed-Finance Amendment to the Annual Contributions Contract .....	70	1	8	560
Mixed-Finance Declaration of Restrictive Covenants .....	70	1	.25	17.5
Mixed-Finance Certifications and Assurances .....	70	1	.25	17.5
Mixed-Finance Final Title Policy .....	70	1	.25	17.5
Mixed-Finance Legal Opinion .....	70	1	1	70
<b>Total Hrs. ....</b>				<b>3,042.5</b>

*Members of affected public:* local governments, public housing

authorities, nonprofits, and for-project

developers that apply jointly with a public entity.