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This notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Application Form.
OMB Approval Number: 2577–Pending.
Form Numbers: HUD 5260, HUD 5261.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use

The Rental Assistance Demonstration allows Public Housing and Moderate Rehabilitation (Mod Rehab) properties to convert to long-term Section 8 rental assistance contracts; and Rent Supplement (Rent Supp), Rental Assistance Payment (RAP), and Mod Rehab properties, upon contract expiration or termination, to convert tenant protection vouchers (TPVs) to project-based vouchers (PBVs). Participation in the initiative will be voluntary. Public Housing Agencies and Mod Rehab owners interested in participating in the Demonstration are

required to submit applications to HUD. HUD intends through the conversion process, to assure the physical and financial sustainability of properties and enable owners to leverage private financing to address immediate and long-term capital needs, improve operations, and implement energy efficiency improvements. The RAD applications are Excel based and will be interest as soon as possible. For complete details concerning the processing of applications, the reader is encouraged to refer to the interim rule governing this program, 24 CFR part 581.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per burden	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	8,855	1		2		17,710

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 17,710.

Status: New collection.

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

Dated: July 25, 2012.

Colette Pollard,

Department Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5603–N–51]

FY 2012 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Rural Capacity Building Program

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.

The Narratives associated with Rural Capacity Building program will allow CPD to accurately assess the experience, expertise, and overall capacity of national organizations with expertise in rural housing, including experience working with rural housing organizations, local governments, and Indian tribes. HUD requires information in order to ensure the eligibility of Rural

Capacity Building program applicants and proposals, to rate and rank applications, and to select applicants for grant awards. The Rural Capacity Building NOFA requires applicants to submit specific forms and narrative responses.

DATES: Comments Due Date: August 29, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2506–Pending) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202–395–5806. Email: *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov* fax: 202–395–5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colette Pollard., Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email Colette Pollard at *Colette.Pollard@hud.gov.* or telephone (202) 402–3400. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

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: FY 2012 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Rural Capacity Building Program.

OMB Approval Number: 2506–Pending.

Form Numbers: SF–424, HUD, 424–CB, HUD 424–CBW, SF LLL.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed

The Narratives associated with Rural Capacity Building program will allow CPD to accurately assess the experience, expertise, and overall capacity of national organizations with expertise in rural housing, including experience working with rural housing organizations, local governments, and Indian tribes. HUD requires information in order to ensure the eligibility of Rural Capacity Building program applicants and proposals, to rate and rank applications, and to select applicants for grant awards. The Rural Capacity Building NOFA requires applicants to submit specific forms and narrative responses.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	30	1		40		1200

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 1,200.
 Status: New collection.

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

Dated: July 25, 2012.

Colette Pollard,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5643-N-01]

Notice of Annual Factors for Determining Public Housing Agency Administrative Fees for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and Moderate Rehabilitation Programs

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the monthly per unit fee amounts for use in determining the on-going administrative fee for housing agencies administering the rental voucher and moderate rehabilitation programs, including Single Room Occupancy during Calendar Year (CY) 2012.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 1, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Miguel Fontanez, Director, Housing Voucher Financial Management Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 4222, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410-8000, telephone number 202-402-2934. (This is not a toll-free number). Hearing or speech impaired individuals may call TTY number 800-877-8337.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose and Substantive Description

This **Federal Register** Notice provides the Department's methodology to determine the Calendar Year 2012 administrative fees rates by area, which the Office of Housing Voucher Programs (OHVP) will utilize to compensate public housing agencies (PHAs) for administering the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. PIH Notice 2012-9 entitled, Implementation of the Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Funding Provision for the Housing Choice Voucher Program, issued on February 8, 2012,¹ describes the settlement process for this compensation, which will be a result of the mandate enacted in the "Consolidated and Furthering Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012" (Pub. L. 112-55, approved November 18, 2011) (FY 2012 Appropriation Act).

B. Methodology History

Section 8 Administrative Fees are based on the higher of the FY 1993 Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom unit in a PHA's market area or the FY 1994 FMR for a two-bedroom unit, but not more than 103.5 percent of the FY 1993 FMR. This Fee Base is also subject to a \$428 minimum and a \$811 maximum. (The average FMR in 1993 was \$555).

FMR areas (Fee Base areas) were updated in 2005 to new OMB metropolitan area definitions. Where a new metropolitan area is made up of more than one old metropolitan area, the fee base for the largest of the old areas in the new area was used.

Prior to 2005, the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-276) (QHWRA) required renewals to be based on the per unit cost from a PHA's latest year-end settlement statement for 100 percent of expiring annual contribution contract (ACC) units. Since then, HUD has made

changes to how it calculates the administrative fees for PHAs administering the Section 8 programs. These changes have been caused by budgetary mandates rather than research on what it actually costs to administer a well-run program.

When the voucher program was introduced, administrative fees were set at 6.5% of the two-bedroom FMR. Administrative Fees had three components, ongoing, preliminary, and hard-to-house fees. In FY 2003, a flat fee was implemented, which was calculated based on the amount each PHA was eligible to receive in CY 2003. This calculation used the Column A and Column B published rates to determine the fees. This change meant that PHAs would receive a set amount regardless of leasing. This methodology for calculating administrative fees was the basis for determining fee funding in 2004 through 2007.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (Pub. L. 110-161, approved December 26, 2007), changed the methodology again for calculating fees back to Section 8 (q) pre-QHWRA where fees are now based on the leasing reported in the Voucher Management System. This same methodology has been applied in each year since 2007 because Congress has continued to require that the same standard be used in the relevant appropriations acts.

The Fee Base numbers are updated annually using Bureau of Labor Statistics data on average local government wages at the State metropolitan and nonmetropolitan level. The Congress has changed the percentage of the fee base used to reimburse administrative costs three times since the current system was established. The following chart shows the history of admin fee rates for Column A and Column B.

Fiscal year	First 600 units (percent)	Additional units (percent)
1995 and 1996	8.2	7.79
1997	7.5	7
1998 and 1999	7.65	7
2000 through 2012	7.5	7

¹ PIH Notice 2012-9 is available online at: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/>

[program_offices/public_indian_housing/publications/notices](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/publications/notices).