

Speakers will be asked to provide brief comments to allow adequate time to hear all comments. Should any speaker desire to provide further information for the record that cannot be presented within the designated time, such additional information may be submitted at the meeting, electronically, or by letter at the address provided on this notice by June 6, 2017. Speakers are encouraged to provide a written version of their oral comments at the in person meetings to ensure that their comments are completely and accurately recorded.

FEMA requests that reviewers provide specific information and comments on factual errors, missing information, or additional considerations that should be corrected or included in the Final NPEIS. Comments on the Draft NPEIS should be as specific as possible and address the adequacy of the NPEIS or the merits of the alternatives discussed (40 CFR 1503.3).

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. The names, street addresses, and city or town information of those providing comments will be part of the administrative record, and will be subject to public disclosure unless confidentiality is requested. Such a request must be stated prominently at the beginning of the comment. We will honor requests to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety, consistent with applicable law.

Comments submitted during this public comment period will be considered in preparation of a Final NPEIS and used by FEMA in its decision-making process for the Federal action. After gathering public comments, FEMA will review and provide responses in the Final NPEIS according to 40 CFR 1503.4. A Record of Decision addressing the Federal action will be issued by FEMA no sooner than 30 days following the distribution of the Final NPEIS.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4331 *et seq.*; 40 CFR part 1500; FEMA Instruction 108–1–1.

Dated: March 29, 2017.

Robert Fenton,

Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA–2014–0022]

Technical Mapping Advisory Council

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Committee Management; Request for Applicants for Appointment to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Technical Mapping Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is requesting qualified individuals interested in serving on the Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC) to apply for appointment. As provided for in the *Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012*, the TMAC makes recommendations to the FEMA Administrator on how to improve, in a cost-effective manner, the accuracy, general quality, ease of use, and distribution and dissemination of flood insurance rate maps (FIRMs) and risk data; and performance metrics and milestones required to effectively and efficiently map flood risk areas in the United States. Applicants will be considered for appointment for the four vacancies on the TMAC.

DATES: Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. EST on April 24, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Applications for membership should be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Email:* FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov.
- *Mail:* FEMA, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Risk Management Directorate, Attn: Mark Crowell, 400 C Street SW., Suite 313, Washington, DC 20472–3020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Crowell (Designated Federal Officer for the TMAC); FEMA, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Risk Management Directorate, 400 C Street SW., Suite 313, Washington, DC 20472–3020; telephone: (202) 646–3432; and email: FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov. The TMAC Web site is: <http://www.fema.gov/TMAC>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The TMAC is an advisory committee that was established by the *Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012*, 42 U.S.C. 4101a, and in accordance with provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)*, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92–463). The TMAC is required to make recommendations to FEMA on mapping-related issues and activities.

This includes mapping standards and guidelines, performance metrics and milestones, map maintenance, interagency and intergovernmental coordination, map accuracy, funding strategies, and other mapping-related issues and activities. In addition, the TMAC is required to submit an annual report to the FEMA Administrator that contains: (1) A description of the activities of the Council; (2) an evaluation of the status and performance of flood insurance rate maps and mapping activities to revise and update Flood Insurance Rate Maps; and (3) a summary of recommendations made by the Council to the FEMA Administrator.

Members of the TMAC will be appointed based on their demonstrated knowledge and competence regarding surveying, cartography, remote sensing, geographic information systems, or the technical aspects of preparing and using FIRMs. To the maximum extent practicable, FEMA will ensure that membership of the TMAC has a balance of Federal, State, local, Tribal, and private members, and includes geographic diversity.

FEMA is requesting qualified individuals who are interested in serving on the TMAC to apply for appointment. Applicants will be considered for appointment for four vacancies on the TMAC, the terms of which start on October 1, 2017. Certain members of the TMAC, as described below, will be appointed to serve as Special Government Employees (SGE) as defined in section 202(a) of title 18 United States Code. Candidates selected for appointment as SGEs are required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Form (Office of Government Ethics (OGE) Form 450). This form can be obtained by visiting the Web site of the Office of Government Ethics (<http://www.oge.gov>). Please do not submit this form with your application. Qualified applicants will be considered for one or more of the following membership categories with vacancies:

a. One representative of a State government agency that has entered into a cooperating technical partnership with the FEMA Administrator and has demonstrated the capability to produce FIRMs;

b. One member (SGE) of a recognized professional association or organization representing flood hazard determination firms; and

c. One representative of a recognized professional association or organization representing State geographic information.

Members of the TMAC serve terms of office for two years. There is no

application form. However, applications must include the following information:

- The applicant’s full name,
- home and business phone numbers,
- preferred email address,
- home and business mailing addresses,
- current position title and organization,
- resume or curriculum vitae,
- and the membership category of interest (e.g., member of a recognized professional association or organization representing flood hazard determination firms).

The TMAC shall meet as often as needed to fulfill its mission, but not less than twice a year. Members may be reimbursed for travel and per diem incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the TMAC. All travel for TMAC business must be approved in advance by the Designated Federal Officer.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor. DHS strives to achieve a widely diverse candidate pool for all its recruitment actions. Current DHS and FEMA employees will not be considered for membership. Federally registered lobbyists will not be considered for SGE appointments.

Dated: March 31, 2017.

Roy Wright,

Associate Administrator, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5998-N-01]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Appalachia Economic Development Initiative

AGENCY: Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* June 6, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone (202) 402-3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at *Colette.Pollard@hud.gov* for a copy of the proposed forms or other available information. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie L. Williams, Ph.D., Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC

20410; email *Jackie.Williams@hud.gov* telephone (202) 708-2290. 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 Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Appalachia Economic Development Initiative.

OMB Approval Number: 2506-0201.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collection.

Form Number: SF 424; HUD 424CB; HUD 424-CBW; SF-LLL; HUD 2880; HUD 2990; HUD 2991; HUD 2993; HUD 2994A; HUD 27061; and HUD 27300.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The purpose of this submission is for the application for the Appalachia Economic Development Initiative grant process. Information is required to rate and rank competitive applications and to ensure eligibility of applicants for funding. Semi-annual reporting is required to monitor grant management.

Respondents: 50.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Number of Responses: 50.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 12.55.

Total Estimated Burdens: 627.5.

Estimated Burden:

Instruments	Respondents	Annual responses	Total responses	Burden per response	Total annual hours	Hourly rate **	Burden cost per instrument
HUD-424CB	50	1	50	2.60	130.00	25.00	\$3,250.00
HUD-424CBW-I	50	1	50	3.20	160.00	25.00	4,000.00
HUD-2880	50	1	50	2.00	100.00	25.00	2,500.00
HUD-2990	50	1	50	0.00	0.00	00.00	00.00
HUD-2991	50	1	50	0.00	0.00	00.00	00.00
HUD-2993	50	1	50	0.00	0.00	00.00	00.00
HUD-2994A	50	1	50	0.50	25.00	25.00	625.00
HUD-27061	50	1	50	1.25	62.50	25.00	1,562.50
HUD-27300	50	1	50	3.00	150.00	25.00	3,750.00
Total	50	1	50	12.55	627.50	25.00	15,687.50

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of

information described in Section A on the following:

- (1) 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) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;