

Accordingly, the Information Technology (IT) Sector, represented by industry via the IT Sector Coordinating Council (SCC) and by government via the IT Government Coordinating Council (GCC), established the IT Sector Small and Mid-sized Business (SMB) Cybersecurity Best Practices Working Group (“Working Group”) to develop best practices for implementing the NIST Cybersecurity Framework in the SMB community. The Working Group, which consists of industry and government representatives, developed the SMB Cybersecurity Survey to determine return on investment (ROI) metrics for NIST Cybersecurity Framework adoption among SMB stakeholders. This process will assess the effectiveness of the NIST Cybersecurity Framework. This process will also establish a baseline for ROI metrics, which have not previously existed in the SMB community. The IT Sector-Specific Agency (SSA), headquartered in DHS NPPD CS&C, is supporting the Working Group’s survey development.

DHS is not administering, controlling or soliciting the collection of the information via the survey. The IT SCC will administer the survey and anonymize the data, which will then be sent to DHS for analysis. As part of the survey process, the IT SCC will collect point of contact (POC) information but will not include that information on the anonymized dataset they submit to DHS. As specified in more detail below, the IT SCC will not only anonymize the data but will also remove any personally identifiable information (PII) from the data prior to transmitting to DHS. DHS will aid with the statistical analysis where needed, but would not be working with the individual responses to the questionnaire.

The questionnaire will be distributed to SMBs and is a two-part survey. Questions 1–11 of the survey are for an organization’s leadership, as these questions pertain to high level information about the company (core function, number of employees, etc.). The remaining questions are intended for the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) or appropriate IT staff, as these questions are technical and ask about the IT security of the company.

As identified above, once the survey is administered by the private sector partners of the IT SCC to the member organizations, the private sector partners of the IT SCC will compile the collected raw inputs and will (a) assign unique random identifiers to each of the responses, (b) scrub any PII from the microdata, (c) conduct quality assurance against the raw input. These processing

steps (a–c) will be implemented PRIOR to transmitting the resulting dataset to DHS for statistical analysis. This survey represents a new collection.

DHS will use anonymized data to conduct their analysis. The intent is for DHS to only receive derivative products—anonymized micro-dataset to come up with the summary statistics, or aggregated summary results. The analysis will determine ROI information for NIST Cybersecurity Framework adoption in the SMB community. The results of this analysis will be available to the SMB community to develop best practices on how to use the Cybersecurity Framework for business protection and risk management.

OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

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.

Title of Collection: The Department of Homeland Security, Stakeholder Engagement & Cyber Infrastructure Resilience Division.

OMB Control Number: 1670—NEW.

Frequency: Once every five years.

Affected Public: Private sector, Small & Midsize Businesses.

Number of Respondents: 1,000 annually.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 500 annual burden hours.

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

Total Recordkeeping Burden: \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0.

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Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5997–N–80]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Continuation of Interest Reduction Payments After Refinancing Section 236 Projects

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 30 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* January 17, 2018.

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: 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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inez C. Downs, Reports Management Officer, QMAC, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410; email Inez.C.Downs@hud.gov, or telephone 202–402–8046. This is not a toll-free number. Person 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. Downs.

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

The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on September 5, 2017 at 82 FR 41976.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Continuation of Interest Reduction Payments After Refinancing Section 236 Projects.

OMB Approval Number: 2502–0572.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Form Number: HUD–93173 Agreement for Interest Reduction Payments (§ 236(e)(2)).

HUD-93175 Agreement for Interest Reduction Payments (§ 236(b)).

HUD-93174 Use Agreement (§ 236(e)(2)).

HUD-93176 Use Agreement (§ 236(b)).

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The purpose of this information collection is to preserve low-income housing units. HUD uses the information to ensure that owners, mortgagees and or public entities enter into binding agreements for the continuation of Interest Reduction Payments (IRP) after refinancing eligible Section 236 projects. HUD has created an electronic application for eligible projects to retain the IRP benefits after refinancing.

Respondents: (i.e. affected public) Profit Motivated or Non-Profit Owners of Section 236 Projects.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 875.

Estimated Number of Responses: 2.

Frequency of Response: 1,750.

Average Hours per Response: 1 hour.

Total Estimated Burden: 1,750.

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;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to 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.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

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

Dated: November 22, 2017.

Inez C. Downs,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5997-N-79]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Housing Counseling Program—Biennial Agency Performance Review

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 30 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* January 17, 2018.

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

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

The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on September 5, 2017 at 82 FR 41976.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Housing Counseling Program—Biennial Agency Performance Review.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0574.

Type of Request: Extension.

Form Number: HUD-9910.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use: HUD's Office of Housing Counseling

participating agencies are non-profit and government organizations that provide housing counseling services. The information collected allows HUD to monitor and provide oversight for agencies participating in the Housing Counseling Program. Specifically, the information collected is used to ensure that participating agencies comply with program policies and regulations and to determine if agencies remain eligible to provide counseling services under HUD's Housing Counseling Program. Housing counseling aids tenants, potential home buyers and homeowners in improving their housing conditions and in meeting the responsibilities of tenancy and homeownership.

Respondents (i.e. Affected Public): Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 455.

Estimated Number of Responses: 455.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 9.5.

Total Estimated Burden: 4,322.50.

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;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to 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.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

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

Dated: November 22, 2017.

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