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Dated: October 28, 2004.

Howard L. Hime,

Acting Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4910-N-24]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment; HOPE VI Programs: Data Collection

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:* January 3, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB Control number and should be sent to: Aneita Waites, Reports Liaison Officer, Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4116, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Aneita Waites, (202) 708-0713, extension 4114, for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents. (This is not a toll-free number.)

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: HOPE VI Programs: Data Collection.

OMB Control Number: 2577-0208.

Description Of The Need For The Information And Proposed Use: Section 24 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as added by section 535 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-276, 112 Stat. 2461, approved October 21, 1998) and the HOPE VI Program Reauthorization and Small Community Mainstreet Rejuvenation and Housing Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-186, 117 Stat. 2685, approved December 16, 2003) establishes the HOPE VI program for the purpose of making assistance available on a competitive basis to public housing agencies (PHAs) in improving the living environment for public housing residents of severely distressed public housing projects through the demolition, rehabilitation, reconfiguration, or replacement of severely distressed public housing projects (or portions thereof); in revitalizing areas in which public housing sites are located, and contributing to the improvement of the surrounding community; in providing housing that avoids or decreases the concentration of very low-income families; and in building sustainable communities. In addition, the HOPE VI Program Reauthorization and Small Community Mainstreet Rejuvenation and Housing Act of 2003 adds to the HOPE VI program the purpose of making assistance available on a competitive basis to small units of local government to develop affordable housing as part of Main Street rejuvenation projects.

Agency Form Number: HUD-52774, HUD-52780, HUD-52785, HUD-52787, HUD-52789, HUD-52790, HUD-52797, HUD-52799, HUD-52800, HUD-52825-A, HUD-52860-A, HUD-52861, HUD-53001, and HUD-53001-A.

Members Of Affected Public: Public Housing Agencies, Units of local government with populations of less than 50,000.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents:

	Respondents	Annual responses	Total responses	Burden per	Total burden hours
Revitalization Application, including 52860–A, 52800, 52825–A, 52799, 52797, 52785, 52787	80	1	80	190	15,200
Demolition Application, including 52790, 52780	34	1	34	40	1,360
Main Street Application, including 52861	50	1	50	50	2,500
On-line Quarterly Reporting	190	4	760	20	15,200
52825–A Budget updating	190	2	380	3	1,140
52798 Supportive Svcs Workplan	25	1	25	15	375
52774 Relocation Plan Guide	25	1	25	15	375
53001–A Cost Certificate	38	1	38	2	76
Total Burden					36,226

Status of the Proposed Information Collection: Removal of HOPE VI Neighborhood Networks Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) and related forms. Addition of HOPE VI Main Street NOFA and related form.

Authority: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: October 27, 2004.

Paula O. Blunt,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4889–N–02]

Change in Effective Date in Notice for Designation of Difficult Development Areas Under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This document amends a notice that designates 2004 Difficult Development Areas (the 2004 notice), by extending 2003 eligibility for areas that were designated as 2003 Difficult Development Areas in a notice published in 2002 (the 2003 notice), but were not so designated in the 2004 notice. The amendment is necessary because publication of the 2004 notice only two weeks prior to its effective date did not provide adequate notice to affected entities. This notice (1) changes the definition of effective date to relate it to the filing date of an application for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits or tax-exempt bond financing, (2) extends the effective date for areas designated as Difficult Development Areas in the 2003 notice that were not Difficult Development Areas in the 2004 notice, and (3) changes the definition of effective date for the Difficult Development Areas and Qualified

Census Tracts in the 2004 notice to relate it to the filing date of an application for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits or tax-exempt bond financing, but does not change the dates themselves.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

With questions related narrowly to the issue of the effective dates in this notice, Kurt G. Usowski, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs, Office of Policy Development and Research, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410–6000, telephone (202) 708–2770, or e-mail Kurt_G_Usowski@hud.gov. With questions on how areas are designated and on geographic definitions, Alastair McFarlane, Senior Economist, Economic Development and Public Finance Division, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410–6000, telephone (202) 708–0426, e-mail Alastair_McFarlane@hud.gov. A text telephone is available for persons with hearing or speech impairments at (202) 708–9300. (These are not toll-free telephone numbers.) Additional copies of this notice are available through HUDUSER at (800) 260–2691 for a small fee to cover duplication and mailing costs.

Copies Available Electronically: This notice is available electronically on the Internet (World Wide Web) at <http://www.huduser.org/datasets/qct.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 19, 2003, HUD published the 2004 notice in the **Federal Register** designating Difficult Development Areas and Qualified Census Tracts for calendar year 2004. The 2004 notice provides that the lists of Difficult Development Areas are effective if the credits are allocated after December 31, 2003; and, in the case of a building described in section 42(h)(4)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code), the lists are effective if the

bonds are issued and the building is placed in service after December 31, 2003.

Section 42(d)(5)(C) of the Code defines a Difficult Development Area as any area designated by the Secretary of HUD as an area that has high construction, land, and utility costs relative to the area median gross income. All designated Difficult Development Areas in metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) may not contain more than 20 percent of the aggregate population of all MSAs, and all designated areas not in MSAs (nonmetropolitan areas) may not contain more than 20 percent of the aggregate population of all nonmetropolitan areas. In the case of buildings located in Difficult Development Areas, eligible basis can be increased by as much as 130 percent of what it would otherwise be. This means that the available Low-Income Housing Tax Credits also can be increased by as much as 30 percent.

HUD typically issues a notice in the **Federal Register** in the last quarter of a calendar year designating Difficult Development Areas for the forthcoming calendar year. HUD uses a ranking procedure to select Difficult Development Areas, subject to the 20 percent population cap. Because income and housing cost conditions change, new areas are added to the lists of designated Difficult Development Areas each year and some old areas are dropped from the lists. The 2004 lists published on December 19, 2003, do not include 10 metropolitan areas and 68 nonmetropolitan areas on the 2003 lists of Difficult Development Areas and include 3 metropolitan areas and 47 nonmetropolitan areas not on the 2003 lists of Difficult Development Areas.

Determination

HUD recognizes that, with every new designation of Difficult Development Areas, some metropolitan areas and nonmetropolitan areas lose their designation and rental projects planned in these areas lose their eligibility for