

Agenda: (1) A report by the Director, NICHD; (2) Obstetric and Pediatric Pharmacology Branch Presentation; (3) a report of the subcommittee on Planning and Policy; and other business of the Council.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 31 Center Drive, C-Wing, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications and/or proposals.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 31 Center Drive, C-Wing, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Yvonne T. Maddox, PhD, Deputy Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, 9000 Rockville Pike MSC 7510, Building 31, Room 2A03, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-1848.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxicabs, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: www.nichd.nih.gov/about/nachhd.htm, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.864, Population Research; 93.865, Research for Mothers and Children; 93.929, Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research; 93.209, Contraception and Infertility Loan Repayment Program. National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 27, 2007.

Anna Snouffer,

Deputy Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Workshops

Notice is hereby given of a series of four scientific workshops organized by the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC).

The workshops will be closed to the public with attendance limited to invited participants. The purpose of the scientific workshops is to generate research priorities that will be used to

develop the IACC strategic plan for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) research. The next meeting of the IACC when research priorities will be discussed is March 14, 2008.

Name of Committee: Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC).

Type of meeting: Scientific workshops.

Date: January 15-18, 2008.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Agenda: Review of research accomplishments, funding initiatives and research resources for ASD by scientists and other ASD stakeholders; discussion and generation of high priority research areas and initiatives for developing the IACC strategic plan for ASD research.

Place: The Westin Arlington Gateway, 801 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22203, 703-717-6200.

Contact Person: Joyce Y. Chung, MD, Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, 6001 Executive Boulevard, NSC, Room 6198, Bethesda, MD 20892-9669, 301-443-3621.

Information about the IACC is available on the Web site: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research-funding/scientific-meetings/recurring-meetings/iacc/index.shtml>.

Dated: December 27, 2007.

Anna Snouffer,

Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Drug Abuse Draft Strategic Plan

AGENCY: National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is developing a strategic plan for the next 5 years, and invites the public to provide comments on a draft of this plan. The draft plan will be publicly available through the NIDA Draft Strategic Plan Web page (<http://www.drugabuse.gov/StrategicPlan/Index.html>) for 30 days from the publication of this Notice. The public is invited to provide comments via the e-mail address or the postal address listed on the NIDA Draft Strategic Plan Web page.

Background: NIDA is the lead Federal agency for research on drug abuse and addiction. For the past three decades, NIDA has led the way in supporting research to prevent and treat drug abuse and addiction and mitigate the impact of their consequences—particularly the spread of HIV/AIDS and other infectious

diseases. Given recent revolutionary advances in drug abuse research, NIDA has recently undergone a strategic planning process gathering recommendations from the National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse and from ongoing dialogue with our various stakeholder groups to establish achievable goals and objectives for the future.

NIDA's draft Strategic Plan outlines four major goal areas—Prevention, Treatment, HIV/AIDS, and Cross Cutting Priorities—each with Strategic Objectives that will guide NIDA's research agenda for the future. The public is invited to review this draft plan and provide comments. The draft plan may be viewed at <http://www.drugabuse.gov/StrategicPlan/Index.html>, and hard copies are available by calling 301-443-1124 or by sending a letter requesting a copy (that includes your mailing address) to: National Institute on Drug Abuse, Attn: Draft Strategic Plan, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 5213, MSC 9561, Bethesda, MD 20892-9561.

Request for Comments: The public is invited to provide comments on the draft Strategic Plan. Comments may be sent to the email address listed on the NIDA Strategic Planning Web page at <http://www.drugabuse.gov/StrategicPlan/Index.html>, or to the postal address listed above.

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding NIDA's draft Strategic Plan should be submitted via e-mail to stratplan@nida.nih.gov no later than 30 days after the publication of this Notice. Comments mailed to the above postal address must be postmarked by the same date.

Dated: December 21, 2007.

Nora D. Volkow,

Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5121-N-35]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request Loan Sales Bidder Qualification Statement

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, 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: *Comment Due Date:* March 7, 2008.

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: Lillian Deitzer, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Lillian_L_Deitzer@HUD.gov or telephone (202)402-8048.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Lucey, Deputy Director, Asset Sales Office, Room 3136, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone 202-708-2625, extension 3927 or Gregory Bolton, Senior Attorney, Office of Insured Housing, Multifamily Division, Room 9230; telephone 202-708-0614, extension 5245. Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may call 202-708-4594 (TTY). These are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting 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 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 the use of appropriate automated collection techniques of other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This notice list the following information:

Title of Proposal: HUD Loan Sale Bidder Qualification Statement.

OMB Control Number: 2502—New.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: None.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The

Qualification Statement solicits from Prospective bidders to the HUD Loan Sales the basic qualifications required for bidding including but not limited to, Purchaser Information (Name of Purchaser, Corporate Entity, Address, Tax ID), Business Type, Net Worth, Equity Size, Prior History with HUD Loans and prior sales participation. By executing the Qualification Statement, the purchaser certifies, represents and warrants to HUD that each of the statements included are true and correct as to the purchaser and thereby qualifies them to bid.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The Bidder Qualification Statement is released to a pool of 22,900 potential investors, of which 520 respond annually. The estimated number of burden hours needed to prepare the information collection is 260; the frequency of response is on occasion; and the estimated time needed to prepare the response is near thirty (30) minutes and cost on the respondent to complete the statement is estimated to be close to ten (10) dollars.

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

Dated: December 28, 2007.

Frank L. Davis,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing—Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge in LaSalle and Catahoula Parishes, Louisiana.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service announces that a Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge is available for distribution. The CCP was prepared pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and describes how the refuge will be managed for the next 15 years. The

compatibility determinations for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, environmental education and interpretation, all-terrain vehicle use, cooperative farming, and resource research studies, are also available within the plan.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the CCP/FONSI may be obtained by writing to: Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Drawer Z, Rhinehart, LA 71363. The CCP/FONSI may also be accessed and downloaded from the Service's Web site: <http://southeast.fws.gov/planning/>. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tina Chouinard, Natural Resource Planner, North Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex; Telephone: 318/305-0643; Fax: 318/726-4667; e-mail: tina_chouinard@fws.gov; or by writing to the refuge manager at the address in the **ADDRESSES** section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With this notice, we finalize the CCP process for Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge, begun as announced in the **Federal Register** on March 2, 2005 (70 FR 10109). For more about the process, see that notice. We released the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment (Draft CCP/EA) to the public, requesting comments in a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 2007 (72 FR 19719).

The plan and environmental assessment identified and evaluated three alternatives for managing the refuge over the next 15 years. Alternative A represents no change from current management of the refuge. All management actions would be directed towards achieving the refuge's primary purposes, which include: (1) To provide migrating and wintering habitat for migratory waterfowl consistent with the overall objectives of the Mississippi Flyway; (2) to provide nesting habitat for wood ducks; (3) to provide habitat and protection for threatened and endangered species; and (4) to manage bottomland hardwoods and provide habitat for a natural wildlife diversity. Under Alternative B, the refuge would add more staff, equipment, and facilities in order to provide greater enhancement and management of bottomland hardwood forest, grassland, and moist-soil habitats for the greatest benefit of wildlife. The primary focus under Alternative C would be to maximize the endemic bottomland hardwood forest with minimal management. Under this alternative, there would be no active management of refuge resources.

Based on the environmental assessment and the comments received, the Service adopted Alternative B as its