

disaster declaration on a case-by-case basis.

(f) Eligible Period of Assistance.

(1) Snow assistance is available for all "eligible costs" incurred over a continuous 48-hour period. Applicants may select a 48-hour period during which the highest eligible costs were incurred. Once costs are submitted for the chosen 48-hour period that selected 48-hour period cannot be changed.

(2) The FEMA Assistant

Administrator of the Disaster Assistance Directorate may extend the eligible time period of assistance by 24 hours in counties where snowfall quantities greatly exceed record amounts. To be eligible for a time extension, the current event snowfall must exceed the historical record snowfall by at least 50 percent. The time period will be extended 24 hours for each designated county that meets this 50 percent criterion.

(3) Different applicants in the same designated county may use different 48-hour periods. However, all agencies or instrumentalities of a local government must use the same 48-hour time period.

(4) A State agency, such as a Department of Transportation, that provides snow assistance in multiple locations throughout the State, may use different 48-hour periods.

(g) Eligible Applicants.

Entities that meet the applicant eligibility, 44 CFR 206.222, and are performing work that meets the requirements of general work eligibility, 44 CFR 206.223, are eligible for snow assistance.

(h) Eligible Work.

Eligible work, under Category B, emergency protective measures, as described in the Public Assistance Guide, FEMA 322, ([http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/pa/pagprnt\\_071905.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/pa/pagprnt_071905.pdf)) includes snow removal, snow dumps, de-icing, salting, and sanding of roads and other facilities essential to eliminate or lessen immediate threats to life, public health, and safety. In addition, activities related to the snowstorm such as search and rescue, sheltering, and other emergency protective measures are eligible work. Other categories of work may be eligible under a snowstorm declaration where appropriate.

(i) Eligible Costs.

FEMA will provide snow assistance during the 48-hour period for the overtime but not the straight time cost of the applicant's regularly-employed personnel. The cost of contract labor (including temporary hires who perform eligible emergency work) is an eligible cost, as are the costs for equipment and materials used in the performance of

eligible work. If applicants award contracts for periods greater than the eligible period of assistance, eligible funding will be limited to the costs incurred during the eligible period of assistance. The same pro-rata method for calculating eligible funding applies to all other eligible snow assistance costs.

(j) Insurance. It is the responsibility of an applicant to notify the Regional Administrator of FEMA, through the State, of any actual or anticipated proceeds from insurance covering snow removal or other snow assistance costs. FEMA will deduct the actual or anticipated amount of snow removal or other snow assistance cost insurance proceeds from policies in force at the time of the snowfall.

(k) Severe Winter Storm Declarations.

(1) Severe Winter Storm declaration requests must satisfy the requirements of 44 CFR 206.36 and 44 CFR 206.48, but are not required to meet the record or near record snowfall requirements described under paragraph (b) of this policy. FEMA will not include snow removal costs when calculating the per capita cost impacts for a severe winter storm declaration unless the county qualifies for snow assistance under paragraph (b) of this policy.

(2) In a major disaster declaration for a Severe Winter Storm, snow removal costs will not be eligible for FEMA assistance if the county does not meet the requirements for snow assistance under paragraph (b) of this policy. A limited level of snow removal incidental to disaster response may be eligible for assistance. Generally, snow removal that is necessary to perform otherwise eligible emergency work is eligible. For example, snow removal necessary to access debris or to repair downed power lines is eligible, while normal clearance of snow from roads is not eligible.

(3) A Governor's request for a major disaster declaration as a result of a Severe Winter Storm shall cite "Severe Winter Storm" as the incident type in the Governor's request as will the Regional Administrator's Regional Disaster Summary and the Regional Analysis and Recommendation.

(4) The procedures for requesting and evaluating a Severe Winter Storm declaration will follow the same process as any request for a major disaster declaration as outlined in 44 CFR part 206 subpart B.

(5) The evaluation of current and historical snowfall data for the designation of snow assistance, if warranted, will follow the same procedures as described for snow assistance in this policy.

Dated: July 11, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2008-0009]

### National Disaster Housing Strategy

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is accepting comments on the National Disaster Housing Strategy (NDHS). The NDHS is intended to serve two purposes. It describes how we as a Nation currently provide housing to those affected by disasters, and charts the new direction that our disaster housing efforts must take if we are to better meet the emergent needs of disaster victims and communities.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by September 22, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The NDHS is available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may also view a hard copy of the NDHS at the Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472. You may submit comments on the NDHS, identified by Docket ID FEMA-2008-0009, by one of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*E-mail:* [FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov). Include Docket ID FEMA-2008-0009 in the subject line of the message.

*Fax:* 866-466-5370.

*Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Regulation & Policy Team, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472.

*Instructions:* All Submissions received must include the agency name and Docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read

the Privacy Act notice that is available on the Privacy and Use Notice link on the Administration Navigation Bar of <http://www.regulations.gov>. Due to the large number of comments expected, FEMA urges commenters to use the form provided in the docket when submitting their comments. To comment using the form provided, please open the form in Word, enter your comments to the form and save it as a new file on your computer. When submitting your comment on <http://www.regulations.gov>, below the box provided for written comments is a link for "Attachments". Browse for the file saved to your computer then upload the form.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submitted comments may also be inspected at FEMA, Office of Chief Counsel, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laura McClure, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, 202-646-4389.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Disaster Housing Strategy (NDHS), serves as a guide to how the Nation currently provides housing after a disaster, and sets a course for improving the methods in which we can provide housing to meet the emergent needs of disaster victims and communities. As requested by Congress in Section 683 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006, Public Law 109-295, the NDHS is intended to begin a long-term effort to build on current strengths and encourage all involved to work collaboratively and seek innovative housing solutions. It intends to establish a strong foundation based on clear roles and responsibilities, key principles to guide national efforts, a joint planning process to build baseline capabilities, and additional resources to better prepare for an impending or emergent event.

The NDHS promotes a national housing effort that engages all levels of government and the private sector to collectively meet the urgent housing needs of disaster victims and to enable individuals, households and communities to rebuild and restore their way of life following a disaster. A key concept introduced in the NDHS is the National Disaster Housing Task Force to bring together experts and policymakers whose efforts would be dedicated exclusively to the disaster housing

issue. The NDHS draws on best practices and lessons learned over the years to identify actions that can be taken to improve disaster housing assistance. This effort began with realigning roles and responsibilities, renewing our focus on planning, building baseline capabilities, and providing a broader range of flexible disaster housing options. The NDHS outlines a vision, supported by specific goals, that will point the Nation in a new direction to meet the disaster housing needs of individuals and communities going forward. FEMA solicits comments on the draft NDHS which is available in Docket ID FEMA-2008-0009 at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Although it is not currently open for comment, FEMA has also provided a copy of the 2008 Disaster Housing Plan (Housing Plan) in the docket to aid the public in its review of the NDHS. The Housing Plan describes FEMA's approach to working with Federal partners, States, territories, local communities, and individual disaster victims to meet disaster housing needs during the 2008 hurricane season. Key concepts in the Housing Plan are further defined in the NDHS.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207; 6 U.S.C. 772.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5194-N-12]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Moving to Work Demonstration: Elements for the Annual MTW Plans and Annual MTW Reports

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection.

**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:* September 22, 2008.

**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: Lillian L. Deitzer, Departmental Reports Management Officer, ODAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4178, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202.402.8048 (this is not a toll-free number), or e-mail Ms. Deitzer at [Lillian.L.Deitzer@hud.gov](mailto:Lillian.L.Deitzer@hud.gov) for a copy of the proposed forms, or other available information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Schulhof, Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives, PIH, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4116, Washington, DC 20410; telephone 202-708-0713 (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:* Moving to Work Demonstration: Elements for the Annual MTW Plans and Annual MTW Reports.

*OMB Control Number:* 2577-0216.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use.* This collection of information is a revision to the information collection under Paperwork Reduction Act Submission (PRA) 2577-0216 under ICR Reference Number 200604-2577-001 that was approved by OMB on June 8, 2006. This revision to the information collection makes certain changes to the approved information collection in order to make it consistent with the Standard MTW