

## INFORMATION COLLECTION BURDEN—Continued

Item No.	Information collection	Number of respondents	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total annual hours	Cost per hour	Total annual cost
R .....	Personnel Change Notification of new owners, officers, directors or partners (by paper).	.....	1,000	0.5	500	47	23,500
S .....	Voluntary Termination by a Lender (by letter).	.....	500	0.25	125	47	5,875
T .....	Credit Watch Termination Reinstatements (by paper).	.....	14	8	112	47	5,264
.....	Totals .....	.....	63,614	.....	43,547	47	2,046,709

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Extension of currently approved collection.

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

Dated: January 21, 2009.

**Ronald Y. Spraker,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5281-N-08]

### Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant Application-Continuum of Care Registration

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been 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.

The Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Application-Registration is part of the currently approved information collection package 2506-0112. The request for a new information collection is to separate the Continuum of Care Registration from the Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Application. The registration information is necessary to assist in the

selection of proposals submitted to HUD (by State and local governments, public housing authorities, and nonprofit organizations) for the awarded funds under the Supportive Housing, Shelter Plus Care, and Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Occupancy for Homeless Individuals programs.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* February 27, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2506-NEW) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-6974.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lillian Deitzer, Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Lillian.Deitzer@HUD.gov or Lillian L. Deitzer@HUD.gov or telephone (202) 402-8048. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Deitzer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the Information collection described below. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting 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:* Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance

Grant Application-Continuum of Care Registration.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2506-NEW.

*Form Numbers:* HUD-40090-1.

*Description of the Need for the Information And Its Proposed Use:*

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*Frequency of Submission:* Annually.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	X	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting burden .....	500	1		0.5		250

*Total Estimated Burden Hours: 250.*  
*Status: New Collection.*

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

Dated: January 22, 2009.

**Lillian L. Deitzer,**

*Departmental Paperwork Reduction Act  
 Officer, Office of the Chief Information  
 Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS-R9-ES-2009-N0012; 92210-1111-0000-B3]

#### Information Collection Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; OMB Control Number 1018-0119; Policy for Evaluation of Conservation Efforts When Making Listing Decisions (PECE)

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

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

**SUMMARY:** We (Fish and Wildlife Service) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. The ICR, which is summarized below, describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden. This ICR is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2009. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. However, under OMB regulations, we may continue to conduct or sponsor this information collection while it is pending at OMB.

**DATES:** You must send comments on or before February 27, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments and suggestions on this ICR to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-6566 (fax) or OIRA\_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401

North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail) or hope\_grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Hope Grey by mail or e-mail (see ADDRESSES) or by telephone at (703) 358-2482.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-0119.

*Title:* Policy for Evaluation of Conservation Efforts When Making Listing Decisions (PECE).

*Service Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Extension of currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Primarily State, local, or tribal governments. However, individuals, businesses, and not-for-profit organizations could develop agreements/plans or may agree to implement certain conservation efforts identified in a State agreement/plan.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

Activity	Number of annual respondents	Number of annual responses	Completion time per response	Annual burden hours
Original Agreement .....	4	4	2,000 hours .....	8,000
Monitoring .....	7	7	600 hours .....	4,200
Reporting .....	7	7	120 hours .....	840
Totals .....	18	18	.....	13,040

**Abstract:** Section 4 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) specifies the process by which we can list species as threatened or endangered. When we consider whether or not to list a species, the ESA requires us to take into account the efforts being made by any State or any political subdivision of a State to protect such species. We also take into account the efforts being made by other entities. States or other entities often formalize conservation efforts in conservation agreements, conservation plans, management plans, or similar documents. The conservation efforts recommended or called for in such documents could prevent some species from becoming so imperiled that they meet the definition of a threatened or endangered species under the ESA.

The Policy for Evaluation of Conservation Efforts When Making Listing Decisions (PECE) encourages the development of conservation agreements/plans and provides certainty about the standard that an individual conservation effort must meet for us to consider whether it contributes to forming a basis for making a decision about the listing of a species. PECE

applies to “formalized conservation efforts” that have not been implemented or have been implemented but have not yet demonstrated if they are effective at the time of a listing decision.

Under PECE, formalized conservation efforts are defined as conservation efforts (specific actions, activities, or programs designed to eliminate or reduce threats or otherwise improve the status of a species) identified in a conservation agreement, conservation plan, management plan, or similar document (68 FR 15100). The development of such agreements/plans is voluntary. There is no requirement that the individual conservation efforts included in such documents be designed to meet the standard in PECE.

**Comments:** On November 24, 2008, we published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 71041) a notice of our intent to request that OMB renew this ICR. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on January 23, 2009. We received one comment in response to this notice. The commenter did not address the information collection requirements, but did object to the continuation of this program. We have

not made any changes to our information collection requirements as a result of this comment.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this 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 respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying