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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4445-N-28]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Federally-Assisted Low-Income Housing Drug Elimination Grant Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant
Secretary for 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:* February 7, 2000.

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: Wayne Eddins, Report Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, L'Enfant Building, Room 8202, Washington, D.C. 20410, telephone (202) 708-3944 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carissa Janis, Multifamily Housing, Office of Assets Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number (202) 708-3291 (this is not a toll-free number).

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 or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Federally Assisted Low-Income Housing Drug Elimination Grant Program—Application Kit, Performance Report, and Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS)/Voice Response System (VRS) Drug Elimination Program—Assisted Housing Payment Voucher.

OMB Control Number: 2502-0476.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: HUD uses grant applications to evaluate owners' need for and proposed use of grant funds and ability to administer such funds. The Department will use semi-annual Performance Reports to determine how well grant funds were used in meeting stated program goals. Grantees will also be able to evaluate their efforts through the completion of this report and will have data and evidence of program effectiveness available for both their future use and that of the public. HUD will use the Payment Voucher to monitor use of grant funds for eligible costs over the term of the grant. The Grantee may similarly use this form to track and record their requests for payment reimbursement for grant-funded expenses.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-50080-SCMF, Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS)/Voice Response System (VRS) Multifamily Housing Service Coordinator Program Payment Voucher.

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 estimated number of respondents is 900, the total annual responses is 1,450, and the total annual burden hours are estimated at 55,950.

Status of the proposed information collection: Reinstatement with change.

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

Dated: November 30, 1999.

William C. Apgar,
Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal
Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4445-N-27]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Multifamily Housing Service Coordinator Program

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant
Secretary for 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.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carissa Janis, Office of Multifamily Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-3944 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the forms and other available information.

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 or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Multifamily Housing Service Coordinator Program

OMB Control Number: 2502-0447

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: HUD uses grant applications to evaluate owners' need for and proposed use of grant funds and their ability to administer such funds. The Department will use semi-annual Performance Reports to determine how well grant funds were used in meeting stated program goals. Grantees will also be able to evaluate their efforts through the completion of this report and will have data and evidence of program effectiveness available for both their future use and that of the public. HUD will use the Payment Voucher to monitor use of grant funds for eligible costs over the term of the grant. The Grantee may similarly use this form to track and record their requests for payment reimbursement for grant-funded expenses.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-92456, Semi-Annual Performance Report and HUD-50080-SCMF, Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS)/Voice Response System (VRS) Multifamily Housing Service Coordinator Program Payment Voucher.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The estimated number of respondents is 4,060, the total annual responses is 8,960, and the total annual burden hours are estimated at 47,400.

Status of the proposed information collection: Reinstatement with change.

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

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William C. Apgar,

Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4526-N-01]

Teacher Next Door Initiative; Notice

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD announces the creation of the Teacher Next Door Initiative (TND Initiative). This initiative, modeled after HUD's successful Officer Next Door Sales Program, will help more teachers become homeowners and help revitalize economically distressed neighborhoods by enabling eligible teachers to purchase HUD-acquired homes located in HUD-designated revitalization areas at a 50% discount from list prices. The goal of the TND Initiative is to encourage teachers to live and work in urban school districts, where they are needed most, and to enhance the community's quality of life by promoting the integration of dedicated role models and mentors into the community.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe McCloskey, Director, Single Family Asset Management Division, Office of Insured Single Family Housing, Room 9286, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone (202) 708-1672 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

A vital part of HUD's mission is to promote homeownership and accelerate the revitalization of cities. In support of these goals, HUD initiated the Officer Next Sales Program (OND Sales Program) (See the interim rule published in the **Federal Register** on July 2, 1999, 64 FR 36210). The OND Sales Program enables full-time law enforcement officers to purchase HUD-acquired homes located in HUD-designated revitalization areas at a 50% discount from list prices. To date, more than 2,700 purchase contracts have been accepted from law enforcement officers.

II. The Teacher Next Door Initiative

The success of the OND Sales Program has led to the development of the Teacher Next Door Initiative (TND Initiative). This program, modeled after the OND Sales Program, will help more

teachers become homeowners and help revitalize economically distressed neighborhoods by enabling eligible teachers to purchase HUD-acquired homes located in HUD-designated revitalization areas at a 50% discount from list prices. The goal of the TND Initiative is to encourage teachers to live and work in urban school districts, where they are needed most, and to enhance the community's quality of life by promoting the integration of dedicated role models and mentors into the community.

The homes made available through the TND Initiative are homes previously insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA). These homes are acquired by HUD when their owners fail to make mortgage payments and the homes are foreclosed upon. To qualify for the 50% discount, a home must be located in a revitalization area. Revitalization areas are typically low- or moderate-income neighborhoods with many vacant properties and often high crime rates that are considered good candidates for economic development and improvement. Currently, about 4,000 of the 47,000 homes owned by HUD are located in revitalization areas.

III. Requirements of the TND Initiative

The following requirements apply to the TND Initiative:

(a) *Eligible teachers.* To be eligible to participate in the TND Initiative, a person must be employed full-time by a public school, private school, or Federal, state, county, or municipal educational agency as a state-certified classroom teacher or administrator in grades K-12.

(b) *Residency requirement.* The teacher must agree to live in the home purchased through the TND Initiative as their sole residence for at least three years. In addition, the teacher must not own any other residential real property during this time. The teacher will be required to certify at the time of purchase and once annually, for each of the three years, that he or she continues to live in the home as his or her sole residence and that he or she does not own any other residential real property.

(c) *Second mortgage.* The teacher must agree to execute a second note and mortgage on the home purchased through the TND Initiative. The amount of the second mortgage will be the difference between the list price of the home and the discounted selling price. The second mortgage will have a term of three years. The amount of the second mortgage will be reduced, according to a schedule established by HUD, periodically over the three year term. At the end of the three year term, the