

Labor Relations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410; *Jade M. Banks@hud.gov*; telephone (202) 708-0370 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

**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 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:* Employee Questionnaire.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* None.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* HUD and local agencies administering HUD-assisted programs must enforce Federal wage and reporting requirements on covered HUD-assisted construction and maintenance work. Enforcement activities include contacting laborers and mechanics and requesting information about their employment on covered projects. In addition, HUD and local agencies may be contacted by the workers or by others who wish to file a complaint of labor standards violation(s). HUD and local agencies have used many formats to collect worker information and to record complainant information. HUD

proposes to standardize and institute two forms for these collections: an employee questionnaire and a complaint intake form. The questionnaire may be mailed to employees or may be otherwise provided to them to complete and return to HUD or the local agency. Complaint intake forms will be used by HUD and local agency personnel to record information provided by complainants about the nature of the alleged violation(s). Both forms may be supplemented with additional pages, as needed. Responses and the provision of supplemental information is voluntary on the part of questionnaire respondents. Questionnaire responses and complaint intake forms must be retained by the HUD and local agencies to document the sufficiency of enforcement efforts.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* To be assigned.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:*

Item	Number of respondents	Amount of time required (in hrs.)	Total time required (in hrs.)/ annum
Questionnaires .....	10,000	.25-.5	2,500-5,000
Complaint Intake Form .....	2,000	.25-.5	500-1,000
Recordkeeping .....	12,000	.25-.5	3,000-6,000
Total Annual Burden .....	.....	.....	6,000-12,000

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Existing collection in use without an OMB control number.

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

Dated: April 9, 2003.

**Frank L. Davis,**

*Director, Office of Departmental Operations and Coordination.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4849-N-04]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Requested; Maintenance Wage Rate Recommendation, Certification, and Survey

**AGENCY:** Office of Departmental Operations and Coordination, Office of Labor Relations, 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:* June 20, 2003.

**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, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 800a, Washington, DC 20410 or *Wayne\_Eddins@HUD.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jade Banks, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Labor Relations, Department of Housing

and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410 or *JadeM.Banks@hud.gov*, (202) 708-0370 (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

**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 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:* Maintenance Wage Rate Recommendation, Certification and Survey.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* None.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Public housing agencies (PHAs) and Tribally-Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) are required to ensure that maintenance laborers and mechanics are paid no less than prevailing wages that are determined or adopted by HUD (section 12(a), U.S. Housing Act of 1937, as amended; section 104(b), Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended). Except that, TDHEs may, at their discretion, implement tribally-determined prevailing maintenance wage rates which would apply in place

of HUD-determined or -adopted wage rates.

HUD determines or adopts a schedule of prevailing maintenance wage rates for each PHA and TDHE (except for those TDHEs that implement tribally-determined prevailing wage rates), annually, coinciding with the agency's fiscal year. In order to ensure that the wage rates are reflective of current economic conditions, HUD requests each PHA and TDHE to submit a recommendation of prevailing wage rates for HUD consideration. PHA and TDHE recommendations may be based on a wide variety of economic indicators including, at the discretion of the PHA or TDHE, the results of a wage survey that the PHA or TDHE may conduct of maintenance employers in their operating jurisdiction. In addition, HUD may conduct a maintenance wage rate survey in the absence of a PHA/ TDHE recommendation or to evaluate a recommendation that has been provided by a PHA or TDHE.

In order to assist PHAs and TDHEs to submit prevailing wage recommendations and, if they choose, to conduct and evaluate the results of a maintenance wage survey, and to assist

HUD personnel in the conduct and evaluation of a maintenance wage survey, HUD proposes to institute three forms: a Maintenance Wage Rate Recommendation and Certification; a Maintenance Wage Rate Survey Summary; and a Survey of Maintenance Wage Rates. PHA or TDHE submission of a recommendation is highly encouraged by HUD. In the absence of an agency recommendation, HUD will issue a prevailing wage rate schedule based upon its own actions which may include a maintenance wage survey conducted by HUD. Participation in any maintenance wage survey conducted by a PHA, TDHE or HUD, is voluntary on the part of maintenance employers. Maintenance wage rate recommendations, survey summaries and survey responses must be retained by PHAs, TDHEs and HUD to document compliance with the statutory labor standards provisions.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* To be assigned.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:*

Item	Number of respondents	Amount of time required (hours)	Total time required/annum (hours)
Maintenance Wage Rate Recommendation .....	3,240	4	12,960
Survey Summary .....	1,640	4	6,560
Survey Form Agency Evaluation .....	41,000	8	328,000
Survey Form Employer Response .....	41,000	4	164,000
Record Keeping .....	3,240	1	3,240
<b>Total Annual Burden .....</b>			<b>514,760</b>

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Existing collection in use without an OMB control number.

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

Dated: April 9, 2003.

**Frank L. Davis,**

*Director, Office Departmental Operations and Coordination.*

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## Department of Housing and Urban Development

[Docket No. FR-4815-N-19]

### Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB: American Housing Survey (AHS)—2003 National Sample

**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.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* May 21, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2528-0017) and should be sent to: Lauren Wittenberg, OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; Fax number (202) 395-6974; e-mail [Lauren\\_Wittenberg\\_omb.eop.gov](mailto:Lauren_Wittenberg_omb.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail [Wayne\\_Eddins@HUD.gov](mailto:Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov); telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.