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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joseph McCloskey, Director, Office of Single Family Asset Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1672 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed 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:* Pre-Foreclosure Sales Program.

*OMB Control Number, if applicable:* 2502-0464.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The respondents are homeowners who are attempting to sell their properties prior to foreclosure. The information collection records the process from the borrower's application to participate in the program and the lender's approval, to HUD's review and approval to the specifics of the sale. Homeowners participating in the program must also receive housing counseling, and confirm that counseling has been performed.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* HUD-90035, HUD-90036, HUD-90038, HUD-90041, HUD-90045, HUD-90051, & HUD-90052.

*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 total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 7,000; the

number of respondents is 23,000 generating approximately 32,000 annual responses; the frequency of response is on occasion, and the estimated time needed to prepare the response varies from three minutes to 30 minutes.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

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

Dated: November 13, 2002.

**Sean G. Cassidy,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4737-N-09]

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Quality Control for Rental Assistance Subsidy Determinations**

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy Development and Research, 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:* January 21, 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: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joseph Riley, 202-708-9426, extension 5861. (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 if 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 that will reduce respondent burden (*e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses).

This Notice also provides the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Quality Control for Rental Assistance Subsidy Determinations

*Description of the Need for Information and Proposed Use:* The Department is conducting under contract a study to update its estimate of the extent and type of errors associated with income, rent, and subsidy determinations for the 4.4 million households covered by Public Housing and Section 8 housing subsidies. The QC process involves selecting a nationally representative sample of assisted households to measure the extent and types of errors in rent and income determinations, which in turn cause subsidy errors. On-site tenant interviews, file reviews, third-party income verifications, and income matching with other Federal data are conducted. The data obtained are used to identify the most serious problems and their associated costs. HUD programs offices are then responsible for designing and implementing corrective actions. In addition to providing current estimates of error, results will be compared with those from the 2000 study. These comparisons will indicate whether corrective actions initiated since the 2000 study have been effective and if changes in priorities are needed.

The first QC study found that about one-half of the errors measured using on-site tenant interviews and file reviews could not be detected with the 50058/50059 form data collected by the Department, which is why HUD and other agencies with means-tested programs have determined that on-site reviews and interviews are an essential complement to remote monitoring measures. The 2000 study showed that the calculation errors detectable with 50058/50059 data had further decreased, probably because these data

were increasingly subject to automated computational checks.

This study will provide current information on the quality of tenant interviewing (e.g., whether they are they being asked about all sources of income) and the reliability of eligibility determinations and income verifications. It is anticipated successive studies will be done on a one or two year cycle. Legislation that has been approved by the House and the Senate (H.R. 4878) may require annual updates.

*Members of the Affected Public:* Recipients of Public Housing and Section 8 housing assistance subsidies.

*Estimation of the Total Number of Hours Needed With Those Surveyed to Conduct the Information Collection, Including Number of Respondents, Frequency of Response, and Hours of Response:* The researchers will survey approximately 400 PHA/program sponsor staff about (re)certification procedures, training, interview procedures, and problems encountered in conducting (re)certifications. Although more than one staff member may need to be contacted to obtain answers to all questions, the questionnaire will be administered once at each participating project and the interviews are expected to take less than 35 minutes. Researchers will survey approximately 2,400 program participants to obtain information on household composition, expenses, and income. The time required for these interviews will vary, but is estimated to require an average of about 50 minutes per interview.

The time estimated provided are based on the 2000 QC survey. This survey will again make use of Computer Assisted Interviewing (CAI) questionnaire and equipment, which are being used in part because they are known to reduce interview times. This software also provides for consistency checks and ensures that all needed data have been collected, thereby reducing the need for follow-up contacts.

*Status of the Proposed Information Collection:* Pending OMB approval.

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

Dated: November 13, 2002.

**Harold L. Bunce,**

*Deputy Assistant, Secretary for Economic Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4723-FA-02]

### Announcement of Funding Awards for Fiscal Year 2002 Community Outreach Partnership Centers

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Announcement of funding awards.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989, this document notifies the public of funding awards for Fiscal Year 2002 Community Outreach Partnerships Centers (COPC). The purpose of this document is to announce the names, addresses and the amount awarded to the winners to be used to establish and operate Community Outreach Partnership Centers that will: (1) Conduct competent and qualified research and investigation on theoretical or practical problems in large and small cities; and (2) facilitate partnerships and outreach activities between institutions of higher education, local communities and local governments to address urban problems.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Brunson, Office of University Partnerships, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 8106, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-3061, ext. 3852. To provide service for persons who are hearing-or-speech-impaired, this number may be reached via TTY by Dialing the Federal Information Relay Service on 800-877-8339 or 202-708-1455. (Telephone numbers, other than "800" TTY numbers are not toll free).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program was enacted in the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-550, approved October 28, 1992) and is administered by the Office of University Partnerships under the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research. In addition to this program, the Office of University Partnerships administers HUD's ongoing grant programs to institutions of higher education as well as creates initiatives through which colleges and universities can bring their traditional missions of teaching, research, service, and outreach to bear on the pressing local problems in their communities.

The Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program provides funds for: Research activities which have practical

application for solving specific problems in designated communities and neighborhoods; outreach, technical assistance and information exchange activities which are designed to address specific problems associated with housing, economic development, neighborhood revitalization, infrastructure, health care, job training, education, crime prevention, planning, and community organizing. On March 26, 2002 (67 FR 13927), HUD published a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) announcing the availability of \$7.5 million in Fiscal Year 2002 for the Community Outreach Partnership Centers Program. The Department reviewed, evaluated and scored the applications received based on the criteria in the NOFA. As a result, HUD has funded 15 applications for New Grants and 7 applications for New Directions Grants. New Grants, which cannot exceed \$400,000, are for institutions of higher education just beginning a COPC project. New Directions Grants, which cannot exceed \$150,000, are for institutions of higher education that are undertaking new activities or expanding into new neighborhoods. These grants, with their grant amounts are identified below.

The Catalog Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.511.

In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing details concerning the recipients of funding awards, as follows:

#### List of Awardees for Grant Assistance Under the FY 2002 Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) Communities Program; Funding Competition, by Institution, Address and Grant Amount

##### New England

1. North Essex Community College, Ms. Mayte Rivera, Community Institute of Business Educations, North Essex Community College, 45 Franklin Street, Lawrence, MA 01841. Grant: \$399,684.

2. University of Massachusetts-Lowell, Dr. Linda Silka, University of Massachusetts-Lowell, 600 Suffolk Street, Lowell, MA 01854. Grant: \$150,000.

##### New York/New Jersey

3. Research Foundation of State University of New York at Binghamton, Dr. Alison Alden, School of Education and Human Development, Research Foundation of State University of New York at Binghamton, P.O. Box 6000,