

come, first-served. Members of the public may also participate by coming to Room 5-0622, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. You will be required to show picture identification in the form of a government issued identification card. We request that members of the public who plan to attend this meeting notify Mr. Mark Gould at 202-372-1409 so that he may notify building security officials. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Gould. This notice may be viewed in our online docket, USCG-2009-1137, at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Mark Gould, Assistant Designated Federal Officer of MERPAC, telephone 202-372-1409, fax 202-372-1426.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463). MERPAC is chartered under that Act. It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Assistant Commandant for Operations on issues concerning merchant marine personnel, such as implementation of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1978, and developing standards of competency for ship's security officers.

#### **Tentative Agenda of Meeting**

The tentative agenda for the February 11, 2010, Committee meeting is as follows:

(1) Welcome and Opening Remarks—MERPAC Chairman Captain Andrew McGovern (11 a.m.–11:05 a.m.).

(2) Open discussion on the docket of the Coast Guard's NPRM concerning the implementation of the 1995 amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (USCG-2004-17914) (11:05 a.m.–12:30 p.m.). (3) Public comment period (12:30 p.m.–1 p.m.).

(4) MERPAC vote on recommendations for the Coast Guard (1 p.m.–2 p.m.).

(5) Adjourn (2 p.m.).

This agenda is subject to change, and the meeting may adjourn early if all committee business has been completed.

#### **Procedural**

The Chairman of MERPAC is empowered to conduct the teleconference in a way that will, in his judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. During its teleconference, the committee welcomes public

comment. The committee will make every effort to hear the views of all interested parties, including the public. Written comments should reach the Coast Guard no later than February 2, 2010 and may be submitted to Mr. Mark Gould, Assistant Designated Federal Officer, MERPAC, at Commandant (CG-5221), ATTN MERPAC, U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second St., SW STOP 7126, Washington, DC 20593-7126.

#### **Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities**

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Mr. Gould as soon as possible.

Dated: January 19, 2010.

**J.G. Lantz,**

*Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**[Docket No. FR-5382-N-01]**

#### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Tracking the Use of CDBG Homeowner and Small Landlord Disaster Assistance Grants**

**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:* March 29, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Interest persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name 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:** Cheryl A. Levine, PhD, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 457 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 402-3928 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of the proposed data collection and other

available documents may be obtained from Dr. Levine.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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, such as permitting electronic submission of responses.

*Title of Proposal:* Tracking the Use of Homeowner and Small Landlord Disaster Assistance Grants.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* In August, September, and October 2005, Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma caused massive devastation in the Gulf region. As of February 2006, FEMA estimated that more than 300,000 homes suffered major or severe damage from the storm. In response to the widespread destruction caused by these three storms, Congress appropriated \$19.7 billion in supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds for Gulf Coast disaster recovery. Created in 1974, CDBG is one of the oldest programs administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), providing funding to States, cities, and counties nationwide to support neighborhood revitalization, housing rehabilitation, and economic development activities. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the role that supplemental CDBG disaster recovery funding has played in housing recovery in the three States most affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita (Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas) and to identify the most important factors affecting property owners' willingness and ability to rebuild or repair their storm-damaged properties. The results of the study will help HUD use current allocations of CDBG funds to make better progress on Katrina and Rita rebuilding efforts during FY 2011. The study findings also will help the Federal government respond more effectively to future disasters.

*Members of affected public:* Members of the following groups selected by

random sampling; homeowners and small landlords from a sample of 230 blocks selected from among the 15,399 blocks that FEMA estimates have been significantly affected by the 2005 hurricanes in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection, including the number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* The researchers will survey a random sample of homeowners and small landlords; 984 participants will be surveyed in all; the surveys are expected to last 45 minutes. This constitutes a total burden hour estimate of 44,280 burden hours.

*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: January 7, 2010.

**Raphael W. Bostic,**

*Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5376-N-03]

### Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Certification

**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 requested information is used to assess a Public Housing Authority's (PHA's) management capabilities and performance in administering a housing choice voucher program. Assessment ratings are used as tool in addressing any potential deficiencies.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* February 25, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2577-0215) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leroy McKinney Jr., Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Leroy McKinney Jr. at [Leroy.McKinneyJr@hud.gov](mailto:Leroy.McKinneyJr@hud.gov) or telephone (202) 402-5564. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. McKinney.

**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:* Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Certification.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2577-0215.

*Form Numbers:* HUD-52648.

*Description of the Need For the Information and Its Proposed Use:*

The requested information is used to assess a Public Housing Authority's (PHA's) management capabilities and performance in administering a housing choice voucher program. Assessment ratings are used as a tool in addressing any potential deficiencies.

*Frequency of Submission:* Biennially, Annually.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
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*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 31,462.

*Status:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

Dated: January 19, 2010.

**Leroy McKinney, Jr.,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5376-N-02]

### Utility Allowance Adjustments

**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.

Multifamily project owners are required to advise the Secretary of the

need for and request of a new utility allowance for tenants.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* February 25, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2502-0352) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leroy McKinney Jr., Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail Leroy