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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions about submitting an application or about the Pittsburgh AMSC in general, contact Mr. Dave Morgan at 412-600-7324.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority**

Section 102 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-295) added section 70112 to Title 46 of the U.S. Code, and authorized the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating to establish Area Maritime Security Advisory Committees for any port area of the United States. (*See* 33 U.S.C. 1226; 46 U.S.C.; 33 CFR 1.05-1, 6.01; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1). The MTSA includes a provision exempting these Area Maritime Security Committees (AMSCs) from the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-436, 86 Stat. 470 (5 U.S.C. App.2). The AMSCs shall assist the Captain of the Port in the review, update, and exercising of the AMS Plan for their area of responsibility. Such matters may include, but are not limited to: Identifying critical port infrastructure and operations; Identifying risks (threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences); Determining mitigation strategies and implementation methods; Developing strategies to facilitate the recovery of the Maritime Transportation Security (MTS) after a Transportation Security Incident; Developing and describing the process to continually evaluate overall port security by considering consequences and vulnerabilities, how they may change over time, and what additional mitigation strategies can be applied; and Providing advice to, and assisting the Captain of the Port in developing and maintaining the Area maritime Security Plan.

**Pittsburgh AMSC Membership**

Members of the AMSC should have at least 5 years of experience related to maritime or port security operations. The Pittsburgh AMSC is comprised of individuals who represent federal, state, local, and industry stakeholders from Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. We are seeking to fill up to eight positions with this solicitation. Applicants may be required to pass an appropriate security background check prior to appointment to the committee. Members' term of office will be for 5 years, however, a member is eligible to serve an additional term of office.

Members will not receive any salary or other compensation for their service on the AMSC. In support of the USCG policy on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.

**Request for Applications**

Those seeking membership are not required to submit formal applications to the local Captain of the Port, however, because we do have an obligation to ensure that a specific number of members have the prerequisite maritime security experience, we encourage the submission of résumés highlighting experience in the maritime and security industries.

Dated: March 26, 2010.

**R.V. Timme,**

*Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Pittsburgh.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**[Docket No. FR-5382-N-10]**

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Disaster Assistance Program Incremental Rent Transition Study**

**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:* July 6, 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 8234, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marina Myhre, PhD, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 402-5705 (this is not a toll-free number). Copies of the proposed data collection and other available documents may be obtained from Dr. Myhre.

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

**Title of Proposal:** Disaster Assistance Program Incremental Rent Transition Study.

**Description of the need for the information and proposed use:** To assist households displaced by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP) was implemented to provide rental assistance and case management services to eligible displaced families from September 1, 2007, through February 28, 2009. DHAP was implemented in phases, and the type and terms of rental assistance varied over time. DHAP presents a unique opportunity to track families transitioning from stepped-down rental subsidies (*i.e.*, starting with a full subsidy of rent and then decreasing it by \$50 per month) or a full rental subsidy (*i.e.*, a full subsidy—\$0 rent) to market rate or alternative housing assistance programs and to measure their outcomes over time.

The U.S. Department of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is conducting an outcome evaluation entitled the Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP) Incremental Rent Transition (IRT) Study. This study represents an important opportunity for HUD to learn about rent-setting strategies and case management services in a post-disaster housing program. The results of this study will feed into decisions about how HUD should operate such programs after future disasters. In particular, this study will increase HUD's understanding of how to structure and scale down voucher rent systems and the accompanying case management services following a disaster.

The data collection effort for the DHAP IRT Study initially involved a baseline survey conducted under OMB

control number 2528-0256.

Approximately 1,430 DHAP participants responded to the baseline survey. Respondents were contacted in January-February 2010 to update their contact information under the same OMB control number.

A 12-month follow-up survey of respondents to the baseline survey is planned for fall 2010 and is the subject of this notice. The survey will collect data on participants' housing employment, income, and savings/debt outcomes approximately 12 to 15 months after they transitioned off DHAP assistance. The survey also will ask about participants' experiences with the alternative strategies employed by participating public housing authorities (PHAs) for providing case management to help households with the recovery process. The information collected through these surveys will be supplemented by administrative data on participant characteristics and program services (including rental assistance and case management) collected during program operation. The participant survey will take approximately 40 minutes per respondent to complete.

*Members of affected public:* The data collection effort for the DHAP IRT Study initially involved a baseline survey conducted under OMB control number 2528-0256. Approximately 1,430 DHAP participants responded to the baseline survey. Respondents were contacted in January-February 2010 to update their contact information under the same OMB control number.

*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 1,430 participants in all; the surveys are expected to last 40 minutes. This constitutes a total burden hour estimate of 958 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: April 20, 2010.

**Raphael W. Bostic,**

*Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, R.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5382-N-09]

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: 202 Demonstration Planning Grant Evaluation

**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:** *Comments Due Date:* July 6, 2010.

**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: Ashaki Robinson Johns, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Suite 8120, Washington, DC 20410.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ashaki Robinson Johns (202) 402-7545, (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents.

**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 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.

*Title of Proposal:* Research Plan for an Evaluation of the Section 202 Demonstration Planning Grant Program.

*Description of the need for information and proposed use:* The Department is conducting, through a contract to Abt Associates Inc. and its subcontractor, VIVA Consulting LLC, a study of the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Demonstration Planning Grant Program. The Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly program provides capital advances and operating funds to nonprofit organizations ("sponsors") to develop affordable elderly housing. HUD's goal for Section 202 properties is for sponsors to reach initial closing within 18 months of fund reservation. However, a 2003 study of the Section 202 program by the Governmental Accountability Office (GAO) found that approximately 70 percent of Section 202 properties funded between 1998 and 2009 did not meet this goal and that properties that did not meet the 18-month timeline took an average of 29 months to reach initial closing. The predevelopment delays were attributed to a number of factors, including the lack of predevelopment funding.

The Section 202 Demonstration Planning Grant Program (DPG) was created in 2004 to provide predevelopment funding to Section 202 sponsors to reduce development delays and increase the number of affordable rental units made available each year for low-income elderly households. This evaluation will assess the awareness and effectiveness of the program through telephone surveys with project sponsors. The key research question is whether the DPG helps sponsors get from Section 202 award to initial closing on the project within 18 months, HUD's target duration for the predevelopment period.

To collect the information necessary for this study, the Department will conduct a telephone survey of staff members from a sample of sponsor organizations. The surveys will be conducted with both staff from sponsor organizations that have received Demonstration Planning Grants ("DPG recipients") and staff from sponsor organizations that have received Section 202 funding between fiscal years 2004 and 2008 but have not received a Demonstration Planning Grant ("non-recipients"). Surveys will be conducted with 70 DPG recipients and 30 non-recipients. The samples will be selected purposively to provide geographic diversity by Census region and a range of durations of predevelopment periods.

DPG recipients will be asked about their knowledge of and experience with the DPG program and how the DPG and other factors influenced their ability to reach initial closing within 18 months.