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**Wayne Eddins,**

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4903-N-99]

### Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; HUD's Affordable Communities Award

**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.

HUD is requesting approval to continue to collect the information necessary to apply for HUD's Affordable Communities Award. The award is a non-monetary award to be presented annually to acknowledge and honor those communities at the forefront in expanding affordable housing

opportunities by reducing regulatory barriers and creating an environment supportive of the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing. This award was designed and developed as part of HUD's Affordable Communities Initiative.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* January 14, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval Number (2501-0020) and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-6974.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, AYO, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; e-mail [Wayne\\_Eddins@HUD.gov](mailto:Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov); or Lillian Deitzer at [Lillian\\_L\\_Deitzer@HUD.gov](mailto:Lillian_L_Deitzer@HUD.gov) or telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins or Ms. Deitzer and at HUD's Web site at <http://www5.hud.gov:63001/po/i/icbts/collectionsearch.cfm>.

**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:* HUD's Affordable Communities Award.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2501-0020.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Description Of The Need For The Information And Its Proposed Use:* Application for HUD's Affordable Communities Award, a non-monetary award to be presented annually, acknowledging and honoring those communities at the forefront in expanding affordable housing opportunities by reducing regulatory barriers and creating an environment supportive of the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing. This award was designed and developed as part of HUD's Affordable Communities Initiative.

*Frequency Of Submission:* Annually.

	Number of respondents	Annual responses	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
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*Total Estimated Burden Hours:* 2,400.  
*Status:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4900-FA-02]

### Announcement of Funding Awards for Fiscal Year 2004; Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program

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

**ACTION:** Announcement of funding awards.

**SUMMARY:** This document identifies the doctoral students selected for funding under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant (DDRG) Program. The DDRG program enables Ph.D. candidates to complete

their research and dissertations on topics that focus on policy-relevant housing and urban development issues.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Brunson, Office of University Partnerships, U.S. 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 through 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 DDRG Program was created as a means of

expanding the number of researchers conducting research on subjects of interest to HUD. Doctoral candidates can receive grants of up to \$25,000 to complete work on their dissertations. Grants are for a two-year period.

This program is administered by the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research (PD&R), Office of University Partnerships. This Office also administers PD&R's other grant programs for academics.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.516.

On May 14, 2004, HUD published a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) announcing the availability of \$400,000 in Fiscal Year 2004 for the DDRG Program (69 FR 27111). The Department reviewed, evaluated and scored the applications received based on the criteria in the NOFA. As a result, HUD has funded the applicants identified below, and 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. More information about the winners can be found at <http://www.oup.org>.

**List of Awardees for Grant Assistance Under the FY 2004 Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program Funding Competition, by Institution, Address, Grant Amount and Name of Student Funded**

1. University of Southern California, University Park Campus, RGL Building, Los Angeles, CA 90089. Grant: \$25,000 to Duan Zhuang.

2. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 460 Turner Street, Suite 306, Blacksburg, VA 24060. Grant: \$24,976 to James Armstrong.

3. The Regents of the University of California, 10920 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1200, Los Angeles, CA 90024. Grant: \$24,988 to Yan Lee.

4. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 9-523, Cambridge, MA 02139. Grant: \$25,000 to Criseida Navarro-Diaz.

5. University of Texas at Austin, North Office Building-Suite 4300, 101 East 27th Street, Austin, TX 78713. Grant: \$25,000 to Pamela Rogers.

6. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 3 Rutgers Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Grant: \$25,000 to Kristen Crassney.

7. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 3 Rutgers Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Grant: \$23,480 to Mathew Cuddy.

8. Regents of the University of Michigan, 303 South State Street, Room 1044, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1274. Grant: \$25,000 to George Carter.

9. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Office of Sponsored Research, CB#1350, Chapel Hill, NC 27599. Grant: \$24,992 to Lisa Bates.

10. The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, 809 South Marshfield (M/C 551), Chicago, IL 60612. Grant: \$25,000 to Michael Wenz.

11. Regents University of Michigan, 427 Thompson Street, P.O. Box 1248, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Grant: \$25,000 to Sapna Swaroop.

12. University of Massachusetts, Office of Grant & Contract Administration, Goodell Building, Room 408, Amherst, MA 01003. Grant: \$25,000 to Mark Tigan.

13. University of Pittsburgh, 350 Thackeray Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. Grant: \$24,800 to Andrew Aurand.

14. Research Foundation for Graduate School & University Center, City University of New York, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10016. Grant: \$24,925 to Arielle Goldberg.

15. New York University, 15 Washington Place, #1H, New York, NY 10003. Grant: \$25,000 to Michael McQuarrie.

16. Florida State University, 97 South Woodward Avenue, 3rd Floor, Tallahassee, FL 32306. Grant: \$20,000 to Gregory Burge.

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**Dennis C. Shea,**

*Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Proposed Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Pilot Referral Program for Interior Board of Land Appeals**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA), Department of the Interior (DOI), in collaboration with DOI's Office of Collaborative Action and Dispute Resolution (CADR) and the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, has developed an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) pilot referral program for the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA). The IBLA pilot program is one component of a Department-wide effort to expand the appropriate use of

ADR processes to address environmental, public lands, and natural resources disputes involving DOI's bureaus and offices. OHA is making available for public review and comment a number of documents that describe and will be used to implement the IBLA pilot program.

**DATES:** To be considered, written or electronic comments on the IBLA pilot program must be received on or before January 14, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are invited to submit comments on the IBLA pilot program. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Mail:** Submit written comments to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 N. Quincy Street, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203.

- **Fax:** Send comments by facsimile to the Interior Board of Land Appeals at (703) 235-8349.

- **Direct Internet Response:** Submit electronic comments by following the instructions for submitting comments provided at the following Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/nhp/news/regulatory/index.htm>.

Received comments will be available for public review. Comments may be inspected between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the address provided above. Comments may also be viewed electronically at the Web site listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sara Greenberg, Dispute Resolution Specialist, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 N. Quincy Street, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203, 703-235-3750.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The IBLA pilot program has two main components:

- During the initial case docketing process, IBLA will alert parties to the availability of voluntary ADR processes to achieve settlement of their appeals.

- Following a preliminary review of the appeal, IBLA will select, through use of ADR suitability criteria, appeals that may be appropriate for direct negotiation, assisted negotiation/mediation, or other ADR processes (for example, joint fact-finding).

The IBLA pilot program is intended to educate parties about the potential for ADR and offer them an opportunity to develop creative solutions to their disputes, thereby reducing the expense and time involved in the appeals process and potentially limiting further litigation.