

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4352-N-06]

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comment on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** The due date for comments is: July 31, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-1305. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This Notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB an information collection package with respect to a Notice announcing the Title VI Loan Guarantee Demonstration Program and a Notice of Funding Availability for Title VI Loan Guarantee Capacity-Building Grants. This information collection package submission to OMB for review is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Department has requested emergency clearance of the collection of information, as described below, with approval being sought by July 27, 1998.

**Title of Proposals:** Notice of Title VI Loan Guarantee Demonstration Program; Notice of Funding Availability for Title VI Loan Guarantee Capacity-Building Grants.

**Description of the need for the information and proposed use:** The Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (FY 1998 HUD Appropriations Act) provided a \$5 million appropriation for the funding of a demonstration program which would guarantee up to \$45 million in loan guarantees pursuant to Title VI of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), which provides the authority to operate a loan guarantee program to fund certain eligible tribal housing activities. Through the demonstration program, HUD is seeking to develop models which will provide innovative ways to enhance economic growth, increase access to private capital, and encourage the investment and participation of traditional financial institutions on Indian reservations and other Native American areas. Indian tribes and tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) are encouraged to form partnerships with investors or financial institutions and submit model Title VI demonstration projects to be evaluated in accordance with the criteria contained in the Notice.

The FY 1998 HUD Appropriations Act also provided \$25 million for a rural housing and economic development initiative to test comprehensive approaches to developing job bases through economic development, developing affordable low- and moderate-income rental and home ownership housing, and increasing the investment of both private and nonprofit capital. Grants are authorized, in amounts not to exceed \$4 million each, to rural and tribal areas.

The Department has determined that \$4 million will be allocated under a

Notice of Funding Availability for Title VI Loan Guarantee Capacity-Building Grants to assist organizations providing capacity-building technical assistance to Indian tribes or TDHEs that have been granted a Title VI loan guarantee under the Title VI Demonstration Program.

**Members of affected public:** Up to 20 Indian tribes or TDHEs, and approximately 10 technical assistance providers, are expected to apply under the Notice and the NOFA.

**Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:** Tribes/TDHEs will be able to apply for Title VI loan guarantees at any time until all funds have been obligated. Since this is the first year of operation for the Title VI Program, it is essential that the technical assistance to be provided under the NOFA be in place as the loan guarantee applications are being developed to ensure that the new program is successful. The average amount of time to put together a loan guarantee package is likely to be, on average, 60 hours for the 20 tribes/TDHEs. We anticipate that not more than 10 technical assistance provide will apply under the NOFA, with an average application completion time of 40 hours each. In total, the Department expects this request will have an annual reporting burden of 1,600 hours.

**Status of the proposed information collection:** Pending OMB approved.

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

Dated: July 20, 1998.

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Director, IRM Policy and Management Division.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****Retail Sales in Yorktown, Virginia; Notice**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Public Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing retail sales for the public in Yorktown, Virginia within Colonial National Historical Park for a period for five (5) years from date of contract execution.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 13, 1998.