

internal operations or organization of the Department (such as the establishment of new or combination of existing organization units within a field office, the duty stationing of employees in various locations to provide on-site service, or the establishment or closing, based on workload, of small, informal offices such as valuation stations).” (See House Conference Report No. 95–1792, October 14, 1978 at 105–106.)

The one-person duty-station in Tacoma, Washington, is a single purpose duty station, and the duty station is being closed based on workload rather than a reorganization of OIG field offices. Although notice of the closing of a duty station is not subject to the requirement of section 7(p), as supported by legislative history, OIG nevertheless prepared a cost-benefit analysis for its own use in determining whether to proceed with the closing. Through this notice, OIG advises the public of the closing of the Tacoma, Washington duty station and provides the cost-benefit analysis of the impact of the closure.

Impact of the Closure of the Tacoma, Washington Post-of-Duty Station

HUD/OIG considered the costs and benefits of closing the Tacoma, Washington office, and is publishing its cost-benefit analysis with this notice. In summary, HUD/OIG has determined that the closure will result in a cost savings, and, as a result of the size and limited function of the office, will cause no appreciable impact on the provision of authorized investigative services/activities in the area (*i.e.*, OSH activities, of course, will be impacted, but HUD/OIG has been directed to terminate these activities).

Cost-Benefit Analysis

A. Cost Savings

The Tacoma, Washington post-of-duty currently costs \$1,194 per month for the space rental and \$45.39 per month for the telephone service. Thus, closing the post-of-duty will result in an annual savings of \$14,783. In addition, by closing the office HUD/OIG will not be required to incur additional costs associated with current plans to install high-speed computer access lines to and on the premises.

B. Additional Costs

There are no offsetting expenses anticipated. The Special Agent assigned to the Tacoma, Washington post-of-duty will be reassigned to the Seattle Regional Office, without need for relocation reimbursement because the

Special Agent actually resides closer to the Seattle Regional Office than to the Tacoma, Washington post-of-duty. Further, there is adequate existing office space to accommodate the Special Agent within the Seattle Regional Office.

C. Impact on Local Economy

The Tacoma, Washington post-of-duty office space is located in government office space: the Federal Court House. Further, the post-of-duty comprises a mere 354 square feet of space, which can easily be re-leased to other tenants or used by security staff (GSA Law Enforcement) who occupy the adjacent space. Thus, no appreciable impact on the local economy is anticipated.

D. Effect on Availability, Accessibility and Quality of Services Provided to Recipients of Those Services

The establishment of the Tacoma, Washington post-of-duty was based entirely on the needs of the HUD/OIG to have a Special Agent in closer proximity to OSH activities conducted in the Tacoma area. These activities are being terminated. Further, as was the case prior to 1998, fraud investigations in the Tacoma area can be more effectively addressed by agents assigned to the Seattle Regional Office which is about 30 miles away.

For the reasons stated in this notice, HUD/OIG intends to proceed to close its Tacoma, Washington post-of-duty station at the expiration of the 90-day period from the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: March 8, 2002.

David C. Williams,

Acting Inspector General.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4732–N–03]

Statutory Waiver Granted to New York State for Recovery From the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks

AGENCY: Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of waiver granted.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public of a waiver of statutory provisions granted to the State of New York for the purpose of assisting in the recovery from the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York City. As described in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice, HUD is authorized

by statute to waive statutory and regulatory requirements for this purpose. This notice lists the provisions being waived.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jan C. Opper, Senior Program Officer, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7286, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone number (202) 708–3587. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. FAX inquiries may be sent to Mr. Opper at (202) 401–2044. (Except for the “800” number, these telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority To Grant Waivers

Section 434 of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002 (Pub. L. 107–73, approved November 26, 2001) provides for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds made available from the Emergency Response Fund by the 2001 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States (Pub. L. 107–38, approved September 18, 2001) to New York State for properties and businesses damaged by, and economic revitalization related to, the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York City. Section 434 authorizes the Secretary of HUD to waive, or specify alternative requirements for, any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with the obligation by the Secretary or use by the recipient of these funds, except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment.

The Defense Appropriations Act, 2002 (Pub. L. 107–117) made available an additional \$2.0 billion in CDBG funds subject to section 434. It also stipulated that at least \$500 million of the total be made available for individuals, nonprofits, or small businesses for economic losses from the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

The Department finds that the following waiver is necessary to facilitate the use of at least \$500 million of the \$2.7 billion for economic loss, and that such use is not inconsistent with the overall purpose of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, or the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended. Readers are referred to

the Notices published by the Department in the **Federal Register** of January 28, 2002 (67 FR 4164) and February 7, 2002 (67 FR 5845) that enumerated a list of waivers and alternative requirements that were necessary to facilitate the use of the initial disbursement of \$700 million in CDBG funds made available from the Emergency Response Fund.

Description and Justification of Requirements Waived

1. *Waiver of eligibility limitation at Section 105 (a).* The limitation at section 105 (a) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5305 (a)) on eligible activities in the CDBG program is waived, in recognition of the requirements of Public Law 107-117, solely to treat "payment of compensation to an individual, nonprofit or small business for economic losses resulting from the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on New York City" as a distinct eligible activity. Accordingly, unless the grantee establishes limitations on the use of such payments by individuals, nonprofits or small businesses, CDBG and other crosscutting requirements generally would not apply to such use of payments.

The Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002 (Pub. L. 107-73) requires HUD to publish this waiver in the **Federal Register** no later than five days before its effective date. The effective date of this waiver is March 25, 2002.

Dated: March 8, 2002.

Roy A. Bernardi,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Hanford Reach National Monument Federal Advisory Committee; Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; FACA meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hanford Reach National Monument Federal Advisory Committee will conduct a meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2002 from 12:30 pm to 4:30 p.m. at the United Way of Benton and Franklin Counties, 401 North Young

Street, Kennewick, WA. The meeting is open to the public and media.

DATES: Verbal comments will be considered during the course of the meeting and written comments will be accepted that are submitted by the close of the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Any member of the public wishing to submit written comments should send those to Mr. Greg Hughes, Designated Federal Officer for the Hanford Reach National Monument (HRNM) Federal Advisory Committee, Hanford Reach National Monument/Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge, 3250 Port of Benton Blvd., Richland, WA 99352; fax (509) 375-0196. Copies of the draft meeting agenda can be obtained from the Designated Federal Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting should contact Mr. Greg Hughes, Designated Federal Official for the Hanford Reach National Monument (HRNM) FAC; phone (509) 371-1801, fax (509) 375-0196.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Hanford Reach National Monument Federal Advisory Committee will review subcommittees formation, and consider examples of previous issues workbooks for the Comprehensive Conservation Plan. The Committee will break into subcommittee groups and begin preliminary discussions in those groups.

Dated: March 11, 2002.

Greg Hughes,

Project Leader, Hanford Reach National Monument.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Office of Indian Education Programs is seeking comments on the renewal of the Information Collection Request for the Johnson-O'Malley Program Annual Report Form, OMB No. 1076-0096, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Submit your comments and suggestions on or before May 17, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent directly to Garry R. Martin, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Education Programs, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240-0001. You may also send comments by facsimile to 202-219-9583.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the information collection may be obtained by contacting Garry R. Martin, 202-208-3478.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information collection is necessary to assess the need for Johnson-O'Malley programs as required by 25 CFR 273.50, Annual Reporting.

II. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or request, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They also will become a matter of public record.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review during the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays. If you wish to have your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request according to the requirements of the law. All comments from organizations or representatives will be available for review. We may withhold comments from review for other reasons.

III. Data

Title: Johnson-O'Malley Program Annual Report Form.

OMB approval number: 1076-0096.