

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.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* April 17, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2506-0016) be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Q, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410; e-mail *Wayne_Eddins@HUD.gov*; telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a

toll-free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Mr. Eddins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9)

whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the name and telephone number of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal; Optional Relocation Payment Claim Forms.

OMB Approval Number; 2506-0016.
Form Numbers: HUD-40054, 40055, 40056, 40057, 40058, 40061, and 40072.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: Application for displacement/relocation assistance for persons (families, individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations and farms) displaced by certain HUD programs.

Respondents: Individual or households, Business or other for-profit, Not for-profit institutions, Farms.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Reporting Burden:

Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
12,800		3		0.8		31,000

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 31,000.

Status: Reinstatement, without change.

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

Dated: March 12, 2002.

Wayne Eddins,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4743-N-01]

Notice of Planned Closing of Oakland, CA Post-of-Duty Station

AGENCY: Office of Inspector General, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of Planned Closing of Oakland, California Post-of-Duty Station.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the HUD Office of Inspector General is closing its Oakland, California post-of-duty station, and also provides a cost-benefit analysis of the impact of the closure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Saddler, Counsel to the Inspector

General, Room 8260, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, (202) 708-1613. (This is not a toll free number.) A telecommunications device for hearing- and speech-impaired persons (TTY) is available at 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Information Relay Services). (This is a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In 1996, HUD's Office of Inspector General (HUD/OIG) established a two person post-of-duty station in Oakland, California, to give direct support to the Oakland, California office's Operation Safe Home (OSH) initiative to combat violent and drug-related crime in public and assisted housing in the city and nearby communities. Although the Oakland post-of-duty station is only about 10 miles from HUD/OIG's San Francisco Regional Office, nationwide experience since the initiation of OSH in 1994 had proven that the best results/impact could be obtained when HUD/OIG Special Agents were physically located in the target city. However, in accordance with the requirements of the Fiscal Year 2002 HUD Appropriations Act (Pub.L. 107-73, approved November 26, 2001), HUD/OIG is terminating OSH and re-deploying staff to focus on investigations involving single-family fraud and property flipping. This

change eliminates the need to maintain a separate post-of-duty station in Oakland, California, and gives HUD/OIG the opportunity to generate cost savings associated with discontinuing an additional office.

Section 7(p) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(p)) provides that a plan for field reorganization, which may involve the closing of any field or regional office, of the Department of Housing and Urban Development may not take effect until 90 days after a cost-benefit analysis of the effect of the plan on the office in question is published in the **Federal Register**. The required cost-benefit analysis should include: (1) An estimate of cost savings anticipated; (2) an estimate of the additional cost which will result from the reorganization; (3) a discussion of the impact on the local economy; and (4) an estimate of the effect of the reorganization on the availability, accessibility, and quality of services provided for recipients of those services.

Legislative history pertaining to section 7(p) indicates that not all reorganizations are subject to the requirements of section 7(p). Congress

stated that “(t)his amendment is not intended to [apply] to or restrict the 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 two-person duty-station in Oakland, California, 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 Oakland, California duty station and provides the cost-benefit analysis of the impact of the closure.

Impact of the Closure of the Oakland, California Post-of-Duty Station

HUD/OIG considered the costs and benefits of closing the Oakland, California post-of-duty, 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 Oakland, California post-of-duty currently costs \$35,617 per year in lease expenses. Thus, closing the post-of-duty will result in an annual savings of at least \$35,617. 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, nor will HUD/OIG incur costs associated with the lease or purchase of duplicative office equipment.

B. Additional Costs

There are no offsetting expenses anticipated. The Special Agents assigned to the Oakland, California post-

of-duty will be reassigned to the San Francisco Regional Office, without need for relocation reimbursement. Further, there is adequate existing office space to accommodate the Special Agents within the San Francisco Regional Office.

C. Impact on Local Economy

The Oakland, California post-of-duty office space is located in government office space: The Federal Court House. Further, the post-of-duty comprises a mere 1290 square feet of space, which can easily be re-leased to other tenants. Moreover, the closure coincides with the normal expiration of HUD/OIG's lease. 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 Oakland, California post-of-duty was based entirely on the needs of the HUD/OIG to have Special Agents in closer proximity to OSH activities conducted in the Oakland area. These activities are being terminated. Further, as was the case prior to 1996, fraud investigations in the Oakland area can be cost-effectively addressed by agents assigned to the San Francisco Regional Office which is about 10 miles away.

For the reasons stated in this notice, HUD/OIG intends to proceed to close its Oakland, California 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-4743-N-02]

Notice of Planned Closing of Tacoma, Post-of-Duty Station

AGENCY: Office of Inspector General, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of planned closing of Tacoma, post-of-duty station.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the HUD Office of Inspector General is closing its Tacoma, Washington post-of-duty station, and also provides a cost-benefit analysis of the impact of the closure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bryan Saddler, Counsel to the Inspector General, Room 8260, Department of

Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, (202) 708-1613. (This is not a toll free number.) A telecommunications device for hearing- and speech-impaired persons (TTY) is available at 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Information Relay Services). (This is a toll-free number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In 1998, HUD's Office of the Inspector General (HUD/OIG) established a single person post-of-duty in Tacoma, Washington, to give direct support to the Tacoma, Washington office's Operation Safe Home (OSH) initiative to combat violent and drug-related crime in public and assisted housing in the city and nearby communities. Although Tacoma, Washington, is only about 30 miles from Seattle, Washington, where the HUD/OIG regional office is located, nationwide experience since the initiation of OSH in 1994 had proven that the best results/impact could be obtained when a HUD/OIG Special Agent was physically located in the target city. However, in accordance with the requirements of the Fiscal Year 2002 HUD Appropriations Act (Pub.L. 107-73, approved November 26, 2001), HUD/OIG is terminating OSH and re-deploying staff to focus on investigations involving single-family fraud and property flipping. This change eliminates the need to maintain a separate post-of-duty station in Tacoma, Washington, and gives HUD/OIG the opportunity to generate cost savings associated with discontinuing an additional office.

Section 7(p) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(p)) provides that a plan for field reorganization, which may involve the closing of any field or regional office, of the Department of Housing and Urban Development may not take effect until 90 days after a cost-benefit analysis of the effect of the plan on the office in question is published in the **Federal Register**. The required cost-benefit analysis should include: (1) An estimate of cost savings anticipated; (2) an estimate of the additional cost which will result from the reorganization; (3) a discussion of the impact on the local economy; and (4) an estimate of the effect of the reorganization on the availability, accessibility, and quality of services provided for recipients of those services.

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