DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[DOCKET NO. FR–7001–N–17]

30-DAY NOTICE OF PROPOSED INFORMATION COLLECTION:

Evaluation of the Office of Public and Indian Housing’s (PIH) Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) Program

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 30 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: May 25, 2018.

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: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202–395–5806; email: OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anna P. Guido, Reports Management Officer, QMAC, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; email Anna P. Guido at Anna.P.Guido@hud.gov or telephone 202–402–5535. This is not a toll-free number. Person with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Guido.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A. The Federal Register notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on July 22, 2016 at 81 FR 47813.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Evaluation of the Office of Public and Indian Housing’s (PIH) Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) Program.

OMB Approval Number: 2528—New.

Type of Request: New.

Form Number: N/A.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use: The information is being collected to explore and document the effectiveness and value of HUD’s Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) program. EPCs are an innovative financing technique designed to provide Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) with cost-effective energy improvements that are installed with little or no up-front expenditures, wherein the costs of the improvements are typically borne by the performance contractor and repaid using a portion of the cost savings resulting from the improvements. Since this type of financing began in the 1980s, HUD has approved approximately 315 EPCs totaling nearly $1.5 billion in investments. EPCs have been executed in all ten HUD regions in very small (less than 250 units) to very large (more than 6,599 units) PHAs; however, to date; no substantive review of the program’s performance has been conducted. The proposed data collection instrument is a web-based survey that will be supported by follow-up telephone interviews to a subset of the study’s participants.

Respondents (i.e., Affected Public): Employees of housing organizations receiving funding from HUD, specifically public housing authorities.

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1 The Bureau of Labor Statistics National Compensation Survey reported estimates that in 2017, the average property manager made about $34.79/hour (see https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm).
B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

1. 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. The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
3. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Ways to 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.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.


Dated: April 18, 2018.

Anna P. Guido,
Department Reports Management Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–6097–N–01]

Mortgagee Review Board: Administrative Actions

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD").

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 202(c)(5) of the National Housing Act, this notice advises of the cause and description of administrative actions taken by HUD's Mortgagee Review Board against HUD-approved mortgagees.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy A. Murray, Secretary to the Mortgagee Review Board, 451 Seventh Street SW. Room B–133/3150, Washington, DC 20410–8000; telephone (202) 706–2224 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Service at (800) 877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 202(c)(5) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. § 1708(c)(5)) requires that HUD “publish a description of and the cause for administrative action against a HUD-approved mortgagee” by HUD's Mortgagee Review Board (“Board”). In compliance with the requirements of Section 202(c)(5), this notice advises of actions that have been taken by the Board in its meetings from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.

I. Civil Money Penalties, Withdrawals of FHA Approval, Suspensions, Probations, and Reprimands


Action: On June 27, 2017, the Board voted to accept the terms of a settlement agreement with Alliance Financial Resources, LLC. ("Alliance") that required Alliance to pay a civil money penalty in the amount of $13,000. The settlement did not constitute an admission of liability or fault.

Cause: The Board took this action based on the following violations of HUD/FHA requirements alleged by HUD: Alliance (a) failed to timely notify HUD/FHA that Alliance entered into a Consent Order with the State of Oklahoma Department of Consumer Credit which required Alliance to pay a penalty; and (b) falsely certified on its annual certification that it had not been sanctioned by a state agency, notwithstanding the Consent Order with the Oklahoma Department of Consumer Credit.


Action: On December 15, 2016, the Board voted to accept the terms of a settlement agreement with Citizens Bank, N.A. ("Citizens") that required Citizens to pay a civil money penalty in the amount of $29,500. The settlement did not constitute an admission of liability or fault.

Cause: The Board took this action based on the following violations of HUD/FHA requirements alleged by HUD: Citizens (a) failed to timely notify HUD/FHA that Citizens entered into a Consent Order with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau which required Citizens to pay a penalty; (b) failed to timely notify HUD/FHA that Citizens had been assessed a civil money penalty by the Office of the Comptroller of Currency; and (c) failed to notify HUD/FHA that Citizens was assessed another civil money penalty by the Office of the Comptroller of Currency.

3. CMG Mortgage, Inc., San Ramon, CA [Docket No. 16–1770–MR]

Action: On December 15, 2016, the Board voted to accept a settlement agreement with CMG Mortgage, Inc. ("CMG") that required CMG to pay a civil money penalty in the amount of $8,500. The settlement did not constitute an admission of liability or fault.

Cause: The Board took this action based on the following violation of HUD/FHA requirements alleged by HUD: CMG failed to timely notify HUD/FHA that it entered into a Settlement Agreement with the State of New York Department of Financial Services under which it paid a fine.


Action: On January 9, 2017, the Board voted to accept a settlement agreement with Financial Freedom; pursuant to the settlement agreement, Financial Freedom was required to pay the United States $89,274,944 without admitting liability.

Cause: The Board took this action because Financial Freedom allegedly failed to self-curtail debenture interest on mortgage insurance claims it had submitted to HUD relating to HECM loans.

5. Great Western Financial Services, Inc., Plano, TX [Docket No. 16–1781–MR]

Action: On June 27, 2017, the Board voted to accept a settlement agreement with Great Western Financial Services ("Great Western") that required Great Western to pay a civil money penalty in the amount of $52,468. The settlement did not constitute an admission of liability or fault.

Cause: The Board took this action based on the following violations of HUD/FHA requirements alleged by HUD: Great Western (a) failed to timely notify HUD/FHA that it was assessed a fine by the State of Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Division of Banking; (b) failed to timely notify HUD/FHA that it was issued a Consent Order by the State of Oklahoma Department of Consumer Credit requiring Great Western to pay a civil money penalty; (c) failed to notify HUD/FHA that it was assessed another civil money penalty; (d) failed to timely notify HUD/FHA that it was issued a Consent Order by the State of Texas Department of Savings and Mortgage