

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-7103-N-07; OMB Control No.: 2528-NEW]

**60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Evaluation of the Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy Development and Research, 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 60 days of public comment.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* July 27, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number. Comments may be submitted within 60 days of publication of this notice to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Interested persons are also invited to submit comments regarding this proposal to Elizabeth Rudd, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 909 1st Avenue, Room 320-11, Seattle, WA 98104. Comments may also be submitted via email to [PDRPublicComments@hud.gov](mailto:PDRPublicComments@hud.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Rudd, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 909 1st Avenue, Room 320-11, Seattle, WA 98104; email Elizabeth Rudd at [PDRPublicComments@hud.gov](mailto:PDRPublicComments@hud.gov), or call her at 202-402-7607. This is not a toll-free number. HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an

accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Elizabeth Rudd.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

**A. Overview of Information Collection**

*Title of Information Collection:* Evaluation of the Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2528-NEW.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) seeks to collect information to evaluate the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Program. The IHBG program is authorized under Title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended (25 U.S.C. 4101 *et seq.*) (NAHASDA). The program funds eligible Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) to develop, maintain, and operate affordable housing in safe and healthy environments on Indian reservations and other Indian areas, and for other affordable housing activities. Grant funds must primarily benefit low-income Indian families. HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) administers the IHBG funds. Most IHBG funds are allocated by formula, but since 2018 Congress has required that some funds be allocated by competition. In response to the Congressional mandate, ONAP created the IHBG competitive grant program.

This **Federal Register** Notice provides an opportunity to comment on the information collection for the Evaluation of the Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program. To evaluate the IHBG competitive program, after OMB approval of the proposed information collection, HUD and its

contractor will administer a web-based survey to the 593 Tribes or TDHEs eligible to apply for IHBG competitive grants to collect data on: (1) why they apply for, or do not apply for, IHBG competitive grants, (2) the differences between projects funded by IHBG competitive grants and IHBG formula grants, (3) major housing needs and challenges in each respondent's area, and (4) factors that inhibit or facilitate building, rehabilitating, or acquiring housing on Tribal lands or for Tribal members.

HUD and its contractor will also conduct qualitative interviews with up to 30 Tribal staff and contractors drawn from applicants and non-applicants for IHBG competitive grants. The interviews will focus on experiences with the IHBG competitive grant program and ideas for improving the program.

The purpose of this study is to assess how well the IHBG competitive program meets its intended purposes of spurring new construction of affordable housing and enabling smaller tribes to build sooner than would be possible with formula funding, and to identify opportunities to improve the program.

*Respondents:* Tribal staff, TDHE staff, and contractors for Tribes and TDHEs eligible to apply for IHBG competitive grants.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* This information collection will affect approximately 623 respondents. This includes: (1) a survey of 593 Tribes and TDHEs, and (2) qualitative interviews of 30 Tribal staff and contractors.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 623.

*Frequency of Response:* Once. Because this collection will be administered only once during the three year approval period, the "responses per annum" field has been annualized by dividing the total number of responses by three.

*Average Hours per Response:* The survey is expected to take 30 minutes. Qualitative interviews will take approximately 60 minutes to complete.

*Total Estimated Burdens:* 326.5 hours, \$14,702.30.

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Cost
Tribes/TDHE Survey .....	593	0.33	195.69	0.5	97.85	\$45.03	\$4,406.19
Qualitative Interviews .....	30	0.33	10	1.0	10	45.03	450.30
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>107.75</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>4,856.26</b>

**Note:** Burden hours are annualized over a three year period, but in fact the information collection will happen only once. Source: Table B-3. Average hourly and weekly earnings of all employees on private nonfarm payrolls by industry sector, seasonally adjusted. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. January 2026 for all professional and business services. <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.t19.htm>.

The dollar cost of the estimated response burden is based on estimates from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics on average hourly earnings in January 2026. For Tribal staff, TDHE staff, and contractors, the estimate is based on the average hourly earnings for professional and business services (\$45.03).

## 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.

## C. Authority

Section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507.

**Todd M. Richardson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Inflation Reduction Act Wage Rates and Wage Determinations

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Wage and Hour Division (WHD)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

**DATES:** The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before June 26, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nora Hernandez by telephone at 202-693-8633, or by email at [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 16, 2022, President Biden signed H.R. 5376 (Pub. L. 117-169), a budget reconciliation measure commonly referred to as the "Inflation Reduction Act of 2022" (IRA). The IRA allows taxpayers to claim enhanced tax credit and deduction amounts in situations in which Davis-Bacon Act (DBA) prevailing wage rates are not required but are voluntarily paid as a condition of claiming the enhanced amount. Taxpayers will generally be able to find the applicable prevailing wage rates for the various classifications of laborers and mechanics for the construction of their facility in wage determinations published on [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). However, if no applicable wage determination is available on [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov), or if the wage determination that applies to the taxpayer's project does not include wage rates for all of the labor classifications that will be needed for the construction, alteration, or repair of the facility, guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury specifies a process by which a taxpayer may request an additional classification or supplemental wage determination from the Wage and Hour Division (WHD). See 89 FR 53184; and 26 CFR 1.45-7. The purpose of this ICR is to obtain approval to collect the data needed to issue additional classifications and supplemental wage determinations for the universe of respondents who are not already included in the collection approved under 1235-0023 (those who are subject to the DBA and the Davis-Bacon Related Acts (DBRA)). This collection applies to those outside the scope of DBA/DBRA who will need an applicable additional classification or supplemental wage determination that are not in an existing wage determination to satisfy prevailing wage requirements and thereby take the enhanced tax credit and deduction amounts under the IRA. For additional substantive information about this ICR,

see the related notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 25, 2026 (91 FR 14597).

*Comments are invited on:* (1) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the DOL, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) if the information will be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (4) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. To help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should reference OMB Control Number 1235-0034.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. DOL seeks approval for the revision of this information collection to ensure effective administration of the laws administered by the WHD.

*Agency:* DOL-WHD.

*Title of Collection:* Inflation Reduction Act Wage Rates and Wage Determinations.

*OMB Control Number:* 1235-0034.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector: Businesses or other for-profits.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,090.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 2,090.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 523 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$0.