FAIR HOUSING INITIATIVES PROGRAM WEB SURVEY IN TELEPHONE INSTRUMENT GUIDE FORMAT

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. DB Consulting is conducting a program evaluation of the Fair Housing Initiatives Program on behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This study is intended to provide HUD with an in-depth understanding of how fair housing agencies function and what role FHIP funds play in supporting their operation. This information may be used by HUD as part of future budget justifications for the program, design of new performance measures, and program changes. Your response to the survey is critical to the success and validity of this research.

Your participation in this survey is voluntary. The questions have been approved by the United States Office of Management and Budget, number xxxxxx. It is estimated that it will take you between 45 and 90 minutes to complete the survey. If you do not have time to complete the survey in one sitting, you can return to it at a later time.

Note that this is a survey of all FHIP agencies receiving grants between FY 2003 and FY 2005. Most of the questions are about your agency in 2006, whether or not you received a grant in FY 2005. This is intentional, as we are interested in how groups operate in years when they get funding as well as when they do not get funding. We think by asking about 2006, the information will be most fresh in your mind and we can analyze the data both by current grantees and former grantees.

To make responding to this survey easier for you, you may choose to use calendar year 2006 or your agency's fiscal year 2006, whichever you have better data on budget and program operations. Our objective is to have the best data possible for the most recently completed 12 month period.

CONTACT INFORMATION

In case we need to follow up with you to clarify any response, please provide the
following contact information:
A) Name of Primary Person Completing Survey:
B) Title:

QUESTIONS

Organizational Mission

As part of this evaluation, HUD is trying to understand the variety of models fair housing organizations use nationwide and in what context of the agency's mission does their fair housing work fall. The following questions asked about your organization's mission and structure:

1) What	at is the overall mission of your organizat	ion?
E P S S	v does <u>fair housing</u> fit within your overall Exclusive role	mission?

<u>Organization Structure</u>
3) Which of the following describes your organization?
Non-profit
State government
Local government
4a) Does your organization have a Board of Directors?
Yes
No
NO
4b) If yes, what is the size of your organization's Board of Directors (including vacancies) ?
4c) How many of the Board of Director positions are currently vacant?
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4d) Does your Board of Directors include representatives from:
(a) Other civil rights organizationsYes No
(b) Legal professionalsYes No
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(d) Landlords or landlord organizationsYes \(\subseteq \text{No} \(\subseteq \)
(e) Real estate agents/organizationsYes No
(f) The lending industry (such as bankers)Yes 🔛 No 🔙
(g) Government agenciesYes No
(h) Faith Based/ClergyYes 🗌 No 🗌
(i) Other non-profitsYes 🗌 No 🗌
(j) Unions/Labor Organizations. Yes 🗌 No 🗌
(k) Individuals representing themselvesYes No
4e) How many board members have been on the board for:
(a) 10 years or longer?
(b) 5 to 10 years?
(c) 2 to 5 years?
(d) Less than 2 years?
(a) 2633 than 2 years
5a) Is your agency an operating member of the National Fair Housing Alliance?
Yes (skip to 6)
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No

5b) If No, is your agency a supporting member of the National Fair Housing Alliance? Yes No
6) Is it a member of any civil rights organizations? Yes
7) Is it affiliated with other organizations? Yes Specify No
Organization History As part of this evaluation, HUD wants to know about organization history and where and whom it generally serves. This information will help understand more about FHIP organization stability and the overall geographic coverage by FHIP agencies nationwide.
8) In what year was your organization founded (legally incorporated)?
9) In what year did it first become active in fair housing activities?
10a) Has your agency's involvement in fair housing activities been continuous since that time or has it been discontinuous (that is, stopped doing fair housing activities at some point and then restarted)? Continuous (skip to 11)
10b) If discontinuous, why did it stop providing fair housing services?
10c) If discontinuous, in what year did it become active in fair housing activities for the most recent period of continuous activity?

Service Area and Population
11a) Please describe your organization's fair housing primary service area? (That is, the area where you primarily market your program and where most of the clients you serve live).
Targeted neighborhood(s)
A single city
A single county
A single metropolitan area
Multiple cities and/or counties outside of a metropolitan area
Statewide
Multiple states (specify)
Nationwide
Other (specify)
other (speeny)
11b) What is the approximate population of your fair housing primary service area? (That is, the number of people in the area where you primarily market your program and where most of the clients you serve live).
12a) In 2006, did your organization primarily market to a specific population or populations?
Yes
No (skip to 13)
12b) If yes, what population(s) did your organization primarily market to in 2006 (you
may select more than one)?
Persons with Disabilities
Families
Blacks or African Americans
Hispanics or Latinos
Asians
American Indians or Alaskan Natives
Native Hawaiians or Other Pacific Islanders
Immigrants
Low-Income
Women
Men
Other
Specify

12c) In 2006, did your group limit its fai	r housing services to only families below a
specified income threshold (such as low-	income)?
Yes	
No	

13) Please indicate whether or not your organization provided the following fair housing services in 2006 (you may select more than one)?
Education and OutreachYes No No Non-Testing Investigations (such as interviewing friendly witnesses)
No Referrals to pro-bono or contingency attorneys Yes No Research Involving Testing
14) If your organization provided other services beyond fair housing in 2006, what were the three largest types of programs provided? (a) Largest:
15a) How do you market your $\underline{\text{fair housing}}$ services? Check each activity you used in 2006.
15b) Does your organization have a web page? Yes No
16a) Do you ask clients how they became aware of your <u>fair housing</u> services? Yes No (skip to 17)

16b) Please indicate (by numbering 1,2,3), the three most common ways clients reported that they learned about your agency?
Yellow pages
Radio advertisement
Newspaper advertisement
Bus advertisement
Internet advertisement
Internet search (Google, Yahoo, etc)
Friend, neighbor, or relative
Brochures
Newsletters
Presentations to organizations/civic groups
Referral from another agency
Other
Specify
Specify
Technology 17a) In 2006, approximately how many of your regular staff had a working computer available for their exclusive use? "All"
17b) In 2006, approximately how many of your regular staff had a working computer available for their exclusive use that also had access to the internet? "All" "Most" "Roughly Half" "A few" "None"
17c) In 2006, did your organization have a working fax machine? Yes \square No \square
17d) In 2006, did your organization use audio recorders in its fair housing testing? (select only one) Yes, all of the time Yes, some of the time No Not legal in our state We do not do testing
17e) In 2006, did your organization use any of the following information services as part of its fair housing work? (a) Westlaw

Specify		
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characteristics of fai	rganization are its employees. r housing employees, their edu l length of tenure in employme	ication levels, fair housing training
(a) Full time (35-hou exclude temporary s accounting, bookkee (b) Part time (less th positions, exclude te	staff and professional services of eping, and legal counsel)?	rs who fill regular staff positions, conducted by third-parties such as e volunteers who fill regular staff I services conducted by third-
job?	-	tivities as a regular part of their
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Specify _____

19a) How many of your fair housing staff (both full-time and part-time) provided the following fair housing services in 2006. Please distinguish between primary (more than 50%) responsibility and occasional responsibility (less than 50%):

Responsibility	<u>Primary</u>	Occasional	<u>Total</u>
(a) Intake?			
(b) Education and			
Outreach?			
(c) Investigation?			
(e) Testing?			
(f) Statistical			
Analysis/Research?			
(g) Legal Referrals?			
(h) Policy Issues?			
(i) Advocacy?			
(j) Other?			
Specify			

19b) How many of your fair housing staff (both full-time and part-time) belong to each of these racial/ethnic groups?

(a) Non-Hispanic White?
19c) How many of your fair housing staff (both full-time and part-time) are women, and how many are men? (a) Women?
19d) How many of your fair housing staff (both full-time and part-time) have the following as their highest level of education completed? (a) Less than high school graduate? (b) High school graduate only? (c) 2-year college degree? (d) 4-year college degree? (e) Masters degree? (f) Law degree (J.D.)?
19e) How many of your fair housing staff (both full-time and part-time) have worked for your agency (a) More than 10 years?

19f) How many of your fair housing staff (both full-time and part-time) have worked on fair housing issues, whether or not with your agency \dots

(a) More than 10 years?	
(b) 6 to 10 years?	
(c) 3 to 5 years?	
(d) 1 to 2 years?	
(e) Less than 1 vear?	

19gi) How many staff in 2006 had responsibility for coordinating tests?
19gii) If you had a test coordinator(s) in 2006, please describe the testing-related training the test coordinator(s) had received and when they received that training.
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19hi) How many staff in 2006 had responsibility for doing complaint intake?
19hii) If you had intake staff in 2006, please describe the intake-related training that they have received and when they received that training.
20a) Over the past five years how many different Executive Directors have you had for your organization?
20b) If different than the Executive Director, over the past five years how many different Fair Housing Program Directors have you had for your organization?
21) How much did your organization spend in FY 2006 on <u>fair housing</u> related staff training and continuing education? \$
Budget One of the core goals of this evaluation is to understand the financial stability of fair housing organizations from year-to-year. The following questions ask about total budget, sources of funding for fair housing activities, and general budget stability from year-to-year.
22) What was your organization's TOTAL operating budget for its fiscal year 2006? \$
23) What was your organization's FAIR HOUSING operating budget for its fiscal years (a) 2004?\$(b) 2005?\$

(c) 2006?.....\$____

24) For the organization's fiscal year 2006, please indicate the amount of dollars from each source that supported your FAIR HOUSING operations, please distinguish between enforcement activities and education and outreach activities (if unable to differentiate between activities, please provide the "Total" amount and indicate "DK" under "Enforcement" and "Education and Outreach"):

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		Education &	
	<u>nt</u>	<u>Outreach</u>	<u>Total</u>
(a) FHIP PEI	\$	\$	\$
(b) FHIP EOI	\$	\$	\$
(c) FHIP FHOI	\$	\$	\$
(d) CDBG from City, County, or State	\$	\$	\$
(e) Other funding from City, County,	\$	\$	\$
or State			
(f) HUD Housing Counseling Funds	\$	\$	\$
(g) Proceeds from fair housing	\$	\$	\$
settlement(s)			
(h) Realtors	\$	\$	\$
(i) Bankers/Mortgage Companies	\$	\$	\$
(j) Landlords or Associations	\$	\$	\$
(k) Foundations	\$	\$	\$
(I) Charitable Donations	\$	\$	\$
(k) Specify			
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$

25a) Over the past five years, would you describe yo	our funding FROM ALL SOURCES
for fair housing activities to be:	
Generally increasing over time	
Relatively stable from year-to-year	
Up and down modestly from year-to-year	
Up and down significantly from year-to-year	
Generally decreasing over time	<u> </u>

25b) Please explain what most affects the stability of your <u>fair housing</u> funding from year-to-year:

settlements as a result of lawsuits or administrative complaints? Yes
26b) If yes, what is the total amount your organization has received from settlements in the past 5 years as a result of as a result of lawsuits or administrative complaints?
Enforcement Activities Please answer the following questions if your organization conducted any enforcement activities in 2006 , whether or not you received a PEI grant. Enforcement activities involve receiving, initiating, and/or investigating fair housing complaints.
27) Did your organization receive and/or investigate fair housing complaints in 2006? Yes No (skip to 60)
Inquiries
28) How do you track and log fair housing inquiries (An inquiry is the initial request for assistance on an allegation of what appears to be unlawful housing discrimination)? (check all that apply) (a) Each inquiry is recorded in a database (b) Each inquiry is recorded in a paper file (c) Inquiry is noted in some other format (d) Inquiries are not tracked
29) Are any of the following items collected at time of initial contact? (a) Name

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30a) From how many individuals or organizations (excluding your agency) did the

agency receive a fair housing inquiry in 2006?
30b) How many FAIR HOUSING investigations were "agency initiated" (for example initiation of a systemic investigation based on renting patterns in a community)?

31) How many of the (a) Led to fair (b) Led to fair (c) Were reso none (d) Were inve (e) Still under (f) Led to evice	housing com housing suit lved by your stigated but investigation dence being r	nplaints file is filed in co organization no discrimen?	ed with Hourt?on outsidention withoutsidention with the Department.	UD or FI le of HUE vas confi	HAP? or none [D/FHAP or rmed? or none [of Justice?	or none court? or nor	or ne
(g) Were refe							
(h) Were refe (i) Were refer			-		<u> </u>		
(f) Resulted ir					_		
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32) What are the total number of FAIR HOUSING inquiries where the agency conducted some sort of an investigation in 2006 (an investigation is any proactive work by the fair housing agency to obtain evidence to validate the potential complaint)? 33a) How many of the FAIR HOUSING inquiries from individuals were investigated using FHIP PEI funds? or none 33b) How many of the "agency initiated" FAIR HOUSING investigation were conducted using FHIP PEI funds? or none 34) In 2006, of investigations undertaken, how many were: What proportion of inquiries investigated were							
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		<u>investigated</u> <u>with PEI funds?</u>					
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Al</u>		Sc	<u>me</u>	<u>Nc</u>	<u>ne</u>
(a) Rental							
(b) Sales							
(c) Lending							
(d) Insurance							
(e) Other			1	Г			
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35) In 2006, did your FHIP investigate any inquiries involving the following protected classes? If yes, were any investigated using PEI funds?
(a) Raceyes no ; With PEI? yes no
(b) Coloryes no ; With PEI? yes no
(c) National Originyes no ; With PEI? yes no
(e) Familial Statusyes no ; With PEI? yes no
(f) Sexyes no ; With PEI? yes no
(g) Religionyes no ; With PEI? yes no
(I) Design and Construction yes no ; With PEI? yes no
(m) Disability (excluding design and construction) yes no; With PEI?
yes no
(h) Other yes no ; With PEI? yes no
(11) Other yes 110, With 1 E1. yes 110
36) Did you do any investigations in 2006 that used consultants or specialists?
Yes
No (skip to 38)
37) For investigations that used consultants or specialists, what types of service did
they provide?
(a) Engineering/ArchitectureYes No
(b) Statistical AnalysisYes No
(c) Other No
Fair Housing Testing
38) Does your organization conduct fair housing tests?
Yes
No (skip to 60)
For organizations conducting fair housing tests:
Tor organizations conducting rail modeling tests.
39) Is there a staff person charged with coordinating tests?
Yes
No (skip to 41)
40) If yes, approximately how much of that person's time in a year is dedicated to coordinating tests?
"All"
"Three-quarters"
"Roughly Half"

"One-quarter or less".....

41) Do you have documented tester training manual?	
Yes	
No (skip to 43)	
42) If yes, please describe how you developed the tester training manual (you may indicate more than one)? Primarily locally developed	
43) Indicate if any testers were recruited in 2006 from the following methods: Referrals from current testers	
44) Of the testers conducting tests in 2006, about what proportion were NEW tester in 2006? "All"	rs
45) Of the testers conducting tests in 2006, about what proportion had attended a tester training session in 2006? "All"	
46) How did you compensate the <u>majority</u> of your testers in 2006? Volunteers (no compensation) Paid an honorarium or stipend Paid staff (hourly or salary)	

of discrimination from an individual complainant (excluding your own "agency initiated" tests or tests initiative at the request of HUD or a FHAP agency)? "All" "Most" "Roughly Half" "A few" "None"
48) Approximately what proportion of your testing in 2006 was "agency initiated" (for example, initiation of a systemic investigation based on renting patterns in a community)?
"All"
49) Were any tests conducted in 2006 in response to a request from HUD or FHAP agency?
Yes
50) Did your agency conduct any tests in 2006 for the housing industry as part of a "self-testing" program?
Yes No
51) Did your agency conduct any tests in 2006 as part of a research project (such as to measure the level of discrimination in your community)? Yes
52) Did your agency conduct any tests in 2006 for compliance testing in response to a settlement or court order?
Yes No
53) How many TOTAL fair housing tests were conducted by the agency in 2006?
54) How many TOTAL fair housing tests were conducted by the agency in 2006 that were funded with FHIP PEI funds?
55) Please indicate if in 2006 you conducted one or more of the following type of fair housing test:
(a) Rentalyes
(c) Lendingyes no

(d) Insuranceyes [no 🗌
56) Please indicate if in 2006 you conducted one or more of the fair hou these protected classes:	sing test for
(a) Black or African Americanyes	no 🗌
(b) Hispanic or Latinoyes [no 🗌
(c) Asianyes [no 🗌
(d) American Indian or Alaskan Nativeyes	no 🗌
(e) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islanderyes	no
(f) Other Raceyes	no
(g) Other Coloryes	no
(h) Religionyes	no
(i) Sexyes [no
(j) National Originyes	no
(k) Familial Statusyes	no
(I) Design and Constructionyes	no
(m) Physical Disability (excluding design and construction). yes	no
(n) Sensory Disability (excluding design and construction)yes	no
(o) Mental Disability (excluding design and construction)yes	no
(p) Otheryes _	no
57) Approximately what proportion of your testing is done through in-pe "All" ("Most" ("Roughly Half" ("A few" ("None" ()	erson visits?
58) Approximately what proportion of your testing based on individual (initiated") complaints in 2006 resulted in some type of enforcement act "All" \square "Most" \square "Roughly Half" \square "A few" \square "None" \square	
59) Approximately what proportion of your <u>agency initiated</u> testing in 20 some type of enforcement action? "All" "Most" "Roughly Half" "A few" "None" "	006 resulted in

Education	and	Outreach	Activities

Please answer the following questions if your organization conducted **any education** and outreach activities in 2006, whether or not you received an EOI grant. Education and outreach activities are activities that include developing education materials, analyzing local impediments to housing choice, providing housing counseling and classes, convening meetings that bring together the housing industry with fair housing groups, developing technical materials on accessibility, and mounting public information campaigns.

60) Did your organization undertake any FAIR Hactivities in 2006? Yes No (skip to 70)	OUSING education and outreach
61) Please indicate which of the listed fair housing organization uses in its education and outreach brochure is used if 10 or more individuals receive Fair Housing: Equal Opportunity for All (Enfair Housing Act Design Manual - HUD Fair Housing for HOME Participants - HUD Fair Housing Planning Guide - HUD	activities (please only indicate a red or used the material in 2006). nglish/Spanish) - HUD
Reserve	
62) If you used other educational materials in 2 please provide the names and source of each (for the National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA), your shousing group): i. Name:	or example, a brochure developed by
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ii. Name:	Source:
iii. Name:	Source:
63) Has your organization developed its own ed the materials are currently used in your education Yes	lucation materials (only indicate "yes" if
64) For educational material developed locally,	please provide a title, purpose, target

than three developed, list three used most often in 2006). i. Title of locally developed material	
Purpose (ie. How to spot a predatory loan)	
Target Audience (ie. Hispanic homebuyers)	
Language (ie. English)	
Funded with current or past EOI grant: Yes	No 🗌
ii. Title:	
Purpose:	
Target Audience	
Language :	
Funded with current or past EOI grant: Yes	No 🗌
iii. Title:	
Purpose:	
Target Audience	
Language :	
Funded with current or past EOI grant: Yes	No 🗌
65) Please describe any fair housing education material that developing and producing.	at you think HUD should be

audience, language, and if its development was paid for with the FHIP EOI grant (if more

66) What types of Education and Outreach activities did your organization undertake in 2006? For each, indicate if it was undertaken at all followed by whether or not it was funded all or partially with FHIP EOI funds. (a) <u>Develop</u> education materials?yes no; With EOI? yes no (b) <u>Distribute</u> education materials?yes no; With EOI? yes no no no
no 🗌
(d) Provide housing counseling and classes?yes \square no \square ; With EOI? yes \square no $[$ (e) Convene meetings that bring together the housing industry with fair housing
groups?
ges
no
(g) Mount media campaign(s)?yes no ; With EOI? yes no (h) Training to landlords/management agencies?yes no ; With EOI? yes
no 🗌
(i) Training to real estate agents?yes no ; With EOI? yes no (j) Training to lenders?yes no ; With EOI? yes no (k) Training to local government officials?yes no ; With EOI? yes no (l) Other (specify)yes no ; With EOI? yes no (l)
67) How many total people received direct fair housing education or training from your organization in 2006?
68) How many separate organization's did you provide fair housing training to their staff in 2006?

training? Yes	e customer service su	rvey of individuals afte	er they receive
	<u>l</u> he survey is seeking in tion and your opinions		
significant costs asso (a) Implementa (b) Notable had (c) Significant (d) If yes to an	• • = =	istration of your FHIP on the stration of your FHIP of the strategy of the str	grant?
7 17 Timut and time ime	Very significant	Somewhat significant	Not at all significant
Consistent funding for enforcement operations	Yery Significant	Significant	- 1132 at an Signmeant
Consistent funding for education and outreach activities			
Staff retention Staff expertise/training			

72) Please rate your agreement with the following statements about HUD's role in supporting private fair housing organizations with appropriation levels held constant?

		• • •	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
	<u>Agree a lot</u>	<u>Agree a little</u>	<u>a little</u>	<u>a lot</u>
HUD should set standards for				
FHIP agency investigations				
Standards for testing should				
be developed so FHIP				
agencies could have "certified				
testing programs"				
Make all PEI grants 3-year				
awards, but have fewer PEI				
and EOI grants each year				
Discontinue PEI 3-year awards				
and fund more EOI grants				
Discontinue PEI 3-year awards				
and fund more PEI grants				
Reinstate the FHOI Program				
and have fewer overall PEI				
grants				

73) In your own words, in what ways do the services your group provide add value to promoting and enforcing fair housing laws?

74) Please tell us what things you see as being problems with the FHIP program and what you think might be done to fix those problems.

75) Please use the following space to provide any further comments on either the challenges facing FHIP agencies, HUD's role in supporting FHIP agencies, or concerns that were not captured in the survey.

Thank you very much for your participation in this survey. If you have any questions regarding the survey please contact the survey director, xxx of DB Consulting group, toll-free at 1-888-xxx-xxxx or email at xxx@DBConsulting.com.

DRAFT HUD LETTER TO RESPONDENTS

Dear Fair Housing Initiative Program Grantee:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has hired DB Consulting Group, Inc. to conduct an evaluation of the Fair Housing Initiative Program (FHIP). As part of this evaluation, DB Consulting is surveying all organizations that received a FHIP grant between FY 2003 and FY 2005, including your agency. The purpose of the survey is to better understand the diversity of FHIP recipients and how their programs are conducted. Results from this survey are a very important component of a larger evaluation that is intended to measure the contributions FHIP agencies play in supporting implementation of national, state, and local fair housing laws.

Your participation and cooperation in this survey is important. The report that will be produced will provide a picture of the FHIP program nationally. No responses will be attributed to an individual agency. HUD Policy Development and Research staff will use the information you provide solely for the purpose of the study.

The survey should take between 45 and 90 minutes, depending on the size of your program. To take the survey, please go to www.xxx.xxx and login (NEED TO PROVIDE THE LOGIN INFORMATION). If you have any difficulties with the survey or would prefer to answer the questions over the phone, please contact Tracy McCracken at DB Consulting at 1-800-xxx-xxxx. If you have any questions about the overall study, please contact Judson James from the Office of Policy Development and Research's Program Evaluation Division, 202-402-5707.

Thank your for your participation and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bryan Greene Deputy Assistant Secretary Fair Housing Enforcement Monitoring Kevin Neary Deputy Assistant Secretary Research, Evaluation, and

Federal Register Notice

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5043-N-11]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Survey of Agencies Receiving Funding Under HUD's Fair Housing Initiative Program (FHIP)

AGENCY: Office of the Policy Development and Research, HUD. ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be 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: February 9, 2007.

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: Report Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8226, Washington, DC 20410-5000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Todd M. Richardson, (202) 708-3700, extension 5706, (this is not a toll-free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). 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

This Notice also lists the following information:

be collected; and (4) Minimize the

automated collection techniques or

other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission

through the use of appropriate

of responses).

burden of the collection of information

on those who are to respond, including

Title of Proposal: Survey of Agencies Receiving Funding Under HUD's Fair Housing Initiative Program (FHIP)

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: This request is for the clearance of a survey instrument designed to provide a broad, statistically accurate picture of the activities of FHIP agencies nationwide. This survey would be based on the population of approximately 168 FHIP agencies. The purpose of the survey is to characterize the nature of the organizations that receive FHIP grants and the types of activities they undertake. The proposed survey includes questions on agency size, budget, mission, experience, governance/administrative structure, staff, and funding history. The proposed survey will also look specifically at the grantee's process of implementing its FHIP grant.

OMB Approval Number: Pending. Agency form numbers: None. Members of Affected Public: FHIP Agencies.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: 168 FHIP agencies will be surveyed. Average time to complete the survey is 45 minutes. Respondents will only be contacted once. Total burden hours are 126.

Status of the proposed information collection: New.

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

Date: December 1, 2006.

Darlene F. Williams,

Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Dakotas Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Dakotas Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: A meeting will be held January 10 and 11, 2007, at the Holiday Inn, at 190 Exit 14, Spearfish, SD 57783, beginning at 1 p.m. The public comment period will begin at 8 a.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in North and South Dakota. All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below. The Council will hear updates to Recreation Resource Advisory Committee roles, Sage Grouse Conservation, and upcoming resource management planning efforts.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting; Central Montana Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.