
19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9.

Note: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320/8(b) (3). Appear at the end of the instructions. The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collections of information that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It uses plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention periods for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of the information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, or mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to collected (see note in item 19 of the instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of these provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Program Official:

Date:

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Dennis O'Neill, Deputy Director, Organization, Policy, Planning & Analysis Division, HRO

Signature of Senior Officer or Designee:

Date:

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Supporting Statement for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

A. Justification

- 1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of information.**

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-117, approved December 16, 2009, 123 Stat. 3034) (2010 Appropriations Act), which appropriated fiscal year 2010 funds for HUD, among other agencies, appropriated \$50 million for an Energy Innovation Fund to enable HUD to catalyze innovations in the residential energy efficiency sector that have the promise of replicability and help create a standardized home energy efficient retrofit market. Of the \$50 million appropriated for the Energy Innovation Fund, the 2010 Appropriations Act stated that “\$25,000,000 shall be for the Energy Efficient Mortgage Innovation pilot program directed at the single family housing market.” (See Public Law 111-117, at 123 Stat. 3089). The FHA Home Energy Retrofit Loan Pilot Program is designed by HUD to meet this statutory directive and provides funding to support that effort.

- 2. Indicate how, by whom and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection.**

Lender participation in the FHA Home Energy Retrofit Loan Pilot Program is voluntary. To facilitate HUD’s evaluation of lender performance and assessment of the success and replicability of the pilot program, HUD will select lenders to participate in the program. To be eligible for participation, lenders must submit an Expression of Interest providing the information specified in the Federal Register notice establishing the program.

An expression of interest submitted by a lender must demonstrate that the lender: (1) is currently approved as an FHA Title I or Title II Program lender, (2) has experience with similar lending initiatives; (3) has the technical capability to interface with FHA through FHA Connection, or any other computer systems utilized by FHA or its contractors pertaining to the pilot program; (4) is able to provide timely reports to FHA on origination and performance of retrofit loans; and (5) has the capacity to work with public sector agencies, nonprofit organizations, utilities, and/or home improvement contractors.

- 3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.**

In an effort to reduce the administrative burden associated with the mailing and processing of paper applications, lenders are required to submit their expressions of interest electronically to FHAPowerSaver@hud.gov specifically for this purpose.

- 4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above.**

There is no duplication of information. The information that must be included in an expression of interest criteria is necessary to ensure that selected lenders have the necessary programmatic expertise, performance track record, and technical capacity to successfully participate in the pilot program.

- 5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities (Item 5 of OMB Form 83-I) describe any methods used to minimize burden.**

As noted, lender participation in the FHA Home Energy Retrofit Loan Pilot Program is voluntary and, therefore, any administrative burden associated with this collection of information is assumed at the choice of the lender. Moreover, the information that must be provided in an expression of interest is readily available to lenders, and its collection does not impose any administrative or other burdens unique to small business lenders interested in participating in the pilot program.

- 6. Describe the consequence to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.**

The information of collection is a one-time submission requirement for consideration to participate in the FHA Home Energy Retrofit Loan Pilot Program. Absent the information collection, the Department would have no way of assessing the qualifications of interested lenders to successfully participate in the program.

7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in a manner:
- requiring respondents to report information to the agency more than quarterly;
 - requiring respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it;
 - requiring respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document;
 - requiring respondents to retain records other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records for more than three years;
 - in connection with a statistical survey, that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results than can be generalized to the universe of study;
 - requiring the use of a statistical data classification that has not been reviewed and approved by OMB;
 - that includes a pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation, that is not supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge, or which unnecessarily impedes sharing of data with other agencies for compatible confidential use; or
 - requiring respondents to submit proprietary trade secret, or other confidential information unless the agency can demonstrate that it has instituted procedures to protect the information's confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.

There are no special circumstances surrounding this collection of information.

8. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.
- Describe efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping disclosure, or reporting format (if any) and the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.
 - Consultation with representatives of those from whom information is to be obtained or those who must compile records should occur at least once every 3 years -- even if the collection of information activity is the same as in prior periods. There may be circumstances that preclude consultation in a specific situation. These circumstances should be explained.

Emergency approval is being requested for this information collection. Accordingly, the Department has not yet published the notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d).

9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

No gifts or payments will be provided other than the payment of FHA insurance claims and related lender incentive payments to support activities that reduce costs to borrower, as described in the Federal Register notice establishing the pilot program.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation or agency policy.

The confidentiality of the information provided by lenders will be safeguarded, consistent with the assurances of confidentiality provided by the Department to other applicants for assistance under HUD competitive funding programs.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.

No questions of a sensitive nature are included in this request

12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information. The statement should:

- indicate the number of respondents, frequency of response, annual hour burden, and an explanation of how the burden was estimated. Unless directed to do so, agencies should not conduct special surveys to obtain information on which to base hour burden estimates. Consultation with a sample (fewer than 10) of potential respondents is desirable. If the hour burden on respondents is expected to vary widely because of differences in activity, size, or complexity, show the range of estimated hour burden, and explain the reasons for the variance. Generally estimates should not include burden hours for customary and usual business practices;
- if this request covers more than one form, provide separate hour burden estimates for each form and aggregate the hour burdens in Item 13 of OMB Form 83-I; and
- provide estimates of annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens for collections of information, identifying and using appropriate wage rate categories. The cost of contracting out or paying outside parties for information collection activities should not be included here. Instead this cost should be included in Item 13.

Information Collection	Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Responses Per Annum	Burden Hour Per Response	Annual Burden Hours	Hourly Cost Per Response*	Annual Cost
FHA PowerSaver Loan Pilot	15	1	15	40	600	\$48.00	\$28,800

*The hourly cost is based on an estimate of the average annual salary of respondent staff at the equivalent of the Federal hourly rate of a GS-13 at the mid-point level.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information (do not include the cost of any hour burden shown in Items 12 and 14).
- The cost estimate should be split into two components: (a) a total capital and start-up cost component (annualized over its expected useful life); and (b) a total operation and maintenance purchase of services component. The estimates should take into account costs associated with generating, maintaining, and disclosing or providing the information. Include descriptions of methods used to estimate major cost factors including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, the discount rate(s) and the time period over which costs will be incurred. Capital and start-up costs include, among other items, preparations for collecting information such as purchasing computers and software; monitoring, sampling, drilling and testing equipment; and record storage facilities;
 - If cost estimates are expected to vary widely, agencies should present ranges of cost burdens and explain the reasons for the variance. The cost of purchasing or contracting out information collection services should be a part of this cost burden estimate. In developing cost burden estimates, agencies may consult with a sample of respondents (fewer than 10) utilize the 60-day pre-OMB submission public comment process and use existing economic or regulatory impact analysis associated with the rulemaking containing the information collection, as appropriate.
 - generally, estimates should not include purchases of equipment or services, or portions thereof made: (1) prior to October 1, 1995, (2) to achieve regulatory compliance with requirements not associated with the information collection, (3) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the government, or (4) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

There are no additional costs to respondent lenders.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government. Also, provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, which should include quantification of hours, operational expenses (such as equipment, overhead, printing, and support staff), and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information. Agencies also may aggregate cost estimates from Items 12, 13, and 14 in a single table.

Information Collection	Number of Responses	Frequency of Response	Responses Per Annum	Burden Hour Per Response	Annual Burden Hours	Hourly Cost Per Response	Annual Cost
FHA PowerSaver Loan Pilot	15	1	15	3	45	\$62	\$2790

The hourly cost is based on the annual salary of a GS-15 midpoint level in the salary table for DC-MD-VA-WV-PA.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 and 14 of the OMB Form 83-I.
- This is a request for a new information collection. The collection is required to determine lender eligibility to participate in the pilot program.
16. For collection of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation and publication. Address any complex analytical techniques that will be used. Provide the time schedule for the entire project, including beginning and ending dates of the collection of information, completion of report, publication dates, and other actions.
- The information will not be published.
17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.
- There is no request to not display the expiration date.
18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in item 19.
- There are no exceptions to the certification statement identified in item 19.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

This collection will not employ statistical methods.