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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Mr. Ross A. Rutledge
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Dear Mr. Rutledge:

The Department is seeking emergency review of the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements for a new information collection which supports the issuance of up to \$3.7 million dollars available through the Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities Program that was part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-117, approved December 16, 2009).

The total funding issuance includes \$2 million reserved in FY 2010, and up to \$3 million will be reserved in FY 2011, if available, to build the capacity of metropolitan and multijurisdictional planning efforts that support community involvement and integrate housing, land use, land cleanup and preparation for reuse, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments. Up to \$700,000 may be available from the EPA as authorized in the Clean Air Act, Section 103(b)(2), Clean Water Act, Section 104(b)(2), and CERCLA, Section 104(k)(6), subject to Congress appropriating FY2011 funding.

The Capacity Building for Sustainable Communities program is a new program at HUD that requires compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Notice of Paperwork Submission (enclosed), proposed for immediate *Federal Register* publication, explains the burden of the collection requirements and invites public comments on them.

In compliance with the requirements of 5 CFR 1320.13, this letter requests emergency processing, we also request to be allowed to issue the NOFA with a pending OMB approval number. This request for emergency processing is essential because our NOFA requesting pre-applications and applications from the public is intended to be announced on May 1, 2011.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shelley R. Poticha".

Shelley R. Poticha
Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities