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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5487-N-16]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB

Emergency Comment Request

Choice Neighborhoods

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended). The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal, to assure better understanding of the reporting requirements and consistency in the submission of data.

DATES: **[Insert 7 Days after the date of publication in the Federal Register]**

ADDRESS: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name/or OMB Control number and should be

sent to: Colette Pollard., Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4160, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202.402.3400 (this is not a toll-free number) or email Ms. Pollard at Colette_Pollard@hud.gov. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. (Other than the HUD USER information line and TTY numbers, telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Pollard, Departmental Reports Management Officer, QDAM, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Room 4160, Washington, DC 20410-5000; telephone 202-402-3400, (this is not a toll-free number) or email Ms. Colette Pollard at Colette_Pollard@hud.gov for a copy of the proposed forms, or other available information. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice informs the public that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, a proposed information collection that supports the Choice Neighborhoods Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

Title of Proposal: Choice Neighborhood

OMB Control Number: 2577-0269

DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: This is a revised information collection. The Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-117, enacted on December 16, 2009) permits the HUD Secretary to use up to \$65,000,000 of the HOPE VI appropriations for a Choice Neighborhoods Initiative demonstration. Thus, except as otherwise specified in the appropriations act, the HOPE VI program requirements and selection criteria will apply to Choice Neighborhoods grants for FY 2011. The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will contain the selection criteria for awarding Choice Neighborhoods grants and specific requirements that will apply to selected grantees.

The program aims to transform neighborhoods of poverty into viable mixed-income neighborhoods with access to economic opportunities by revitalizing severely distressed public and assisted housing and investing and leveraging investments in well-functioning services, effective schools and education programs, public assets, public transportation and improved access to jobs. Choice Neighborhoods grants will primarily fund the transformation of public and/or HUD-assisted housing developments through preservation, rehabilitation, and management improvements as well as demolition and new construction. In addition, these funds can be used on a limited basis (and combined with other funding) for improvements to the surrounding community, public services, facilities, assets and supportive services. Choice Neighborhoods grant funds are intended to catalyze other investments that will be directed toward necessary community improvements. The leveraging of other sources will be necessary to address other key neighborhood assets and achieve the program's core goals. HUD is working with other

Federal agencies to integrate Choice Neighborhoods with other Federal place-based programs.

AGENCY FORM NUMBER: SF-424, SF-LLL, HUD 2880, HUD 96010, HUD 96011, SF-424, SF-LLL, HUD 2880, HUD 96010, HUD 96011, HUD 53235, HUD 53237, HUD 53239, HUD 53150, HUD 53154, HUD 53233, HUD 53236, HUD 53238, HUD 53240, HUD 53151, HUD 53151, HUD 53153, HUD 53230, HUD 53232, HUD 53234, HUD 53152, HUD 53231

MEMBERS OF AFFECTED PUBLIC: Local governments, public housing authorities, nonprofits, and for-project developers that apply jointly with a public entity.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of responses: For Choice Neighborhoods burden hours per response total to 68.09 for Implementation Grant applications and 34.59 for Planning Grant applications. The total burden hours, estimating 150 respondents for both application is 6,864.

Status of the proposed information collection: This is an Emergency Information Collection

AUTHORITY: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35,
as amended.

Dated: _____

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