

not authorize any additional substantive modifications to the closing process without approval of the appropriate Regional Counsel and the Office of Insured Housing in Headquarters. Draft closing submission will remain consistent with the approach of Multifamily Housing and OGC will accept draft closing packages in fully electronic form.

*Respondents estimation for the Escrow Agreement for Deferred Repairs & Debt Service—223(f)—(one closing):*

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 330.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 330.

*Frequency of Response:* Once per annum.

*Average Hours per Response:* .50 hours.

*Total Estimated Burdens:* 165.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* The form *Escrow Agreement for Deferred Repairs & Debt Service—223(f)* (“*Debt Service Escrow Agreement*”), sets the terms and conditions between the Borrower and Lender and provides for the establishment of an escrow by the Borrower as security for completion of non-critical deferred repairs. Such escrow also serves as security for HUD’s insurance of the loan. The agreement provides for prior approval of HUD for certain actions to be taken by the Borrower or Lender. The information collection requirements contained in Debt Service Escrow Agreement are to oversee the parties’ compliance with all applicable legal requirements and therefore ensure protection of the FHA insurance fund.

The global pandemic relating to the COVID-19 Emergency has disrupted the U.S. economy with significantly increased unemployment and overall economic instability. This instability has carried over to real estate markets in general, including multifamily commercial markets. During these challenging times, HUD remains open for business and will continue as an active participant in sourcing new construction and refinance debt through its mortgage insurance programs. At the same time, HUD has reevaluated its underwriting requirements, particularly for market rate refinance transactions that may now experience increased vacancy, rent collection losses and income disruption both in the near and long term. Section 207 of the National Housing Act provides that no mortgage shall be acceptable for insurance unless the Secretary finds that the project is economically sound, and the MAP Guide permits specific mitigants to be employed to reduce risk for transactions currently in process but yet to receive a

Firm Commitment to insure. These mitigants include but are not limited to the requirement of a Debt Service Reserve (DSR) for Section 223(f) transactions to offset anticipated operating losses post endorsement. To address risk and/or changed economic circumstances for transactions that have been issued a commitment to insure but have yet to endorse, HUD includes language in the Firm Commitment affirming that no material adverse change (MAC) has occurred between the issuance of the commitment and endorsement. Accordingly, HUD has taken the position that the impact of the COVID-19 Emergency has resulted in a material change in most, if not all, real estate markets and therefore, HUD will require mitigants to offset this additional risk. Accordingly, this form provides clarification and instructions to HUD staff describing additional mitigants that may be included in the Firm Commitment for Section 223(f) loans that are in processing, as well as for those projects for which a Firm Commitment has been issued.

Revisions to the OMB approved Form HUD-92476.1M is the temporary *Escrow Agreement for Deferred Repairs & Debt Service—223(f)*. This form does not permanently replace the HUD-92476.1M. The revised escrow, while based on the HUD-92476.1M, is a separate document for temporary use during the COVID-19 emergency pursuant to Mortgagee Letter 2020-11 issued April 10, 2020. The temporary *Escrow Agreement for Deferred Repairs & Debt Service—223(f)* Form will remain in effect until such time as HUD determines that the real estate markets that have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 Emergency have stabilized and additional mitigants for Section 223(f) transactions are no longer required.

This new collection can be used to address future changes to multifamily programs or processes that may arise from impacts due to the COVID19 pandemic.

### 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.

(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.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

### C. Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

#### Colette Pollard,

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-7024-N-51]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Public Housing Agency (PHA) 5-Year and Annual Plan; OMB Control No.: 2577-0226

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HUD has submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date: January 11, 2021.*

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. 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/StartPrintedPage15501PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/StartPrintedPage15501PRAMain). 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:

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and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; email Colette Pollard at [Colette.Pollard@hud.gov](mailto:Colette.Pollard@hud.gov) or telephone 202-402-3400. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. This is not a toll-free number. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the information collection described in Section A. The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on October 9, 2018 at 83 FR 50676.

#### A. Overview of Information Collection

*Title of Information Collection:* Public Housing Agency (PHA) 5-Year and Annual Plan.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2577-0226.

*Type of Request:* Revision of currently approved collection.

*Form Number(s):* HUD-50075-5Y, HUD-50075-ST, HUD-50075-SM, HUD-50075-HCV, HUD-50075-HP, HUD-50075-MTW, HUD-50077-CR, HUD-50077-SL, HUD-50077-CRT-SM, and HUD-50077-ST-HCV-HP.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:* Under the provisions of Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. The Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan was created by section 5A of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c-1). There are two different PHA Plans: The Five-Year Plan and the Annual Plan. The Five-Year Plan describes the agency's mission, long-range goals and objectives for achieving its mission over a five-year period. The Annual PHA Plan is a comprehensive guide to PHA policies, programs, operations, and strategies for meeting local housing needs and goals. This revision integrates the MTW Supplement to the Annual PHA Plan process for PHAs that join MTW under the 2016 Appropriations Act (*i.e.*, MTW Expansion).

The PHA Plans informs HUD, residents, and the public of the PHA's mission for serving the needs of low, very low-income, and extremely low-income families and its strategy for addressing those needs. This information helps provide accountability to the local community

for how PHAs spend their funding and implement their policies. Also, PHA Plans allow HUD to monitor the performance of programs and the performance of public housing agencies that administer them.

This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on October 9, 2018 (FR 83, 50676) and allowed 60-days for public comment. It should be noted that all forms except for the Moving to Work (MTW) Supplement were published in the **Federal Register** on October 30, 2019 (FR 84, 58167) for a 30-day public comment period. The four public comments received for the documents included in that notice were addressed at that time. The MTW Supplement was not included in this publication due to revisions that were needed as part of ongoing work on the MTW Operations Notice, which has now been published. The purpose of this 30-day notice is to respond to public comments received during the 60-day public comment period on the MTW Supplement and to allow for the 30-day public comment period for the MTW Supplement.

*Respondents (i.e. affected public):* Local, Regional and State Body Corporate Politic Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) Governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,780.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 4,832 (Annual Plan: 1,152 and 5 Year Plan: 3,780).

*Frequency of Response:* Every five years for all PHAs, annually for all PHAs except HERA Qualified PHAs.

*Average Hours per Response:* 6.33 hrs.

*Total Estimated Burdens:* 14,613.74.

#### 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.

(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.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

#### Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

#### D. Overview of Significant Changes Made to the HUD-50075-MTW, MTW Supplement to the Annual PHA Plan

The MTW Supplement has been updated to reflect the final MTW Operations Notice, which was published in the **Federal Register** (FR 85, 53444) on August 28, 2020, and public comments received during the 60-day **Federal Register** public comment period. A copy of the draft HUD-50075 MTW can be obtained per the information provided earlier in this notice under "For further information", or on the HUD Moving to Work website at <https://www.hud.gov/mtw>.

The other forms in the PHA Plan data collection were published in the **Federal Register** on October 30, 2019 for the 30-day public comment period and, therefore, are not included in this 30-day **Federal Register** notice.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Hydrography Maintenance Portal

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 9, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to U.S. Geological Survey,