DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of Policy Development and Research

[Docket No. FR-3917-N-14]

Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB

AGENCY: Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been 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: August 23, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within 14 days from the date of this notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kay F. Weaver, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone no. (202) 708–0050. This is not a toll free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has submitted to OMB for processing an information collection package related to the National Survey of Homeless Assistance Providers and Clients (hereinafter "survey"). HUD is requesting a review of this information collection on or before September 8, 1995

The survey will provide estimates of the number and characteristics of service providers and an assessment of the types of programs and services available to people who are homeless. It will also provide detailed characteristics of persons using services. Under the auspices of the Interagency Council on the Homeless, the survey is being cosponsored by 11 Federal agencies:

Department of Housing and Urban

Development

Department of Health and Human Services

Department of Veterans Affairs Department of Agriculture Department of Commerce
Department of Education
Department of Energy
Department of Labor
Department of Transportation
Social Security Administration
Federal Emergency Management Agency

The survey includes two phases: the collection of information on service providers and the collection of information on service users (clients). In Phase 1, the Census Bureau will:

- (1) Select a sample of geographic areas;
- (2) Development a comprehensive list of service providers in the survey sample areas;
- (3) Collect basic information from all service providers within the sample areas on programs offered, via a computer-assisted telephone interview; and
- (4) Select a subsample of providers and collect detailed information on programs and services by mail, with telephone follow-up.

Phase 1 of the national survey is planned to be conducted starting in October 1995 and conclude by January 1996.

In phase 2, the Census Bureau will:

- (1) Select a sample of service users (clients) within the sample areas:
- (2) Select a sample of providers in designated programs; and
- (3) Select clients and conduct personal visit interviews at selected service provider facilities.

This request is for clearance to conduct Phase 1 of the survey. A second package will be submitted to OMB later for Phase 2.

This request is for the following questionnaires:

- NSHAPC-100A Service Provider Core Data.
- NSHAPC-100B Emergency Shelter Programs; 100C Transitional Housing Programs; 100D Voucher Programs; and 100E Permanent Housing for the Homeless Programs. Note: Each of these surveys is identical except for its title and modest wording differences under the Voucher instrument.
- NSHAPC-100F Alcohol/Drug Programs; 100G Mental Health Care Programs; 100H Physical Health Care Programs; 100I Drop-In Center Programs; 100J HIV/AIDS Programs; and 100L Other Programs. Note: Each of these surveys is a shortened version of the Emergency Shelter Program survey and each is identical to the other.
- NSHAPC-100K Outreach Program. NSHAPC-100M List of Providers Offering Homeless Programs.

A pre-test of the survey was conducted in April 1995 in three areas:

Atlanta, GA; Pittsburgh, PA (including Allegheny, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties); and the Armstrong County Community Action Agency Catchment area (a rural Community Action Agency service area outside Pittsburgh). The survey instruments have been revised to reflect the experience gained in the pre-test. The Census Bureau sought and obtained substantial expert input over a two-year period to develop the survey instruments.

The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35):

- (1) The title of the information collection proposal;
- (2) The office of the agency to collect the information;
- (3) The description of the need for the information and its proposed use;
- (4) The agency form number, if applicable;
- (5) What members of the public will be affected by the proposal;
- (6) How frequently information submission will be required;
- (7) An estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the infromation submission including numbers of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response;
- (8) Whether the proposal is new or an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and
- (9) The names and telephone numbers of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3507; Section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).

Dated: July 27, 1995.

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Proposal: National Survey of Homeless Assistance Providers and Clients (NSHAPC).

Office: Policy Development and Research.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: This national survey would provide up-to-date information about the providers of homeless assistance and the characteristics of homeless persons who use services. The survey will be conducted in 76 areas including metropolitan and nonmetropolitan settings. The data will: