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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**[Docket No. FR-5607-N-07]**

**Notice of Proposed Information  
Collection: Comment Request**

Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling Standardization and Roster

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be 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: [Insert date 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Washington, DC 20410, Room 9120 or the number for the Federal Information Relay Service (1-800-877-8339).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Program Contact, Director, Office of Single Family Program Support Division, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Room B-133 – Plaza 2206 Washington, DC 20410,

telephone (202) 708-0317 (this is not a toll free number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

**Title of Proposal:** Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling Standardization and Roster

**OMB Control Number, if applicable:** 2502-0586.

**Description of the need for the information and proposed use:** This PRA package provides reporting burden for individuals to apply to be placed on the HECM counselor roster and to maintain their name on the HECM counseling roster. For initial application, individuals are required to successfully pass a standardized HECM exam, have received HECM-related education within the past two years and provide

information collected on form HUD 92904. HUD uses the information provided to determine the applicants' eligibility to be placed on the HECM counselor roster. To remain on the HECM counselor roster, a counselor must complete continuing education on a HECM related topic every two years and pass the HECM exam every three years.

**Agency form numbers, if applicable:** HUD 92904.

**Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:** The number of burden hours is 851. The number of respondents is 205, the number of responses is 605, the frequency of response is on occasion, and the burden hour per response is 1.4.

**Status of the proposed information collection:** This is an extension of a currently approved collection.

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

**Date:** March 9, 2012

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