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Welcome to the MULTIFAMILY HOUSING RENTAL HOUSING INTEGRITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RHIIP) LISTSERV that brings you up-to-date RHIIP related publications, news, information and occupancy tips in an effort to help reduce errors in rent determinations and subsidy calculations.

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**Notice Published on the Exclusion of Department of Veterans Affairs Disability Benefits from Annual Income**

On May 28, 2009, Housing Notice 09-02 *Exclusion of Deferred Department of Veterans Affairs Disability Benefits from Annual Income* was posted on HUDCLIPS. This notice informs administrators of project-based Section 8 programs of the passage of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA). As a result of HERA, any deferred Department of Veterans Affairs disability benefits that are received in a lump sum or in prospective monthly amounts by the tenant shall be excluded as annual income. Housing Notice 09-02 can be found at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/notices/hsg/>.

**Federal Register Notice Published on Supplement to Application for Federally Assisted Housing**

On May 19, 2009, a notice was published in the Federal Register informing the public that HUD has submitted to OMB a request for approval of the data collecting form corresponding with Section 644 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992. Under this Act, HUD has the obligation to require housing providers participating in HUD's assisted housing programs to provide any individual or family applying for occupancy in HUD assisted housing with the option to include in the application for occupancy the name, address, telephone number, and other relevant information of a family member, friend, or person associated with a social, health, advocacy, or similar organization.

The notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affecting agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to:

1. Evaluate 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. 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 through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

The Federal Register publication can be found at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-11553.pdf>.

**Notice of Availability: Program Requirements for the Green Retrofit Program  
for Multifamily Housing Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of  
2009**

On May 18, 2009, a notice was published in the Federal Register announcing the availability of program requirements, including eligibility requirements and application instructions, for the Green Retrofit Program authorized under Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Green Retrofit Program makes funding available to multifamily owners for adopting measures that will meet requirements for green project operation. The notice establishing the program requirements is available on the HUD Web site at: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/> and the Federal Register publication can be found at <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-11556.pdf>.

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You can view the RHIP Tips Archives, under "Listserv-Multifamily RHIP Tips" at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/rhiip/mfhrhiip.cfm>

Please encourage others to sign-up for the Listserv, so they too can receive current RHIP related information from HUD <http://www.hud.gov/subscribe/maillinglist.cfm>

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