

A public comment period will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. ET and Wednesday, October 20, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. ET. The public comment period will not exceed 30 minutes. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments. Contact the individual listed below to register as a speaker by close of business on Thursday October 14, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brian Koper, Designated Federal Officer for the TMAC, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20024, telephone 202-733-7859, and email [brian.koper@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:brian.koper@fema.dhs.gov). The TMAC website is: <https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/guidance-partners/technical-mapping-advisory-council>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, 5 U.S.C. App. (Pub. L. 92-463).

In accordance with the *Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012*, the TMAC makes recommendations to the FEMA Administrator on: (1) How to improve, in a cost-effective manner, the (a) accuracy, general quality, ease of use, and distribution and dissemination of flood insurance rate maps and risk data; and (b) performance metrics and milestones required to effectively and efficiently map flood risk areas in the United States; (2) mapping standards and guidelines for (a) flood insurance rate maps, and (b) data accuracy, data quality, data currency, and data eligibility; (3) how to maintain, on an ongoing basis, flood insurance rate maps and flood risk identification; (4) procedures for delegating mapping activities to State and local mapping partners; and (5) (a) methods for improving interagency and intergovernmental coordination on flood mapping and flood risk determination, and (b) a funding strategy to leverage and coordinate budgets and expenditures across Federal agencies. Furthermore, the TMAC is required to submit an annual report to the FEMA Administrator that contains: (1) A description of the activities of the Council; (2) an evaluation of the status and performance of flood insurance rate maps and mapping activities to revise and update Flood Insurance Rate Maps; and (3) a summary of recommendations made by the Council to the FEMA Administrator.

*Agenda:* The purpose of this meeting is for the TMAC members to discuss the draft content for the 2021 TMAC report. Any related materials will be posted to

the FEMA TMAC site prior to the meeting to provide the public an opportunity to review the materials. The full agenda and related meeting materials will be posted for review by Thursday, October 14, 2021 at <https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/guidance-partners/technical-mapping-advisory-council>.

**Michael M. Grimm,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**[Docket No. FR-6288-N-01]**

**Notice of Certain Operating Cost Adjustment Factors for 2022** See pg 3

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice establishes operating cost adjustment factors (OCAFs) for project-based assistance contracts issued under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and renewed under the Multifamily Assisted Housing Reform and Affordability Act of 1997 (MAHRA) for eligible multifamily housing projects having an anniversary date on or after February 11, 2022. OCAFs are annual factors used to adjust Section 8 rents renewed under section 515 or section 524 of MAHRA.

**DATES:** Applicability Date: February 11, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jennifer Lavorel, Director, Office of Asset Management and Portfolio Oversight Program Administration Office, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone number 202-402-4633 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. OCAFs**

Section 514(e)(2) and section 524(c)(1) of MAHRA (42 U.S.C. 1437f note) require HUD to establish guidelines for the development of OCAFs for rent adjustments. Sections 524(a)(4)(C)(i), 524(b)(1)(A), and 524(b)(3)(A) of MAHRA, all of which prescribe the use

of the OCAF in the calculation of renewal rents, contain similar language. HUD has therefore used a single methodology for establishing OCAFs, which vary among states and territories.

MAHRA gives HUD broad discretion in setting OCAFs, referring, for example, in sections 524(a)(4)(C)(i), 524(b)(1)(A), 524(b)(3)(A), and 524(c)(1), to simply “an operating cost adjustment factor established by the Secretary.” The sole limitation to this grant of authority is a specific requirement in each of the foregoing provisions that application of an OCAF “shall not result in a negative adjustment.” Contract rents are adjusted by applying the OCAF to that portion of the rent attributable to operating expenses exclusive of debt service.

The OCAFs provided in this notice are applicable to eligible projects having a contract anniversary date of February 11, 2022, or after and were calculated using the same method as those published in HUD’s 2021 OCAF notice published on November 27, 2020 (85 FR 76088). Specifically, OCAFs are calculated as the sum of weighted component cost changes for wages, employee benefits, property taxes, insurance, supplies and equipment, fuel oil, electricity, natural gas, and water/sewer/trash, using publicly available indices. The weights used in the OCAF calculations for each of the nine cost component groupings are set using current percentages attributable to each of the nine expense categories. These weights are calculated in the same manner as in the November 27, 2020, notice. Average expense proportions were calculated using three years of audited Annual Financial Statements from projects covered by OCAFs. The expenditure percentages for these nine categories have been found to be very stable over time but using three years of data increases their stability. The nine cost component weights were calculated at the state level, which is the lowest level of geographical aggregation with enough projects to permit statistical analysis. These data were not available for the Western Pacific Islands, so data for Hawaii were used as the best available indicator of OCAFs for these areas.

The best current price data sources for the nine cost categories were used in calculating annual change factors. State-level data for fuel oil, electricity, and natural gas from Department of Energy surveys are relatively current and continue to be used. Data on changes in employee benefits, employee wages, goods/supplies/equipment, insurance, property taxes, and water/sewer/trash costs are available only at the national level. The data sources used for the

selected nine cost indicators are as follows:

- **Electricity:** Energy Information Agency, February 2021 “Electric Power Monthly” report, Table 5.6.B. [https://www.eia.gov/electricity/monthly/epm\\_table\\_grapher.php?t=epmt\\_5\\_06\\_b](https://www.eia.gov/electricity/monthly/epm_table_grapher.php?t=epmt_5_06_b).
- **Employee benefits/employee wages:** First quarter, 2021 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) ECI, Private Industry Wages and Salaries, All Workers (Series ID CIU20200000000000I) at the national level and Private Industry Benefits, All Workers (Series ID CIU20300000000000I) at the national level.
- **Fuel Oil:** October 2020–March 2021 U.S. Weekly Heating Oil and Propane Prices report. Average weekly residential heating oil prices in cents per gallon excluding taxes for the period from October 5, 2020, through the week of March 29, 2021, are compared to the average from October 7, 2019, through the week of March 30, 2020. For the states with insufficient fuel oil consumption to have separate estimates, the relevant regional Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) change between these two periods is used; if there is no regional PADD estimate, the U.S. change between these two periods is used. [https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet\\_pri\\_wfr\\_a\\_EPD2F\\_PRS\\_dpgal\\_w.htm](https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet_pri_wfr_a_EPD2F_PRS_dpgal_w.htm).
- **Goods, Supplies, Equipment:** May 2020 to May 2021 Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Consumer Price Index, All Items Less Food, Energy and Shelter (Series ID CUUR0000SA0L12E) at the national level.
- **Insurance:** May 2020 to May 2021 Bureau of Labor Statistic (BLS) Consumer Price Index, Tenants and Household Insurance Index (Series ID CUUR0000SEHD) at the national level.
- **Natural Gas:** Energy Information Agency, Natural Gas, Residential Energy Price, 2019–2020 annual prices in dollars per 1,000 cubic feet at the state level. Due to EIA data quality standards several states were missing data for one or two months in 2020; in these cases, data for these missing months were estimated using data from the surrounding months in 2020 and the relationship between that same month and the surrounding months in 2019. [http://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/ng\\_pri\\_sum\\_a\\_EPGO\\_PRS\\_DMcf\\_a.htm](http://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/ng_pri_sum_a_EPGO_PRS_DMcf_a.htm).
- **Property Taxes:** Census Quarterly Summary of State and Local Government Tax Revenue—Table 1: <https://www.census.gov/econ/currentdata/dbsearch?program=QTAX&startYear=2019&endYear=2021&categories=QTAXCAT1&dataType=T01&geoLevel=US&notAdjusted=1&submit=GET+DATA&>

*releaseScheduleId=*. Twelve-month property taxes are computed as the total of four quarters of tax receipts for the period from April through March. Total 12-month taxes are then divided by the number of occupied housing units to arrive at average 12-month tax per housing unit. The number of occupied housing units is taken from U.S. Census Bureau’s Current Population Survey/Housing Vacancy Survey (CPS/HVS) housing inventory estimates the estimates, Table 8: <https://www.census.gov/housing/hvs/data/histtab8.xlsx>.

- **Water and Sewer:** May 2020 to May 2021 Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers, Water and Sewer and Trash Collection Services (Series ID CUUR0000SEHG) at the national level.

The sum of the nine cost component percentage weights equals 100 percent of operating costs for purposes of OCAF calculations. To calculate the OCAFs, state-level cost component weights developed from AFS data are multiplied by the selected inflation factors. For instance, if wages in Virginia comprised 50 percent of total operating cost expenses and increased by 4 percent from 2020 to 2021, the wage increase component of the Virginia OCAF for 2022 would be 2.0 percent (50% \* 4%). This 2.0 percent would then be added to the increases for the other eight expense categories to calculate the 2022 OCAF for Virginia. For states where the calculated OCAF is less than zero, the OCAF is floored at zero. The OCAFs for 2022 are included as an Appendix to this Notice.

## II. MAHRA OCAF Procedures

Sections 514 and 515 of MAHRA, as amended, created the Mark-to-Market program to reduce the cost of federal housing assistance, to enhance HUD’s administration of such assistance, and to ensure the continued affordability of units in certain multifamily housing projects. Section 524 of MAHRA authorizes renewal of Section 8 project-based assistance contracts for projects without restructuring plans under the Mark-to-Market program, including projects that are not eligible for a restructuring plan and those for which the owner does not request such a plan. Renewals must be at rents not exceeding comparable market rents except for certain projects. As an example, for Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation projects, other than single room occupancy projects (SROs) under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11301 *et seq.*), that are eligible for renewal under section 524(b)(3) of MAHRA, the renewal rents are required to be set at the lesser of: (1)

The existing rents under the expiring contract, as adjusted by the OCAF; (2) fair market rents (less any amounts allowed for tenant-purchased utilities); or (3) comparable market rents for the market area.

## III. Findings and Certifications Environmental Impact

This notice sets forth rate determinations and related external administrative requirements and procedures that do not constitute a development decision affecting the physical condition of specific project areas or building sites. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(6), this notice is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321).

## IV. Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice does not impact the information collection requirements already submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520). In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

## V. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this program is 14.195.

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## Appendix

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Florida .....	2.9
Georgia .....	3.1
Hawaii .....	1.8
Idaho .....	3.2
Illinois .....	3.0
Indiana .....	3.1
Iowa .....	3.2
Kansas .....	3.0
Kentucky .....	3.0
Louisiana .....	2.8
Maine .....	2.0
Maryland .....	3.1
Massachusetts .....	2.9
Michigan .....	3.3

Minnesota .....	3.2
Mississippi .....	3.1
Missouri .....	2.8
Montana .....	3.3
Nebraska .....	3.2
Nevada .....	3.1
New Hampshire .....	2.4
New Jersey .....	3.0
New Mexico .....	3.4
New York .....	2.9
North Carolina .....	3.2
North Dakota .....	3.0
Ohio .....	2.8
Oklahoma .....	2.8
Oregon .....	3.2
Pacific Islands .....	1.8
Pennsylvania .....	2.8
Puerto Rico .....	2.9
Rhode Island .....	2.7
South Carolina .....	3.0
South Dakota .....	3.1
Tennessee .....	3.0
Texas .....	3.3
Utah .....	3.3
Vermont .....	3.0
Virgin Islands .....	2.6
Virginia .....	3.2
Washington .....	3.2
<b>West Virginia .....</b>	<b>3.3</b>
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United States .....	3.1

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****[212A2100DD/AAKC001030/  
A0A501010.999900 253G]****Indian Child Welfare Act; Designated  
Tribal Agents for Service of Notice****AGENCY:** Bureau of Indians Affairs,  
Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The regulations implementing the Indian Child Welfare Act provide that Federally recognized Indian Tribes may designate an agent other than the Tribal Chairman for service of notice of proceedings under the Act. This notice includes the current list of designated Tribal agents for service of notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Evangeline M. Campbell, Chief, Division of Human Services, Office of Indian Services, 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop 3641-MIB, Washington, DC 20240; Phone: (202) 513-7621; Email: [Evangeline.campbell@bia.gov](mailto:Evangeline.campbell@bia.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The regulations implementing the Indian Child Welfare Act, 25 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*, provide that Federally recognized Tribes may designate an agent other than the Tribal Chairman for service of notice of proceedings under the Act. See 25 CFR 23.12. The Secretary of the Interior is required to update and publish in the **Federal Register** as necessary the names and addresses of the designated Tribal agents. This notice is published in exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

In any involuntary proceeding in a State court where the court knows or has reason to know that an Indian child is involved, and where the identity and location of the child's parent or Indian custodian or Tribe is known, the party seeking the foster-care placement of, or termination of parental rights to, an Indian child must directly notify the parents, the Indian custodians, and the child's Tribe by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, of the pending child-custody proceedings and their right of intervention. Copies of these notices must be sent to the appropriate Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Regional Director by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested or by personal delivery. See 25 CFR 23.11. No notices are required to be sent to the Secretary's office or the BIA Central Office, except for final adoption decrees. Final adoption decrees are required to be sent to the BIA Central Office in Washington, DC.

If the identity or location of the child's parents, the child's Indian custodian, or the Federally Recognized Tribe(s) in which the Indian child is a

member or eligible for membership cannot be ascertained, but there is reason to know the child is an Indian child, notice of the child-custody proceeding must be sent to the appropriate BIA Regional Director (see [www.bia.gov](http://www.bia.gov)). See 25 CFR 23.111.

This notice presents, the names and addresses of current designated Tribal agents for service of notice, and includes each designated Tribal agent received by the Secretary of the Interior prior to the date of this publication. Part A, published in this notice, lists designated Tribal agents by BIA Region and alphabetically by Tribe within each of the 12 BIA Regions. Part A is also available electronically at: <https://www.bia.gov/bia/ois>.

In between the BIA's annual **Federal Register** publication the ICWA Designated Agent List, it will also be available on the [IndianAffairs.gov](http://IndianAffairs.gov) website, the link is: <https://www.bia.gov/bia/ois/dhs/icwa>.

ICWA Designated agents will be updated every three months on the website link to assist the public.

**A. List of Designated Tribal Agents by  
BIA Region**

1. Alaska Region
2. Eastern Region
3. Eastern Oklahoma Region
4. Great Plains Region
5. Midwest Region
6. Navajo Region
7. Northwest Region
8. Pacific Region
9. Rocky Mountain Region
10. Southern Plains Region
11. Southwest Region
12. Western Region

**A. List of Designated Tribal Agents by  
BIA Region****1. Alaska Region**

Alaska Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Human Services, 3601 C Street, Suite #1200 MC-403, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; Phone: (907) 271-4111; Fax: 907 271-4083.

Tribe	ICWA POC	Mailing address	Telephone No.	Fax No.
Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove .....	Amanda McAdoo, Family Services Coordinator, <a href="mailto:amandam@apiai.org">amandam@apiai.org</a> .	Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association Inc., 1131 East International Airport Road, Anchorage, AK 99518.	(907) 276-2700	(907) 222-9735
Akiachak Native Community .....	Sharon Lindley, ICWA Manager, <a href="mailto:icwa2@avcp.org">icwa2@avcp.org</a> .	Association of Village Council Presidents, P.O. Box 218, Bethel, AK 99559.	(907) 543-8691	(907) 543-7644
Akiak Native Community .....	Olinka Jones, ICWA Director .....	P.O. Box 52127, Akiak, AK 99552 .....	(907) 765-7112	(907) 765-7512
Alatna Village .....	Miriam A. Titus, Child Protection Program Manager, <a href="mailto:akiakicwadept@gmail.com">akiakicwadept@gmail.com</a> .	Tanana Chiefs Conference, 122 First Avenue, Ste 600, Fairbanks, AK 99701.	(907) 452-8251	(907) 459-3984
Algaaciq Native Village (St. Mary's) .....	Sven Paulkan, Tribal Administrator, <a href="mailto:Spaukan187@gmail.com">Spaukan187@gmail.com</a> .	P.O. Box 48, St. Mary's, AK 99658 .....	(907) 438-2932	(907) 438-2227
Allakaket Village .....	Miriam A. Titus, Child Protection Program Manager, <a href="mailto:miriam.titus@tananachiefs.org">miriam.titus@tananachiefs.org</a> .	Tanana Chiefs Conference, 122 First Avenue, Ste 600, Fairbanks, AK 99701.	(907) 452-8251	(907) 459-3984