

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.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Welfare to Work: A Comprehensive Guide of Welfare to Work Resources and Services.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2506-0168.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Information collection is required to provide employers in eight (8) cities (New York, Baltimore, Kansas City, St. Louis, Dallas, Seattle, Denver and San Antonio) with helpful information on securing and training welfare recipients as workers.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: n/a.

Members of affected public: Service Providers including Not-for-Profits and State, Local and Tribal Governments will be the primary affected members of the public. Businesses and other for-profit agencies will be affected members as well.

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 estimated number of respondents is 1,200. The proposed frequency of the response to the collection of information is one-time. It is believed that it will take approximately one (1) hour to complete the questionnaire with 1,200 respondents for a total of 1,200 hours.

Status of the proposed information collection:

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

August 3, 1999.

Cardell Cooper,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4511-N-02]

Request for Proposals; Contract Administrators for Project-Based Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Contracts; Amendments

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

ACTION: Notice of request for proposals; amendment.

SUMMARY: On May 3, 1999, HUD issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) pertaining to Contract Administrators for Project-Based Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) Contract. The RFP was published in the **Federal Register** on May 19, 1999, to ensure a wider dissemination. Through the RFP, HUD is seeking sources interested in providing contract administration services for project-based Housing Assistance Payment Contracts under Section 8. The RFP solicitation is not a formal procurement within the meaning of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) but follows many of those principles.

HUD amended the RFP on August 2, 1999. This notice publishes the amendments already issued, again, for the purpose of wider dissemination.

Offerors must submit technical and cost proposals prior to the RFP deadline. Proposals in response to the RFP are due to the HUD Denver Multifamily Hub at 5:00 pm MDT Wednesday, August 25, 1999. The amendments provide the exact submission location. The amendments to the RFP follow:

Dated August 9, 1999.

William C. Apgar,

Assistant Secretary for Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner.

1. Introduction

a. The second paragraph of the Introduction section is amended to replace the number "9" in the last sentence with the number "8," and to add a new sentence to the end of second paragraph.

Paragraph 2 Amended

When HUD renews the expired project-based HAP Contracts that PHAs currently administer, HUD generally expects to transfer contract administration of the renewed HAP Contracts to the Contract Administrator (CA) it selects through this RFP for the service area where the property is located. This RFP does not apply to

contract administration of Section 8 projects assisted under the Section 8 moderate rehabilitation program (including the Section 8 moderate rehabilitation single room occupancy program) or the Section 8 project-based certificate program, or to contract administration of Section 8 projects to be assisted under the Section 8 project-based voucher program. In addition, the following projects will not be transferred to contract administrators: HUD-owned projects; projects in foreclosure pipelines; projects classified as MIP (mortgagee-in-possession); projects referred to the Enforcement Center; projects where the owner has advised that they intend to "opt-out."

b. The fourth paragraph is amended to add the words "and the District of Columbia" at the end of the second sentence, and in the last sentence to remove all language following the word "other" and to insert in its place the phrase "public or private, profit or non-profit entities."

Paragraph 4 Amended

Proposals in response to this RFP may cover an area no smaller than an individual State (or U.S. Territory). Proposals may cover one or more HUD Multifamily Hubs or one or more States (or U.S. Territory), and the District of Columbia. Geographic Service Area Jurisdiction (Attachment II) describes the jurisdictions of the Multifamily Hubs. HUD encourages proposals through joint ventures and other public or private, profit or non-profit entities.

3. Statement of Work

Additional references are added to the "references" sections of each of Section 3.3, Rental Adjustments, and Section 3.4, Opt-Out and Contract Termination as follows:

3.3 Rental Adjustments

References Amended

References:
HUD Handbook 4350.1
Notice: H-98-34
Notice: H-98-3
Notice: H-98-27
Notice: H-99-08
Notice: H-99-13
Notice: H-99-15
Internal Housing Memoranda dated 2/9/99 and 5/7/99

3.4 Opt-Out and Contract Termination

References Amended

References:
Notice: H-98-34
Notice: H-99-08
Notice: H-99-13
Internal Housing Memoranda dated 2/9/99 and 5/7/99

3.7 Section 8 Budgets, Requisitions, Revisions and Year-end Statements

The last sentence in the first paragraph is revised to state that year-end settlements are to be submitted within 45 days of the end of the CA's fiscal year.

Paragraph 1 Amended

To receive monthly ACC payments, Section 8 budgets and requisitions (and revisions as required) must be submitted for each HAP contract at least 90 days before the beginning of the fiscal year. Also to receive monthly ACC payments, Year-end settlement statements must be prepared and submitted within 45 days of the end of the CA's fiscal year.

3.8 Contract Administrator's Audit

a. The fourth "bullet" paragraph under the subheading "Requirements" is amended to replace "FMC" with "HUD".

Subparagraph 4 Under "Requirements" Amended

Requirements:

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- Provide HUD with annual financial audit of the CA's activities the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the auditors report or 9 months after the CA's fiscal year end (FYE) (in accordance with OMB Circular A-133). This audit must be performed by an independent public accountant (IPA).

3.10 Renewals of Expiring Section 8 Contracts

Additional references are added to the "reference" section of section 3.10 as follows:

Reference Amended

Reference:

Notice: H-98-34

Notice: H-99-08

Notice: H-99-13

Internal Housing Memoranda dated 2/9/99 and 5/7/99

3.12 Physical Inspection

Additional references are added to the "reference" section of Section 3.12 as follows:

Reference Amended

Reference:

HUD Handbook 4350.1

Federal Register, September 1, 1998
Housing Assistance Payments (HAP)
Contract

5.1 Service Area Designation

The first paragraph of this section is amended by adding at the end of the second sentence and the end of the third

sentence the words "and the District of Columbia".

Paragraph 1 Amended

Proposals in response to this solicitation must clearly designate the intended service area. Offerors must bid to provide contract administration services for areas no smaller than an individual State (or U.S. Territory) and the District of Columbia. HUD will accept proposals covering the entire nation, multiple Multifamily Hubs, individual Multifamily Hubs, or any combination of states, but no smaller than an individual State (or U.S. Territory) and the District of Columbia. All multi-state proposals must provide a separate cost proposal for each state within the proposed service area (see Attachment II.B). HUD will evaluate proposals for areas larger than an individual State on a state by state basis.

5.2 Proposal Organization

a. The first numbered subparagraph, following the first paragraph, is amended by replacing "20" with the number "30".

Subparagraph #1 Amended

1. Understanding and Technical Approach—30 pages.

b. A new paragraph is added to this section to read as follows:

New Paragraph Added

The proposal shall include an additional page placed before the appendix. This page does not count toward the page limitation. This page shall state whether or not any member of the Offeror Bidding Team has or is currently serving as a Contract Administrator. If the answer is yes, identify the team member or members.

5.3 Proposal Due Date

The first paragraph is amended to provide for a new deadline date and location for submission. The second and third paragraphs of this section are not changed.

Paragraph 1 Amended

Offerors must submit proposals no later than 5:00 PM MDT, Wednesday, August 25, 1999. Offerors must submit proposals to: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Attention: Denver Multifamily Hub, 633 17th Street, 11th Floor, Denver, CO 80202-3607.

7.1 Understanding and Technical Approach—50 Points

The second paragraph of this section is revised to change the number "60" to "120."

Paragraph 2 Amended

The proposal must provide a proposed plan for the transfer of responsibility for contract administration from HUD to the CA that includes, but need not be limited to, how the offeror will be prepared to begin operations within 120 calendar days after award of the ACC.

7.1.1 Data Systems

The first paragraph is amended by adding a new sentence at the end.

Paragraph 1 Amended

Offerors must demonstrate their ability to comply with all processing and reporting requirements applicable to CA functions contained in this RFP, including requirements for contract administrators outlined in Section 108 of 24 CFR, Part 208—Electronic Transmission of Required Data for Certification and Recertification and Subsidy Billing Procedures for Multifamily Subsidized Projects (a/k/a the Automation Rule). CAs are expected to have Internet Service Provider access for communication with HUD. (At this time, HUD plans for most data entry and data transfer with CAs to occur over the Internet). CAs must ensure that all systems are virus free.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

Prt—835640

Applicant: Cat Dancers Ranch, Alachua, FL

The applicant requests a permit to re-export and re-import leopard (*Panthera pardus*), and progeny of the animals currently held by the applicant, and any animals acquired in the United States by the applicant to/from worldwide locations to enhance the survival of the species through conservation education. This notification covers activities conducted by the applicant over a three-year period.

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Applicant: D. Barry Lederach, Telford, PA