

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has submitted to OMB, for emergency processing, a proposed reinstatement of data collection under OMB Control No. 2528–0256. The Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP) was implemented in 2007 to provide rental assistance and case management services to eligible families displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The amount and terms of the rental assistance provided varied over time. Researchers are documenting families as they transition from subsidized to market rate or alternative housing assistance programs and measuring outcomes over time. The DHAP IRT study's findings will assist the Department to understand how to most effectively return recipients of housing assistance to market rate housing following a disaster.

Approximately 1,425 recipients of DHAP assistance responded to an interim survey about their experiences with the program (conducted under OMB Control No. 2528–0256). The purpose of the reinstatement is to conduct follow-up contacts with the respondents to the earlier survey to confirm contact information, current housing and household status, and any potential future moves that might impact the researchers' ability to contact the respondent for a 12-month follow-up telephone survey. The follow-up contact is necessary to maximize the response rate for the 12-month follow-up telephone survey.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP) Incremental Rent Transition (IRT) Study.

*Description of Information Collection:* This information collection is a follow-up contact with respondents to a previous survey of recipients of HUD rental assistance under DHAP (conducted under OMB Control No. 2528–0256). The Department of Housing and Urban Development is seeking emergency review of the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements associated with this follow-up contact. The purpose of the contact is to confirm contact information, current housing and household status, and any potential future moves that might impact the researchers' ability to contact the respondent for a 12-month follow-up telephone survey. The follow-up contact is necessary to maximize the response rate for the 12-month follow-up telephone survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 2528–0256.

*Agency Form Numbers:* N/A, a brief follow-up contact form will be

administered by telephone by the research team.

*Members of Affected Public:* Recipients of DHAP assistance who responded to an interim survey (conducted under OMB Control No. 2528–0256).

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of responses, and hours of responses:* The estimated number of respondents is 1,425 and the burden per respondents is 0.13 hours (8 minutes). The total reporting burden is 118.75 hours.

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

Dated: December 14, 2009.

**Lillian Deitzer,**

*Departmental Reports Management Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5374–N–01]

### Buy American Exceptions Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111–05, approved February 17, 2009) (Recovery Act), and implementing guidance of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), this notice advises that certain national exceptions to the Buy American requirement of the Recovery Act have been determined applicable for work using Capital Fund Recovery Formula and Competition (CFRFC) grant funds. Specifically, exceptions were granted to the Bay City, Michigan Housing Commission for the purchase and installation of tank-less water heaters in the Scattered Site Plumbing and Mechanical Project, and to the Housing Authority of Portland, Oregon's purchase of all iron, steel, and manufactured goods involved in the construction of the Resource Access Center.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dominique G. Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing Investments, Office of Public Housing Investments, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and

Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4210, Washington, DC, 20410–4000, telephone number 202–402–8500 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing- or speech-impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 1605(a) of the Recovery Act imposes a “Buy American” requirement on Recovery Act funds used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States. Section 1605(b) provides that the Buy American requirement shall not apply in any case or category in which the head of a Federal department or agency finds that: (1) Applying the Buy American requirement would be inconsistent with the public interest; (2) iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality, or (3) inclusion of iron, steel, and manufactured goods will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent. Section 1605(c) provides that if the head of a Federal department or agency makes a determination pursuant to section 1605(b), the head of the department or agency shall publish a detailed written justification in the **Federal Register**.

In accordance with section 1605(c) of the Recovery Act and OMB's implementing guidance published on April 23, 2009 (74 FR 18449), this notice advises the public that, on December 2, 2009, HUD granted the following two exceptions to the Buy American requirement:

1. *Bay City, Michigan Housing Commission.* Upon request of the Bay City Housing Commission, HUD granted an exception to applicability of the Buy American requirements with respect to work, using CFRFC grant funds, in connection with the Scattered Site Plumbing and Mechanical Project. The exception was granted by HUD on the basis that the iron, steel, or relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality.

2. *Housing Authority of Portland Oregon.* Upon request of the Housing Authority of Portland, HUD granted an exception to applicability of the Buy American requirements with respect to work, using CFRFC grant funds, in connection with the Resource Access

Center. The exception was granted by HUD on the basis that applicability of the Recovery Act Buy American requirements would be inconsistent with the public interest.

Dated: December 14, 2009.

**Sandra B. Henriquez,**

*Assistant Secretary for Public And Indian Housing.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5280-N-49]

### Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7266, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565 (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 800-927-7588.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 24 CFR part 581 and section 501 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411), as amended, HUD is publishing this Notice to identify Federal buildings and other real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. The properties were reviewed using information provided to HUD by Federal landholding agencies regarding unutilized and underutilized buildings and real property controlled by such agencies or by GSA regarding its inventory of excess or surplus Federal property. This Notice is also published in order to comply with the December 12, 1988 Court Order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.).

Properties reviewed are listed in this Notice according to the following categories: Suitable/available, suitable/unavailable, suitable/to be excess, and unsuitable. The properties listed in the three suitable categories have been reviewed by the landholding agencies,

and each agency has transmitted to HUD: (1) Its intention to make the property available for use to assist the homeless, (2) its intention to declare the property excess to the agency's needs, or (3) a statement of the reasons that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use as facilities to assist the homeless.

Properties listed as suitable/available will be available exclusively for homeless use for a period of 60 days from the date of this Notice. Where property is described as for "off-site use only" recipients of the property will be required to relocate the building to their own site at their own expense. Homeless assistance providers interested in any such property should send a written expression of interest to HHS, addressed to Theresa Rita, Division of Property Management, Program Support Center, HHS, room 5B-17, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; (301) 443-2265. (This is not a toll-free number.) HHS will mail to the interested provider an application packet, which will include instructions for completing the application. In order to maximize the opportunity to utilize a suitable property, providers should submit their written expressions of interest as soon as possible. For complete details concerning the processing of applications, the reader is encouraged to refer to the interim rule governing this program, 24 CFR part 581.

For properties listed as suitable/to be excess, that property may, if subsequently accepted as excess by GSA, be made available for use by the homeless in accordance with applicable law, subject to screening for other Federal use. At the appropriate time, HUD will publish the property in a Notice showing it as either suitable/available or suitable/unavailable.

For properties listed as suitable/unavailable, the landholding agency has decided that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use to assist the homeless, and the property will not be available.

Properties listed as unsuitable will not be made available for any other purpose for 20 days from the date of this Notice. Homeless assistance providers interested in a review by HUD of the determination of unsuitability should call the toll free information line at 1-800-927-7588 for detailed instructions or write a letter to Mark Johnston at the address listed at the beginning of this Notice. Included in the request for review should be the property address (including zip code), the date of publication in the **Federal Register**, the

landholding agency, and the property number.

For more information regarding particular properties identified in this Notice (*i.e.*, acreage, floor plan, existing sanitary facilities, exact street address), providers should contact the appropriate landholding agencies at the following addresses: *Air Force:* Mr. Robert Moore, Air Force Real Property Agency, 143 Billy Mitchell Blvd., San Antonio, TX 78226, (210) 925-3047; *Coast Guard:* Commandant, United States Coast Guard, Attn: Jennifer Stomber, 2100 Second St., SW., Stop 7901, Washington, DC 20593-0001; (202) 475-5609; *Energy:* Mr. Mark Price, Department of Energy, Office of Engineering & Construction Management, MA-50, 1000 Independence Ave, SW., Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-5422; *GSA:* Mr. Gordon Creed, Acting Deputy Assistant Commissioner, General Services Administration, Office of Property Disposal, 18th & F Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20405; (202) 501-0084; *Navy:* Mrs. Mary Arndt, Acting Director, Department of the Navy, Real Estate Services, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Washington Navy Yard, 1322 Patterson Ave., SE., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20374-5065; (202) 685-9305; (These are not toll-free numbers).

Dated: December 10, 2009.

**Mark R. Johnston,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.*

### Title V, Federal Surplus Property Program Federal Register Report for 12/18/2009

#### Suitable/Available Properties

##### *Building*

Massachusetts

Navy Oper. Support Center  
640 Plantation St.

Worcester MA 01605

Landholding Agency: GSA

Property Number: 54200940007

Status: Excess

GSA Number: 1-N-MA-0918

Comments: 36,580 sq. ft. w/6 acres, presence of asbestos/lead paint, most recent use—training facility

##### *Land*

Missouri

Outer Marker Annex

Whiteman AFB

Knob Noster MO 65336

Landholding Agency: Air Force

Property Number: 18200940001

Status: Unutilized

Comments: 0.75 acres, most recent use—communication

#### Unsuitable Properties

##### *Building*

California

5 Bldgs.