

(VRV/VRF) systems at the Broad Park Manor project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1605(a) of the Recovery Act provides that none of the funds appropriated or made available by the Recovery Act may be 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 August 16, 2010, upon request of the York Housing Authority, HUD granted an exception to the applicability of the Buy American requirements with respect to work, using CFRFC grant funds, based on the fact that the relevant manufactured goods, VRV/VRF systems, are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality.

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Deborah Hernandez,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5415-N-07]

Notice of Availability: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for HUD's Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 HOPE VI Revitalization Grants Program

AGENCY: Office of the Chief of the Human Capital Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD announces the availability on its website of the applicant information, submission deadlines, funding criteria and other requirements for the FY2010 HOPE VI Revitalization Program NOFA. Approximately \$124 million is made available through this NOFA, by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111-117, approved December 16, 2009). In accordance with Section 24(a) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, the purpose of HOPE VI Revitalization grants is to: (1) Assist PHAs to improve the living environment for public housing residents of severely distressed public housing projects through the demolition, rehabilitation, reconfiguration, or replacement of obsolete public housing projects (or portions thereof); (2) revitalize sites (including remaining public housing dwelling units) on which such public housing projects are located and contribute to the improvement of the surrounding neighborhood; (3) provide housing that will avoid or decrease the concentration of very low-income families; and (4) build sustainable communities.

The notice providing information regarding the application process, funding criteria and eligibility requirements can be found using the Department of Housing and Urban Development agency link on the Grants.gov/Find Web site at <http://www.grants.gov/search/agency.do>. A link to Grants.gov is also available on the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/fundsavail.cfm>. The Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for the HOPE VI Revitalization Program is 14.866. Applications must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding specific program requirements should be directed to the agency contact identified in the program NOFA. Questions regarding the 2010 General Section should be directed to the Office of Departmental Grants Management and Oversight at 202-708-0667 (this is not a toll-free number) or the NOFA Information Center at 1-800-HUD-8929 (toll-free). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access these numbers via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

Dated: August 25, 2010.

Barbara S. Dorf,

Director, Office of Departmental Grants Management and Oversight, Office of the Chief of the Human Capital Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5415-N-25]

Notice of Availability: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for HUD's Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Choice Neighborhoods Initiative—Round 1 NOFA

AGENCY: Office of the Chief of the Human Capital Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD announces the availability on its Web site of the applicant information, submission deadlines, funding criteria and other requirements for the FY2010 Choice Neighborhoods—Round 1 NOFA. Approximately \$65 million is made available through this NOFA, by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111-117, approved December 16, 2009). The FY 2010 Choice Neighborhoods competition will be conducted through two rounds. Today's publication announces the posting of the Round 1 NOFA. In Round 1, applicants may submit either a Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant or a Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant application. Upon conclusion of its review of Planning Grant applications submitted in response to the Round 1 NOFA, HUD will announce approximately 12-15 Planning Grant awards. Upon conclusion of its review of Implementation Grant applications submitted in response to the Round 1 NOFA, HUD will select approximately 10 Implementation Grant finalists. HUD will then publish a second NOFA (*i.e.*, the Round 2 NOFA) and provide these

Implementation Grant finalists an opportunity to assemble and submit a more detailed application.

The notice providing information regarding the application process, funding criteria and eligibility requirements can be found using the Department of Housing and Urban Development agency link on the Grants.gov/Find Web site at <http://www.grants.gov/search/agency.do>. A link to Grants.gov is also available on the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/fundsavail.cfm>. The Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for the Choice Neighborhood Initiative Program is 14.889. Applications must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding specific program requirements should be directed to the agency contact identified in the program NOFA. Questions regarding the 2010 General Section should be directed to the Office of Departmental Grants Management and Oversight at 202-708-0667 (this is not a toll-free number) or the NOFA Information Center at 1-800-HUD-8929 (toll-free). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access these numbers via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

Dated: August 26, 2010.

Barbara S. Dorf,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Scientific Integrity Policy of the Department of the Interior

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the Department of the Interior, are proposing and seeking comment on a Department-wide policy to ensure the integrity of scientific activities in the Department.

DATES: Submit comments by September 20, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: DOI_Science_Integrity@ios.doi.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alan D. Thornhill, 1849 C Street, NW., MS 5428, Washington, DC 20240-0002, 202-208-6249.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In his March 9, 2009, memorandum on Scientific Integrity, the President states that, "Each agency should adopt * * * procedures * * * to ensure the integrity of scientific and technological information and processes on which the agency relies in its decision making or otherwise uses or prepares." Interior has developed draft policies and standards for ensuring accuracy and integrity in all scientific activities conducted in the Department. After public comment, revision, and approval, we plan to incorporate these procedures into the Department Manual.

You may submit comments on any part of these proposed procedures by e-mail, letter, or in person at the address in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The Department of the Interior proposes the following procedures for ensuring scientific integrity as a new chapter in the Department Manual:

3.1 Purpose

A. This chapter establishes:

- (1) A Departmental policy on integrity of scientific activities and a code of scientific conduct;
- (2) Ethical standards for Department of the Interior (DOI) employees who conduct or supervise scientific activities for the Department, or who compile and translate scientific information into formats used by the Departmental management; and
- (3) A process for initial handling of violations of the scientific conduct code.

B. Administrative rules and laws pertaining to activities such as falsification of government formats, sexual harassment, civil rights, acceptance of gifts, nepotism, disclosure of financial interest, conflict of interest or outside employment are neither altered nor superseded by the existence of this chapter.

3.2 Scope

This chapter applies to:

- A. All employees and contractors who engage in scientific activities; and
- B. All volunteers who assist with scientific activities. (Volunteers are required to provide unbiased and objective information to their supervisors. All information collected by a volunteer is considered provisional until verified by the supervisor or other designee.)

3.3 Policy on Integrity of Scientific Activities

The Department:

A. Is dedicated to preserving the integrity of scientific activities conducted on its behalf and will not tolerate misconduct in the performance of scientific activities;

B. Will take appropriate action to protect the public from the effects of inaccurate information produced through scientific activities;

C. Will investigate, to the maximum extent of the law, each allegation of misconduct while ensuring the rights and privacy of any party against whom the allegation is made.

D. Will take appropriate disciplinary action, which may include termination of employment, in accordance with DOI personnel policies for non-compliance with the Code of Scientific Conduct in section 3.4.

3.4 Code of Scientific Conduct

Each person covered by section 3.2 must adhere to the following code of scientific conduct:

To the best of my ability I will do all of the following:

- I will act in the interest of the advancement of science and contribute the best, highest quality scientific information for the Department of the Interior.
- I will conduct, process data from, and communicate the results of scientific activities honestly, objectively, thoroughly, and expeditiously.
- I will be responsible for the resources entrusted to me, including equipment, funds, my time, and my employees' time. I will promptly and accurately collect, use, and report all financial resources under my control; and promptly, thoroughly, and accurately report all scientific work.
- I will fully disclose all research methods used, available data, and final reports and publications consistent with applicable laws and policy.
- I will respect, to the fullest extent permitted by law, confidential and proprietary information provided by communities, Indian Tribes, and individuals whose interests and resources are studied or affected by scientific activities or the resulting information.
- I will neither hinder the scientific activities of others nor engage in dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, coercive manipulation, or other scientific or research misconduct.
- I will welcome constructive criticism of my scientific activities, will welcome and participate in appropriate peer reviews, and will critique others' work respectfully and objectively. I will substantiate comments that I make with the same care with which I report my own work.
- I will be diligent in creating, using, preserving, documenting, and maintaining collections and data. I will adhere to established quality assurance and quality control programs. I will follow the Department's records retention policies and comply with Federal law and agreements related to use, security, and release of confidential and proprietary data.
- I will adhere to appropriate standards for reporting the results of scientific activities and will respect the intellectual property rights of others.
- I will, to the extent possible and practical, differentiate among facts, opinions,