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Cardell Cooper,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4424-C-03]

Notice of Funding Availability for: the HUD-Administered Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program—Fiscal Year 1999, and the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program for Small Communities in New York State; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA); correction.

SUMMARY: On November 25, 1998, HUD published a notice of funding availability (NOFA) announcing: (1) the availability of approximately \$54,558,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 funding for the HUD-administered Small Cities Program in New York State under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and (2) the availability of a maximum of approximately \$200,000,000–\$250,000,000 in FY 1999 funding under the Section 108 Loan Guarantee program for small cities in New York State.

On December 7, 1998, a correction notice was published to clarify that the application due date for this NOFA is February 3, 1999.

This correction notice removes language in the “Final Selection” portion of the NOFA that is not applicable to the FY 1999 funding process for this program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvette Aidara, State and Small Cities Division, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7184, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202)

708–1322 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 25, 1998 (63 FR 65486), HUD published a notice of funding availability (NOFA) (FR–4424) announcing:

(1) The availability of approximately \$54,558,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 funding for the HUD-administered Small Cities Program in New York State under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

(2) The availability of a maximum of approximately \$200,000,000–\$250,000,000 in FY 1999 funding under the Section 108 Loan Guarantee program for small cities in New York State.

On December 7, 1998, a correction notice was published to clarify that the application due date for this NOFA is February 3, 1999.

This correction notice, published in today's **Federal Register**, removes language in the “Final Selection” portion of the NOFA that is not applicable to the FY 1999 funding process for this program. Specifically, Section I.E.4 of the NOFA (“Final Selection”), which is found in the first column at 63 FR 65497, contains language regarding the submission of two applications. This language was in last year's NOFA for this program and was appropriate because the FY 1997/1998 NOFA, published on December 16, 1997, solicited and authorized applicants to submit a separate application for FY 1997 and 1998 funding. This language should have been removed from the FY 1999 NOFA because, for this fiscal year, applications are for FY 1999 funding only. This correction notice removes this language.

Accordingly, FR Doc. 98–31516, Notice of Funding Availability for: the HUD-Administered Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program—Fiscal Year 1999; and the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program for Small Communities in New York State (FR–4424–N–01), published in the **Federal Register** on November 25, 1998 (63 FR 65486), is corrected as follows:

On page 65497, in the first column, the first paragraph of the subsection titled “4. Final Selection” (the introductory paragraph) is corrected to read as follows:

The total points received by a project for all of the selection factors are added, and the project is ranked against all

other projects from all applications regardless of the program areas in which the projects were rated. The highest ranked projects will be funded to the extent funds are available. In the case of ties at the funding line, HUD will use the following criteria in order to break ties:

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Dated: December 21, 1998.

Camille E. Acevedo,

Assistant General Counsel for Regulations.

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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.*):

Applicant: Todd Detrick, Stroudsburg, PA, PRT–006038.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Phillip Netznik, New Lenox, IL, PRT–006189.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Wayne Bowser, Brookshire, TX, PRT–006175.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Miguel Gonzalez, Houston, TX, PRT–006174.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa,

for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Efrain Gonzalez, Houston, TX, PRT-006173.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Riverglenn, Feline Conservation Park, West Fork, AR, PRT-004336.

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import captive-born tiger (*Panthera tigris*) 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 covered by the applicant over a three year period.

Applicant: Riverbanks Zoological Park and Botanical Garden, Columbia, SC, PRT-005517.

The applicant requests a permit to import blood and tissues from wild and captive born Bali mynahs (*Leucopsar rothschildi*) from zoological parks, safari parks and other collections in Indonesia. For the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species through scientific research.

Applicant: Svend and Lilly Kristensen, Brandon, FL, PRT-703702.

The applicant requests a permit to re-export and re-import captive born leopards (*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.

Applicant: Ferdinand and Anton Fercos Hantig, Las Vegas, NV, PRT-839021.

The applicant requests a permit to export and re-import captive-born tiger (*Panthera tigris*) 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.

Applicant: Miami Metrozoo, Miami, FL, PRT-005256.

The applicant requests a permit to import one captive born cheetah (*Acinonyx jubatus*) cub from South Africa for the purpose of enhancement to the survival of the species through conservation education.

Applicant: Praveen Karanth, Albany, NY, PRT-005708.

The applicant requests a permit to export DNA samples from Gray langur (*Semnopithecus entellus*) and Francois' langur (*Trachypithecus francoisi*) to University of Munich, Germany for the purpose of enhancement to the survival of the species through scientific research.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

Applicant: Paul R. Labrecque, Lincoln, MN, PRT-006117.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Applicant: Dennis Leistico, Elk River, MN, PRT-006163.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the M'Clintock Channel polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: December 21, 1998.

Mary Ellen Amtower,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Letters of Authorization to Take Marine Mammals

AGENCY: Notice of issuance of Letters of Authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 101(a)(5) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations (50 CFR 18.27), notice is hereby given that Letters of Authorization to take polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to oil and gas industry activities have been issued to the following companies:

Company	Activity	Date issued
ARCO Alaska, Inc	Exploration	October 9, 1998.
ARCO Alaska, Inc	Exploration	October 16, 1998.
ARCO Alaska, Inc	Exploration	October 16, 1998.
BP Exploration, (Alaska) Inc	Exploration	October 19, 1998.
BP Exploration, (Alaska) Inc	Exploration	October 19, 1998.
BP Exploration, (Alaska) Inc	Exploration	October 19, 1998.