

organization is allowed one time slot. At least 7 minutes will be allotted to each time slot, and if time permits, may be extended to 10 minutes at the discretion of the chair.

Persons wishing to make an oral presentation are asked to register online at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/730864> by May 4, 2015, and indicate whether they will present comments in-person or via the teleconference line. If possible, oral public commenters should send a copy of their slides and/or statement or talking points at that time. Written statements can supplement and may expand the oral presentation. Registration for in-person oral comments will also be available at the meeting, although time allowed for presentation by on-site registrants may be less than that for registered speakers and will be determined by the number of speakers who register on-site.

**Background Information on NTP and ODS:** The NTP is an interagency program, established in 1978 (43 FR 53060) and headquartered at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The mission of NTP is to evaluate agents of public health concern by developing and applying tools of modern toxicology and molecular biology. The NTP carries out literature analysis activities in the Office of Health Assessment and Translation and the Office of the Reports on Carcinogens. The NTP also designs and conducts laboratory studies and testing programs and analyzes its findings to assess potential hazards to human health from exposure to environmental substances, including dietary supplements (see <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/>).

The mission of the ODS of the NIH is to strengthen knowledge and understanding of dietary supplements by evaluating scientific information, stimulating and supporting research, disseminating research results, and educating the public to foster an enhanced quality of life and health for the population of the United States. The purpose and responsibilities of the ODS are to explore more fully the potential role of dietary supplements as a significant part of the efforts of the United States to improve health care; to promote scientific study of the benefits of dietary supplements in maintaining health and preventing chronic disease and other health-related conditions; to conduct and coordinate scientific research within NIH relating to dietary supplements; to collect and compile the results of scientific research relating to dietary supplements, including scientific data from foreign sources; and

to serve as the principal advisor to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Assistant Secretary for Health and to provide advice on issues relating to dietary supplements to the Director of NIH, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (see <http://ods.od.nih.gov/>). The Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103–417, DSHEA) authorized the establishment of the ODS at the NIH in 1995.

**Background Information on NTP Expert Panels:** NTP panels are technical, scientific advisory bodies established on an “as needed” basis to provide independent scientific peer review and advise the NTP on agents of public health concern, new/revised toxicological test methods, or other issues. These panels help ensure transparent, unbiased, and scientifically rigorous input to the program for its use in making credible decisions about human hazard, setting research and testing priorities, and providing information to regulatory agencies about alternative methods for toxicity screening. The NTP welcomes nominations of scientific experts for upcoming panels. Scientists interested in serving on an NTP panel should provide current *curriculum vitae* to the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.** The authority for NTP panels is provided by 42 U.S.C. 217a; section 222 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended. The panel is governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

**Name of Committee:** National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council.

**Date:** January 30, 2015.

**Closed:** 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate grant applications.

**Place:** National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Conference Room 6, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

**Open:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Agenda:** Staff reports on divisional, programmatic, and special activities.

**Place:** National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Conference Room 6, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

**Contact Person:** Craig A. Jordan, Ph.D., Director, Division of Extramural Activities, NIDCD, NIH, Room 8345, MSC 9670, 6001 Executive Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892–9670, 301–496–8693, [jordanc@nidcd.nih.gov](mailto:jordanc@nidcd.nih.gov).

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxicabs, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/about/Pages/Advisory-Groups-and-Review-Committees.aspx>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available. (Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.173, Biological Research Related to Deafness and Communicative Disorders, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5826-N-01]

### Notice of HUD-Held Healthcare Loan Sale (HLS 2015-1)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of sale of a healthcare mortgage loan.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces HUD's intention to sell an unsubsidized healthcare mortgage loan, without Federal Housing Administration (FHA) insurance, in a competitive auction (HLS 2015-1 or Loan Sale) on or about December 17, 2014. This notice also describes generally the bidding process for the sale and certain persons who are ineligible to bid.

**DATES:** A Bidder's Information Package (BIP) was made available on or about November 13, 2014. Bids for the loan must be submitted on the bid date of December 17, 2014 between certain specified hours. HUD anticipates that an award will be made on or before December 22, 2014. Closing is expected to take place between December 23, 2014 and December 31, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** To become a qualified bidder and receive the BIP, prospective bidders must complete, execute, and submit a Confidentiality Agreement and a Qualification Statement acceptable to HUD. Both documents will be available on the HUD Web site at [www.hud.gov/fhaloansales](http://www.hud.gov/fhaloansales). Please fax or email as well as mail executed original documents to JS Watkins Realty Partners, LLC: J.S. Watkins Realty Partners, LLC, c/o The Debt Exchange, 133 Federal Street, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02111, Attention: HLS 2015-1 Sale Coordinator, Fax: 1-978-967-8607, Email: [hls2015-1@debtx.com](mailto:hls2015-1@debtx.com).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Lucey, Director, Asset Sales Office, Room 3136, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone 202-708-2625, extension 3927. Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may call 202-708-4594 (TTY). These are not toll-free numbers.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** HUD announces its intention to sell, in HLS 2015-1, an unsubsidized healthcare mortgage loan (Mortgage Loan) secured by a hospital (medical center) located in Texas. The Mortgage Loan is a non-performing mortgage loan. The listing of the Mortgage Loan is included in the BIP. The Mortgage Loan will be sold without FHA insurance and with HUD servicing released. HUD will offer qualified bidders an opportunity to bid competitively on the Mortgage Loan.

The Qualification Statement describes the entities/individuals that may be qualified to bid on the Mortgage Loan if they meet certain requirements as detailed in the Qualification Statement. Some entities/individuals must meet additional requirements in order to be qualified to bid, including but not limited to: (1) Any mortgagee/servicer who originated the Mortgage Loan; (2) a mortgagor, a healthcare operator, or member of the hospital Board of Directors with respect to any HUD insured or subsidized mortgage loan (excluding the Mortgage Loan being offered in the Loan Sale) who is currently in default, violation, or noncompliance with one or more of HUD's requirements or business agreements; (3) a limited partner, nonmanaging member, investor and/or shareholder who owns a 1% or less interest in the Mortgage Loan, or in the project securing the Mortgage Loan; (4) and any of the aforementioned entities'/ individuals' principals, affiliates, and assigns. Interested entities/individuals who fall into one of these categories should review the Qualification Statement to determine whether they may be eligible to qualify to submit a bid on the Mortgage Loan. Other entities/individuals not described herein may also be restricted from bidding on the Mortgage Loan, as fully detailed in the Qualification Statement.

#### The Bidding Process

The BIP describes in detail the procedure for bidding in HLS 2015-1. The BIP also includes a standardized non-negotiable loan sale agreement (Loan Sale Agreement).

As part of its bid, each bidder must submit a minimum deposit of the greater of 10 percent of the total bid or \$100,000. HUD will evaluate the bids submitted and determine the successful bid(s) in its sole and absolute discretion. If a bidder is successful, the bidder's deposit will be non-refundable and will be applied toward the purchase price, with any amount beyond the purchase price being returned to the bidder. Deposits will be returned to unsuccessful bidders. Closings are

expected to take place between December 23, 2014 and December 31, 2014.

These are the essential terms of sale. The Loan Sale Agreement, which is included in the BIP, contains additional terms and details. To ensure a competitive bidding process, the terms of the bidding process and the Loan Sale Agreement are not subject to negotiation.

#### Due Diligence Review

The BIP describes the due diligence process for reviewing loan files in HLS 2015-1. Qualified bidders will be able to access loan information remotely via a high-speed Internet connection. Further information on performing due diligence review of the Mortgage Loans is provided in the BIP.

#### Mortgage Loan Sale Policy

HUD reserves the right to reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, without prejudice to HUD's right to include the Mortgage Loan in a later sale. The Mortgage Loan will not be withdrawn after the Award Date except as is specifically provided for in the Loan Sale Agreement.

This is a sale of an unsubsidized mortgage loan, pursuant to Section 204(a) of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 1997, (12 U.S.C. 1715z-11a(a)).

#### Mortgage Loan Sale Procedure

HUD selected a competitive sale as the method to sell the Mortgage Loan. This method of sale optimizes HUD's return on the sale of this Mortgage Loan, affords the greatest opportunity for all qualified bidders to bid on the Mortgage Loan, and provides the quickest and most efficient vehicle for HUD to dispose of the Mortgage Loan.

#### Bidder Eligibility

In order to bid in the sale, a prospective bidder must complete, execute and submit both a Confidentiality Agreement and a Qualification Statement acceptable to HUD. The following individuals and entities are among those ineligible to bid on the Mortgage Loan being sold in HLS 2015-1:

1. A mortgagor or a member of a hospital Board of Directors, with respect to the Mortgage Loan being offered in the Loan Sale, or an Active Shareholder with respect to the Mortgage Loan as defined by paragraph E of the Qualification Statement, including any and all of their principals, affiliates, assigns, and family member(s);