

agreement with qualified public or private nonprofit organizations to provide housing counseling services to low- and moderate-income individuals and families nationwide. Section 106 further authorizes the Department to conduct education and training activities to meet the training needs of HUD-approved counseling agencies to ensure the currency and accuracy of the information being provided to HUD-related and other clients.

The purpose of the housing counseling training grant is to provide training for housing counselors of local HUD-approved counseling agencies to improve the quality of counseling services being provided. The training will be made available in several cities beginning the second quarter of 1999 through year 2000.

The 1998 awards announced in this Notice were selected for funding in competitions announced in a **Federal Register** Notice published on April 30, 1998 (63 FR 23977) for the national housing counseling training program. Applications submitted for each competition were scored and selected for funding on the basis of selection criteria contained in the Notice. HUD awarded a total of \$550,000 in housing counseling training grants to two (2) non-profit training providers. In accordance with section 102(a)(4)(C) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (103 Stat. 1987, 42 U.S.C. 3545), the Department is publishing the names, addresses, and award amounts as follows:

Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, 1325 G Street, NW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20005, Amount Awarded: \$484,019

National Consumer Law Center, Inc. 18 Tremont Street, Suite 400, Boston MA 02108-2336, Amount Awarded: \$65,918

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 14.169.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations for the Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District Advisory Council

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District is soliciting nominations from the public for six members of its District Advisory Council to serve the 2000-2002 three-year term. Council members provide advice and recommendations to BLM on the management of public lands in southern California. Public notice begins with the publication date of this notice. Nominations will be accepted through Tuesday, August 31, 1998. The three-year term would begin January 1, 2000.

The six positions to be filled include:

- One recreation representative;
- One renewable resources representative;
- One transportation/right-of-way representative;
- Three public-at-large representatives.

Four council members are eligible for reappointment. The transportation/right-of-way representative, and one public-at-large representative will retire December 31, 1999. Council members serve three-year terms and may be nominated for reappointment for an additional three-year term. The recreation appointee will serve a two-year term, which will end December 31, 2001.

The California Desert District Advisory Council is comprised of 15 private individuals who represent different interests and advise BLM officials on policies and programs concerning the management of 10.4 million acres of public land in southern California. The Council meets in formal session three to four times each year in various locations throughout the California Desert District. Council members serve without compensation except for reimbursement of travel expenditures incurred in the course of their duties.

Section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of BLM administered lands. The Secretary also selects council nominees consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), which requires nominees appointed to the council be balanced in terms of points of view and representative of the

various interests concerned with the management of the public lands.

The Council also is balanced geographically, and BLM will try to find qualified representatives from areas throughout the California Desert District. The District covers portions of eight counties, and includes 10.4 million acres of public land in the California Desert Conservation Area and 300,000 acres of scattered parcels in San Diego, western Riverside, western San Bernardino, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties (known as the South Coast).

Any group or individual may nominate a qualified person, based upon their education, training, and knowledge of BLM, the California Desert, and the issues involving BLM-administered public lands throughout southern California. Qualified individuals also may nominate themselves.

Nominations must include the name of the nominee; work and home addresses and telephone numbers; a biographical sketch that includes the nominee's work and public service record; any applicable outside interests or other information that demonstrates the nominee's qualifications for the position; and the specific category of interest in which the nominee is best qualified to offer advice and council. Nominees may contact the BLM California Desert District External Affairs staff at (909) 697-5217/5220 or write to the address below and request a copy of the nomination form.

All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests, organizations, or elected officials supporting the nomination. Individuals nominating themselves must provide at least one letter of recommendation. Advisory Council members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, generally in late January or early February.

Nominations should be sent to the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BLM California Desert District External Affairs: Carole Levitzky, (909) 697-5217 or Doran Sanchez, (909) 697-5220.

Dated: June 16, 1999.

Tim Salt,

District Manager.

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