

d. Development of programs to enhance the professionalism of the Department's procurement work force, including the establishment of educational, training, and experience requirements for procurement personnel; and

e. Development of all departmental procurement policy, regulations, and procedures.

Section C. Authority To Issue Rules and Regulations

The CPO is authorized to issue rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the authority delegated under Section B.

Section D. Authority To Redelegate

The authority delegated to the CPO under Section B may be redelegated to qualified employees of the Department.

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 414; Section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

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Dated: February 1, 2005.

Alphonso Jackson,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5131-N-01]

Notice of Realignment of HUD's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Processing Functions

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that HUD has realigned its Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) processing functions from the Office of General Counsel to the Office of the Executive Secretariat in the Office of Administration. The realignment of FOIA processing functions will improve the efficiency and consistency of HUD's FOIA operations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vicky Lewis, Assistant Executive Secretary, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office, Office of the Executive Secretariat, Office of Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 10139, Washington, DC 20410-0001; telephone (202) 708-3866 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling

the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) provides the means by which the public can obtain information regarding federal agencies. Under FOIA, the public can request records from any agency, which the agency must provide, subject to certain statutory exemptions and exclusions. HUD's regulations at 24 CFR part 15, entitled "Public Access to HUD Records under the Freedom of Information Act and Testimony and Production of Information by HUD Employees," describe the policies and procedures governing public access to HUD records under FOIA.

On December 14, 2005, President Bush issued Executive Order 13392, entitled "Improving Agency Disclosure of Information," which acknowledged the importance of participation by an informed citizenry in the effective functioning of our constitutional democracy. Executive Order 13392 was published in the **Federal Register** on December 19, 2005 (70 FR 75373). It required federal agencies to develop agency-wide plans to ensure the efficient and timely administration of FOIA requests. Such plans were to include specific activities that the agency would implement to eliminate or reduce the agency's FOIA backlog, and activities that would increase public awareness of the agency's FOIA processing. HUD submitted its plan to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Attorney General on June 14, 2006. (See <http://www.hud.gov/offices/ogc/foia/hudfoiaplanfinal.pdf>.) An integral part of HUD's plan is the realignment of FOIA processing functions from the Office of General Counsel to the Office of the Executive Secretariat in the Office of Administration. The realignment of FOIA processing functions will improve the efficiency and consistency of HUD's FOIA operations.

This notice announces to the public that HUD has realigned its FOIA processing functions from the Office of General Counsel to the Office of the Executive Secretariat in the Office of Administration. FOIA requests that were formerly submitted to the Office of General Counsel should now be submitted to the FOIA Office in the Office of the Executive Secretariat in the Office of Administration. Members of the public requesting records from HUD may continue to use the FOIA electronic request form on HUD's Internet site at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/ogc/foia/foia.cfm>. HUD is also undertaking rulemaking to update its FOIA

regulations in 24 CFR part 15 to reflect the realignment of the Department's FOIA processing functions. This notice advises the public of the realignment, pending issuance of HUD's updated regulations.

Dated: February 5, 2007.

Keith A. Nelson,

Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4837-D-61]

Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Revocation and Redelegation of Procurement Authority

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this Notice, the Chief Procurement Officer revokes all current redelegations of procurement authority and redelegates procurement authority to qualified Departmental employees.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 30, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gloria Sochon, Assistant Chief Procurement Officer for Policy and Systems, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Room 5276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-0294 (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: The Office of the Chief Procurement Officer has recently undergone a significant reorganization to re-align it within the Department's management structure and to consolidate all contracting authority and activity (headquarters and field-based) under the Chief Procurement Officer. The reorganization also creates four Assistant Chief Procurement Officer positions, three of which are responsible for operational contracting activities. The fourth is responsible for procurement policy and systems.

The Secretary of HUD has designated the Chief Procurement Officer as the Department's Senior Procurement Executive and transferred all Departmental procurement authority to the Chief Procurement Officer.

In this Notice, the Chief Procurement Officer revokes all existing procurement

authority previously redelegated, and redelegates authority as follows:

Section A. Authority Revoked

This document revokes the Notice of Revocation and Redelegation of Procurement Authority published in the **Federal Register** on October 13, 1998 (63 FR 54723).

Section B. Authority Redelegated

1. The Chief Procurement Officer, designated as the Department's Senior Procurement Executive, hereby:

a. Designates the Deputy Chief Procurement Officer, the Assistant Chief Procurement Officer for Program Operations, the Assistant Chief Procurement Officer for Support Operations, and the Assistant Chief Procurement Officer for Field Operations as contracting officers; and

b. Redelegates to the Commercial Credit Card Program Administrator authority for credit card purchases within the micro-purchase threshold established in FAR Part 13. The Commercial Credit Card Program Administrator may further redelegate this authority to qualified headquarters employees.

2. In addition, the Chief Procurement Officer may redelegate authority to:

a. Qualified Office of the Chief Procurement Officer personnel, by way of Certificates of Appointment as contracting officers, to enter into, administer, and/or terminate all procurement contracts, and interagency agreements entered into under the authority of the Economy Act, for property and services required by the Department (including the placement of paid advertisements in newspapers), and make related determination and findings; and

b. Qualified Departmental employees, to engage in the following purchasing procedures:

Simplified acquisitions (FAR Part 13); and

Issuance of orders under contracts established by other Government sources in accordance with FAR Part 8, or under pre-priced indefinite-delivery contracts established by the Department.

Section C. No Authority To Further Redelegate

Except as provided above in paragraph B.1.b, the authority redelegated in Section B, does not include the authority to further redelegate.

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: January 30, 2007.

Joseph A. Neurauter,
Chief Procurement Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Reviews of 58 Species in California and Nevada; Availability of Completed 5-Year Reviews in California and Nevada

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of 5-year reviews; availability of completed 5-year reviews.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the initiation of a 5-year review of 58 species under section 4(c)(2)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The purpose of a 5-year review is to ensure that the classification of a species as threatened or endangered on the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants is accurate and based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the original listing of each of these 58 species. Based on the results of these 5-year reviews, we will make the requisite findings under section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act. We also indicate in this notice the 5-year reviews we completed for species in California and Nevada in FY 2006.

DATES: We must receive your information no later than April 16, 2007. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for instructions on how to submit information and review the information that we receive on these species.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For species-specific information, contact the appropriate individual listed under "Public Solicitation of New Information." For contact information about completed 5-year reviews, see "Completed 5-Year Reviews."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Why Do We Conduct a 5-Year Review?

Under the Endangered Species Act (Act) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we maintain a List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act requires that we conduct a review of listed species at least once every 5 years. Then, on the basis of such reviews under section 4(c)(2)(B), we determine whether or not any species should be removed from the List (delisted), or reclassified from endangered to threatened or from threatened to endangered. Delisting a species must be supported by the best scientific and commercial data available and only considered if such data substantiates that the species is neither endangered nor threatened for one or more of the following reasons: (1) The species is considered extinct; (2) the species is considered to be recovered; and/or (3) the original data available when the species was listed, or the interpretation of such data, were in error. Any change in Federal classification would require a separate rulemaking process. The regulations in 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species currently under active review. This notice announces our active review of the 58 species listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF LISTING INFORMATION FOR 58 SPECIES IN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Common name	Scientific name	Status	Where listed	Final listing rule
Animals				
Bighorn (Sierra Nevada DPS)	<i>Ovis canadensis californiana</i>	Endangered	U.S.A. (CA—Sierra Nevada).	65 FR 20 (03–JAN–00).
California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County DPS).	<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>	Endangered	U.S.A (Santa Barbara County, CA).	65 FR 57241 (21–SEP–00).
Clover Valley speckled dace ...	<i>Rhinichthys osculus oligoporus</i>	Endangered	U.S.A. (NV)	54 FR 41448 (10–OCT–89).