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*Acting Director, U.S. Citizenship and
Immigration Services.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5186-N-37]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies
unutilized, underutilized, excess, and
surplus Federal property reviewed by
HUD for suitability for possible use to
assist the homeless.

DATES: *Effective Date: August 12, 2008.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing
and Urban Development, 451 Seventh
Street, SW., Room 7262, Washington,
DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234;
TTY number for the hearing- and
speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these
telephone numbers are not toll-free), or
call the toll-free Title V information line
at 800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In
accordance with the December 12, 1988
court order in *National Coalition for the
Homeless v. Veterans Administration*,
No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD
publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis,
identifying unutilized, underutilized,
excess and surplus Federal buildings
and real property that HUD has
reviewed for suitability for use to assist
the homeless. Today's Notice is for the
purpose of announcing that no
additional properties have been
determined suitable or unsuitable this
week.

Dated: September 4, 2008.

Mark R. Johnston,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5261-N-01]

Notice of Reclassification of Four Investigative Field Offices to Regional Offices: Cleveland, OH; Baltimore, MD; Tampa, FL; and Seattle, WA

AGENCY: Office of Inspector General,
Department of Housing and Urban
Development (HUD/OIG).

ACTION: Notice of reclassification of
field offices of investigation as regional
offices of investigation.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public
that the HUD/OIG Office of
Investigation plans to reclassify its
Cleveland; Baltimore; Tampa; and
Seattle field offices as regional offices.
The planned reclassification is intended
to: (1) Improve the alignment of limited
investigative resources, to promote more
efficient responses to HUD or
Congressional requests involving critical
program issues; (2) redeploy resources
to prevent and detect fraud in new
program delivery of CPD and FHA; and
(3) improve management control and
effectiveness, and reduce travel costs of
management by reducing region size.

The HUD/OIG Office of Audit, to the
extent that it maintains field offices in
these locations, has determined that
based upon the different nature of its
responsibilities it does not need to
reorganize. This notice also includes a
cost-benefit analysis supporting the
reclassification of the four field offices.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John
McCarty, Assistant Inspector General for
Investigations, Room 8274, Department
of Housing and Urban Development,
451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington,
DC, 20410-4500, 202-708-0390 (This is
not a toll free number.) A
telecommunication device for hearing
and speech-impaired persons (TTY) is
available at 800-877-8339 (Federal
Information Relay Services). (This is a
toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section
7(p) of the Department of Housing and
Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C.
3535(p)) provides that a plan for
reorganization, of any regional, area,
insuring, or other field office of the
Department of Housing and Urban
Development may take effect only upon
the expiration of 90 days after the
publication in the **Federal Register** of a
cost-benefit analysis of the effect of the
plan on the office involved. The
required cost-benefit analysis must
include: (1) An estimate of cost savings
anticipated; (2) an estimate of the
additional cost which will result from

the reorganization; (3) a discussion of
the impact on the local economy; and
(4) an estimate of the effect of the
reorganization on the availability,
accessibility, and quality of services
provided for recipients of those services.

Legislative history pertaining to
section 7(p) indicates that not all
reorganizations are subject to the
requirements of section 7(p). Congress
stated that "[t]his amendment is not
intended to [apply] to or restrict the
internal operations or organization of
the Department (such as the
establishment of new or combination of
existing organization units within a
field office, the duty stationing of
employees in various locations to
provide on-site service, or the
establishment or closing, based on
workload, of small, informal offices
such as valuation stations)." (See House
Conference Report No. 95-1792,
October 14, 1978 at 58.) Although HUD/
OIG believes that the legislative history
of section 7(p) strongly suggests that the
legislation is inapplicable to a
reclassification of four field offices that
will in no way reduce the level of
services provided to areas served by
such offices, HUD/OIG nonetheless
voluntarily publishes the following the
cost-benefit analysis of its plan.

Cost-Benefit Analysis

A. Background

Since 2002, HUD/OIG staffing has
declined from a high of 750 full time
equivalents (FTEs) to a current level of
650 FTEs. Simultaneous with this
constriction of staff resources, HUD/OIG
has had to contend with additional,
extraordinary responsibilities associated
with the September 11, 2001, terrorist
attacks and the 2005 natural disasters
along the Gulf Coast. The staff
reductions and unforeseen additional
responsibilities have caused HUD/OIG
Office of Investigation to struggle to
address baseline fraud, waste, and abuse
in HUD programs. To more efficiently
and effectively address HUD/OIG's core
mission and at the same time become
better prepared to respond to inevitable
but unpredictable events, HUD/OIG
plans to reclassify four field offices to
regional office status at the close of the
90-day period following the publication
of this notice.

B. Description of Proposed Changes

At the expiration of 90 days following
the publication of this notice, the HUD/
OIG Office of Investigation will
reclassify its Cleveland, Ohio;
Baltimore, Maryland; Tampa, Florida;
and Seattle, Washington field offices as
regional offices. The Cleveland Regional