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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.

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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

Office will supervise the operations of the existing Cleveland, Columbus, and Detroit Field Offices. The Baltimore Regional Office will supervise the operations of the Washington, Baltimore, Richmond, Virginia, and Greensboro, North Carolina Field Offices. The Seattle Regional Office will supervise the operations of the Seattle, San Francisco, Billings, Montana, and Sacramento, California Field Offices. The Tampa Regional Office will supervise the operations of the Tampa, Miami, Jacksonville, Florida and San Juan, Puerto Rico Field Offices. Additionally, as part of this reclassification, the New York, New York Regional Office will no longer supervise the operations of the Newark, New Jersey Field Office; rather, henceforth the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Regional Office will supervise the operations of the Newark Field Office. All other existing regional and field office jurisdictional boundaries will be unchanged, and the HUD/OIG Office of Audit will not participate in this reclassification. Additionally, the Office of Investigation's headquarters organization will not be affected by this realignment.

Like all HUD/OIG Office of Investigation regional offices, each of the four new regional offices will be managed by a GS-15 1811 Special Agent-in-Charge (SAC). HUD/OIG additionally plans to supplement the management of each of the new regional offices with a GS-14 1811 Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge (ASAC); currently, at least one ASAC is stationed in the Baltimore, Tampa, and Cleveland Field Offices.

C. Costs versus Benefits

1. One-Time Costs

(a) *Personnel relocation costs (\$500,000)*. It is prudent to plan for potential relocations that may become necessary to fill vacancies and/or back filling of positions. Accordingly, HUD/OIG's plan contemplates that up to four relocations may be necessary as a result of selections of SAC/ASACs to manage the new regions.

(b) *Severance or unemployment compensation costs (\$0)*. No severance costs are associated with this initiative as it does not contemplate the termination of any staff.

(c) *Purchase/movement of furniture and equipment (\$0)*. Each of the field offices that are being evaluated for reclassification to regional office status already exist and are fully equipped. Additionally, the proposal does not contemplate the creation of new field

offices or an increase in overall FTEs. Thus, no purchase or movement of furniture or equipment is involved.

(d) *Space alteration costs (de minimus)*. Some offices may require space alterations and telephone changes to accommodate any future changes of assigned staff. However, HUD/OIG estimates that any space alteration costs that result will be minimal because HUD/OIG has implemented and encourages teleworking, and hoteling is an option available to HUD/OIG.

No additional or supplemental funding is expected to the current appropriated budget. All costs will be maintained within the current budget.

2. Permanent Increases in Operating Costs

Cost to realign current FTEs (\$30,000):

The reclassification of the four field offices to regional offices will require the creation of four SAC positions at the GS-15 level. It is reasonable to presume that existing ASACs will compete for these positions, and, thus, the likelihood is that the additional cost involved will be limited to the pay differential between GS-14 and GS-15 pay levels. Moreover, in light of Law Enforcement Availability Pay (LEAP) differentials payable to ASACs and SACs, combined with the curtailing effect that the overall GS-15 step 10 salary cap has on LEAP differentials payable to GS-15 SACs, it is believed that costs associated with the creation of the SAC positions will be negligible, if anything. Likewise, it is reasonable to presume that existing GS-13s will compete for ASAC, and, thus, the additional cost involved will be limited to the pay differential between GS-13 and GS-14 pay levels. HUD/OIG estimates that this differential to be approximately \$30,000 annually.

No additional or supplemental funding is expected. All additional costs will be funded within the ordinary budgets.

3. Dollar Savings Resulting From Elevation of Offices

Management travel costs: A necessary incident to the remote of field offices is travel costs for supervisors to travel to the office to supervise/review staff and to liaison with stakeholders. HUD/OIG believes that contracting the geographic footprint of his regions—as is contemplated by this plan—will correspondingly reduce management travel. However, in light of the current volatile nature of energy and transportation cost, HUD/OIG is unable accurately quantify such savings.

D. Impact on Local Economies

The planned reclassification of four field offices is not expected to have any impact on the local economies of Cleveland, Baltimore, Tampa, or Seattle. The plan does not involve terminating existing real estate leases prior to their expiration date, nor does it involve leasing additional real estate. Moreover, the plan does not contemplate appreciable relocation of staff to these large metropolitan areas. Thus, any impact on the local economies in terms of housing, schools, public services, taxes, employment, and traffic congestion will be insignificant.

E. Effect of the Reclassifications on the Availability, Accessibility, and Quality of Services Provided for Recipients of Those Services

The plan was designed to improve the quality and level of service provided to stakeholders and affected clients nationwide. The new regions will receive greater management emphasis than prior to the reclassification. Management in the new regions—because it will be less dispersed and remote—will be enabled to interact with HUD management and clients and law enforcement partners more frequently and in greater scope than is now possible. More interaction and attention translates into more availability and accessibility of higher quality services. Similarly, the footprints of HUD/OIG's existing regions will shrink, and the incumbent SACs will be empowered to redirect attention that they currently devote to Cleveland, Detroit, Washington, Baltimore, Tampa, Miami, Seattle, San Francisco, Columbus, Sacramento, San Juan, Richmond, Greensboro, and Jacksonville to the remaining field offices under their supervision. Again, under the circumstances discussed in this notice, more attention translates into more availability and accessibility of higher quality services.

For the reasons presented this notice, HUD/OIG intends to proceed to reclassify four investigative field offices as regional offices—Cleveland, Ohio; Baltimore, Maryland; Tampa, Florida; and Seattle, Washington—at the expiration of the 90-day period from the date of publication of this notice. The attachment to this notice presents the proposed staffing, and geographic coverage that will result from the reclassification of the four field offices of investigations.

Dated: September 8, 2008.

Kenneth M. Donohue,
Inspector General.

ATTACHMENT—PROPOSED STAFFING AND COVERAGE OF REALIGNMENT OF OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS
[BOLDED Cities are proposed new regional offices]

Projected FTEs by region	Offices	Current states	Proposed states
Boston (12)	Boston, Manchester, Hartford	Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont.	Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont.
New York City (19)	New York City, Buffalo	New York, New Jersey	New York only.
Philadelphia (19)	Philadelphia, Newark, Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware.
Baltimore (19)	Baltimore, Richmond, Greensboro	Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, DC, Virginia, West Virginia.	Maryland, DC, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina.
Atlanta (28)	Atlanta, Knoxville Birmingham,	Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, Puerto Rico, Mississippi.	Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky.
Tampa (16)	Tampa, Miami, Jacksonville, Puerto Rico.	Florida, Puerto Rico, Virgin Island.
Chicago (26)	Chicago, Minneapolis, Indianapolis	Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio, Michigan.	Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota.
Cleveland (23)	Cleveland, Detroit, Columbus	Ohio, Michigan.
Arlington (29)	Arlington, Houston, San Antonio, Oklahoma City.	Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico.	Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico.
Kansas City (19)	Kansas City, Denver, St. Louis, Salt Lake City.	Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, Utah, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming.	Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, Utah, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming.
Los Angeles (13)	Los Angeles, Phoenix, Las Vegas	California, Nevada, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska Hawaii, Guam.	Southern California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii, Guam.
San Francisco (14)	San Francisco, Sacramento, Seattle, Billings.	Northern California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska.
New Orleans (15)	New Orleans, Jackson, Arlington, Hattiesburg.	Louisiana, Mississippi	Louisiana, Mississippi.

* New Orleans will remain staffed at 15 rather than projected needed of 24. Other 9 FTE will be used to adjust levels of other regions.

** Projected FTE includes administrative staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Coyote Springs Investment Planned Development Project Multiple-Species Habitat Conservation Plan

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; final environmental impact statement and multi-species habitat conservation plan.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) as the lead agency, together with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as cooperating agencies, advise the public of the availability of the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the application from Coyote Springs Investment LLC (CSI) for a Section 10 incidental take permit pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA), a section 404 permit

under the Clean Water Act, and reconfiguration of CSI private and lease lands in Lincoln County. In addition, the EIS includes the proposed action of BLM issuing a right-of-way within the BLM utility corridor, located west of U.S. Highway 93 in Lincoln County for the construction of detention basins.

This notice also announces the availability of the CSI Multiple-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP), which CSI has submitted as part of their incidental take permit application, and Implementing Agreement (legal contract for the MSHCP). The permit would authorize the incidental take of specified covered species over 40 years, including some that may become federally-listed during the term of the permit. The permit is needed because take of species could occur during CSI's proposed urban development activities located in a 21,454-acre area in southern Lincoln County, Nevada. In addition, take of species could occur during recreation and resource management activities within the 13,767-acre proposed Coyote Springs Investment Conservation Lands (CSICL) in Clark and Lincoln counties. The CSICL is an area leased by CSI from BLM, which would be managed for the conservation of the desert tortoise (*Gopherus*

agassizii) and other covered species specified in the CSI MSHCP.

This notice is provided pursuant to applicable NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6) to inform the public of the proposed action, and to make available for 30 days' review the final EIS, CSI MSHCP, and Implementing Agreement.

DATES: A Record of Decision will be signed no sooner than 30 days after the publication of the Environmental Protection Agency notice. Comments on the final EIS must be received on or before October 14, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Robert D. Williams, Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Suite 234, Reno, Nevada 89502, and fax number (775) 861-6301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert D. Williams, Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130, telephone (702) 515-5230 and fax number (702) 515-5231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

Copies of the EIS, CSI MSHCP, and Implementing Agreement are available