

*Granted By:* Paula O. Blunt, General Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

*Date Granted:* February 13, 2009.

*Reason Waived:* KCHA agreed to submit documentation which certifies, in form specified by HUD, to the accuracy and authenticity of the required legal documents. The waiver streamlined the review process, expedited closing and enhanced public housing production.

*Contact:* Dominique Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Public Housing Investments, Office of Public and Indian Housing, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4130, Washington, DC 20140-5000, telephone number (202) 402-4181.

• *Regulation:* 24 CFR 960.206(b).

*Project/Activity:* Allentown Housing (AHA), Allentown, PA.

*Nature of Requirement:* The regulation requires non-discriminatory and equal opportunity for waiting list admissions. AHA requested a ranking admission preference to people with specific disabilities.

*Granted By:* Paula O. Blunt, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

*Date Granted:* February 26, 2009.

*Reason Waived:* The waiver permitted occupancy by a household with a person who has severe and persistent mental illness and who was ready for discharge from Community Rehabilitation Residences, at risk of homelessness and a client of Lehigh County's supportive services program. Any individual, regardless of income, who completes the registration process, is designated as a client of the County.

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• *Regulation:* 24 CFR 982.505(d).

*Project/Activity:* Housing Authority of the County of Santa Clara (HACSC), San Jose, CA.

*Nature of Requirement:* The regulation states that a public housing agency may only approve a higher payment standard for a family as a reasonable accommodation if the higher payment standard is within the basic range of 90 to 110 percent of the fair market rent (FMR) for the unit size. The HACSC requested a waiver so to provide reasonable accommodations to a person with disabilities.

*Granted By:* Paula O. Blunt, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

*Date Granted:* March 18, 2009.

*Reason Waived:* The applicant required an accessible, zero-bedroom unit in proximity to care providers. For this applicant to pay no more than 40 percent of adjusted income toward the family share, HACSC was allowed to approve an exception payment standard that exceeded the basic range of 90 to 110 percent of the FMR.

*Contact:* Laure Rawson, Director, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and

Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4210, Washington, DC 20410-5000, telephone number (202) 708-0477.

• *Regulation:* 24 CFR 982.637(a)(2).

*Project/Activity:* Augusta Housing Authority, (AHA) Augusta, ME.

*Nature of Requirement:* The regulation states that a PHA may not commence continued tenant-based assistance for occupancy of a new unit so long as any family member owns title or other interest in the prior home.

*Granted By:* Paula O. Blunt, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

*Date Granted:* January 7, 2009.

*Reason Waived:* The subject homeownership unit is subject to court action for substandard roof repairs. A mortgage moratorium was instituted under a USDA Rural Development 502 loan. Until repair of the roof, the applicant received a waiver for temporary tenant-based HCV rental assistance for up to 24 months.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Vendor Outreach Workshop for Small Businesses in the Capital Region (Washington, DC) of the United States

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization of the Department of the Interior is hosting a Vendor Outreach Workshop for small businesses in the national capital region of the United States that are interested in doing business with the Department. The bureaus within the Department of the Interior are partnering in this exciting event that will promote small business contracting opportunities across the board. This workshop will review market contracting opportunities for the attendees. Business owners will be able to share their individual perspectives with Contracting Officers, Program Managers and Small Business Specialists from the Department. Following the workshop, businesses will also participate in a roundtable discussion and breakout work sessions that will allow them to talk with departmental representatives and prime contractors.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on July 9, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at the Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel, 999 9th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001. Register online at: <http://www.doi.gov/osdbu>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Oliver, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, 1849 C Street, NW., MS 2252 MIB, Washington, DC 20240, telephone 877-375-9927.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In accordance with the Small Business Act, as amended by Public Law 95-507, the Department has the responsibility to promote the use of small and small disadvantaged business for its acquisition of goods and services. The Department is proud of its accomplishments in meeting its business goals for small, small disadvantaged, 8(a), woman-owned, HUBZone, and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses. In Fiscal Year 2008, the Department awarded 55 per cent of its \$2.6 billion in contracts to small businesses. This fiscal year, the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization is reaching out to our internal stakeholders and the Department's small business community by conducting several vendor outreach workshops. The vendor outreach session for the southeast region was held in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 11, 2009, at the Georgia International Convention Center and another session was held in Portland, Oregon, on May 13, 2009, at the Portland Convention Center. The Department's presenters will focus on contracting and subcontracting opportunities and how small businesses can better market services and products. Over 4,000 small businesses have been targeted for this event. If you are a small business interested in working with the Department, we urge you to register online at: <http://www.doi.gov/osdbu> and attend the workshop.

These outreach events are a new and exciting opportunity for the Department's bureaus and offices to improve their support for small business. Additional outreach events will be held scheduled from FY 2010 around the country. Dates, time and locations have yet to be determined.

**Mark Oliver,**

*Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.*

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