DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5374–N–25]


AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–05, approved February 17, 2009) (Recovery Act), and implementing guidance of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), this notice advises that certain exceptions to the Buy American requirement of the Recovery Act have been determined applicable for work using Capital Fund Recovery Formula and Competition (CFRFC) grant funds. Specifically, an exception was granted to the Mankato Economic Development Authority, Mankato, MN for the purchase and installation of water closets that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA-compliant water closets) at the Orness Plaza Apartments project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Donald J. LaVoy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Office of Field Operations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4112, Washington, DC 20410–4000, telephone number 202–402–8500 (this is a toll-free number); or Dominique G. Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Housing Investments, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 4130, Washington, DC 20410–4000, telephone number 202–402–8500 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing- or speech-impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1605(a) of the Recovery Act provides that none of the funds appropriated or made available by the Recovery Act may be used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States. Section 1605(b) provides that the Buy American requirement shall not apply in any case or category in which the head of a Federal department or agency finds that: (1) Applying the Buy American requirement would be inconsistent with the public interest; (2) iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality, or (3) inclusion of iron, steel, and manufactured goods will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent. Section 1605(c) provides that if the head of a Federal department or agency makes a determination pursuant to section 1605(b), the head of the department or agency shall publish a detailed written justification in the Federal Register.

In accordance with section 1605(c) of the Recovery Act and OMB’s implementing guidance published on April 23, 2009 (74 FR 18449), this notice advises the public that, on March 11, 2011, upon request of the Mankato Economic Development Authority, HUD granted an exception to applicability of the Buy American requirements with respect to work, using CFFRFC grant funds, in connection with the Orness Plaza Apartments project. The exception was granted by HUD on the basis that the relevant manufactured goods (ADA-compliant water closets) are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities or of satisfactory quality.

Dated: March 22, 2011.

Sandra B. Henriquez,
Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5501–N–01]

Notice of FHA Debenture Call

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces a debenture call of certain Federal Housing Administration (FHA) debentures, in accordance with authority provided in the National Housing Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Yong Sun, Federal Housing Administration, Financial Reporting Division, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5148, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 402–4778. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 207(j) of the National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1713(j), and in accordance with HUD’s regulation at 24 CFR 207.250(e)(3), the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, announces the call of all FHA debentures, with a coupon rate of 4.5 percent or above, except for those debentures subject to “debenture lock agreements,” that have been registered on the books of the Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, and are, therefore, “outstanding” as of March 31, 2011. The date of the call is July 1, 2011.

The debentures will be redeemed at par plus accrued interest. Interest will cease to accrue on the debentures as of the call date. At redemption, final interest on any called debentures will be paid along with the principal. Payment of final principal and interest due on July 1, 2011, will be made automatically to the registered holder.

During the period from the date of this notice to the call date, debentures

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Dated: March 22, 2011.

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