DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency


Oklahoma; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Oklahoma (FEMA–1989–DR), dated June 6, 2011, and related determinations.

DATES: Effective Date: June 16, 2011.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Oklahoma is hereby amended to include the following area among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the event declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of June 6, 2011.

Caddo County for Individual Assistance.

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Coral Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households; 97.035, Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.037, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.038, Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant.

W. Craig Fugate,
Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency


Arkansas; Amendment No. 8 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of Arkansas (FEMA–1975–DR), dated May 2, 2011, and related determinations.

DATES: Effective Date: June 16, 2011.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the incident period for this declared disaster is now April 14, 2011, through and including June 3, 2011.

The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 97.030, Community Disaster Loans; 97.031, Coral Brown Fund; 97.032, Crisis Counseling; 97.033, Disaster Legal Services; 97.034, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 97.046, Fire Management Assistance Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households In Presidential Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance—Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households; 97.050, Presidentially Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.056, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.037, Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant.

W. Craig Fugate,
Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Regulatory Waiver Requests Granted for the First Quarter of Calendar Year 2011

AGENCY: Office of the General Counsel, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 106 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development
Reform Act of 1989 (the HUD Reform Act) requires HUD to publish quarterly Federal Register notices of all regulatory waivers that HUD has approved. Each notice covers the quarterly period since the previous Federal Register notice. The purpose of this notice is to comply with the requirements of section 106 of the HUD Reform Act. This notice contains a list of regulatory waivers granted by HUD during the period beginning on January 1, 2011, and ending on March 31, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about this notice, contact Camille E. Acevedo, Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 10222, Washington, DC 20410–0500, telephone 202–708–1793 (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.

For information concerning a particular waiver that was granted and for which public notice is provided in this document, contact the person whose name and address follow the description of the waiver granted in the accompanying list of waivers that have been granted in the first quarter of calendar year 2011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 106 of the HUD Reform Act added a new section 7(q) to the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(q)), which provides that:

1. Any waiver of a regulation must be in writing and must specify the grounds for approving the waiver;

2. Authority to approve a waiver of a regulation may be delegated by the Secretary only to an individual of Assistant Secretary or equivalent rank, and the person to whom authority to waive is delegated must also have authority to issue the particular regulation to be waived;

3. Not less than quarterly, the Secretary must notify the public of all waivers of regulations that HUD has approved, by publishing a notice in the Federal Register. These notices (each covering the period since the most recent previous notification) shall:
   a. Identify the project, activity, or undertaking involved;
   b. Describe the nature of the provision waived and the designation of the provision;
   c. Indicate the name and title of the person who granted the waiver request;
   d. Describe briefly the grounds for approval of the request; and

For further information about the granting of these waivers, including a copy of the waiver request and approval, may be obtained by contacting the person whose name is listed as the contact person directly after each set of regulatory waivers granted.

The regulatory waivers granted appear in the following order:

I. Regulatory waivers granted by the Office of Housing.

II. Regulatory waivers granted by the Office of Community Planning and Development.

III. Regulatory waivers granted by the Office of Public and Indian Housing.

I. Regulatory Waivers Granted by the Office of Community Planning and Development

For further information about the following regulatory waivers, please see the name of the contact person that immediately follows the description of the waiver granted.

- **Regulation:** 24 CFR 58.22(a).
- **Project/Activity:** The city park project in Joshua, TX entails the acquisition and development of a 19.35 acre park. The park includes the construction of the following: Multi use trails, baseball fields, splash station, basketball court, playground, restroom and concession facility, a ¾-acre excavated fishing pond, fishing pier, and enhancing the native landscaping on the western side of the park.

Plans for the park were underway prior to any indication that Congress would appropriate an Economic Development Special Purpose grant for its construction. The subject grant was funded through the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2010, signed into law on December 16, 2009, which provided special project grant funding to the City of Joshua for land acquisition, construction, and equipment for park areas.

The City of Joshua did not understand the environmental requirements as described in the Economic Development Initiative Special Project application kit and proceeded to enter into construction contracts for the park after the grant was appropriated, but before completing the environmental review.
and receiving an approved Request for Release of Funds from HUD.

Nature of Requirement: The regulation requires that an environmental review be performed and a Request for Release of Funds be completed and certified prior to the commitment of non-HUD funds to a project using HUD funds.

Granted By: Mercedes Márquez, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

Date Granted: March 8, 2011.

Reason Waived: The waiver was granted because the above project would further the HUD mission and advance HUD program goals to develop viable, quality communities; the City of Joshua lacked experience administering HUD grants and the City stated it did not intend to violate HUD's environmental requirements. No HUD funds were committed. The waiver was conditioned upon the removal of an adjacent 500 gallon above ground residential propane tank. The granting of a waiver will not result in any unmitigated, adverse environmental impact.


• Regulation: 24 CFR 92.254(b)(2).

□ Project/Activity: Pierce County, Washington requested a waiver of the principal residency requirement to enable it to assist an elderly woman whose home is substandard and in need of rehabilitation. Because her husband permanently resides in a nursing home, a waiver of the principal residency requirement was needed to permit the County to rehabilitate her home with HOME funds.

Nature of Requirement: The HOME Program regulations at 24 CFR 92.254(b)(2) requires that owner-occupied housing to be rehabilitated with HOME funds be the principal residence of its owners. Consequently, a HOME-participating jurisdiction (PJ) cannot provide HOME-funded, rehabilitation assistance to a unit that does not qualify if the owners do not maintain the property as their principal residence.

Granted By: Mercedes Márquez, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

Reason Waived: A waiver of the principal residency requirement was granted to assist an elderly woman whose home is substandard and in need of rehabilitation because her husband, who is one of the owners, permanently resides in a nursing home.

Contact: Virginia Sardone, Acting Director, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7164, Washington, DC 20410–7000, telephone (202) 708–2470.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 570.206(a)(4) and 92.207(a)(4).

□ Project/Activity: The Los Angeles County of California, requested a waiver of 24 CFR 570.206(a)(4) and 92.207(a)(4), to provide for use of a long-term capital lease to acquire real property for program administrative purposes, beginning with its July 1, 2006, program year start date.

Nature of Requirement: The regulations at 24 CFR 570.206(a)(4) and 92.207(a)(4) limit expenditures for program administrative space to rental and maintenance costs, but do not provide for the purchase or acquisition of administrative office space. The intent of the regulation is to preclude the use of program funds for long-term acquisition financing because of the uncertainty of annual appropriations for CDBG and HOME programs.

Granted By: Mercedes Márquez, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

Date Granted: February 9, 2011.

Reason Waived: The waiver request of the Los Angeles County cited as good cause the long-term and short-term savings that result from the ultimate acquisition of the office building. In addition to having all the County’s offices in the same building, access to public transportation for both employees and the general public, this waiver allowed for the acquisition of an asset without lease payments at the end of 30 years.

Contact: Julia Neidecker-Gonzales, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Entitlement Communities Division, Office of Community Planning and Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7282, Washington, DC 20410–7000, telephone: (202) 708–1577.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 92.254(b)(2).

□ Project/Activity: The City of Joshua, Montana, requested a waiver of the 90-day resale prohibition for a property that served as the permanent residence of a farm worker. The property was acquired through the Rural Development Housing Loan and Grant Program and was sold after 90 days to the current owner, who is one of the owners, permanently resides in a nursing home.

Nature of Requirement: Section III.A. of the HPRP Notice provides that a state grantee must make available all of its formula allocation, except for an appropriate share of funds for administrative costs, to units of general local government and private nonprofit organizations in the state to carry out all eligible activities.

Granted By: Mercedes Márquez, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

Date Granted: February 7, 2011.

Reason Waived: The grantee provided sufficient information for HUD to conclude the following: (1) The HMIS is already in place; (2) the HMIS is administered by the State of Montana; and (3) the alternative proposal of utilizing a fee structure to administer HMIS and meet the requirements in the Recovery Act would impose additional administrative burdens for the State.

Contact: Ann M. Oliva, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7262, Washington, DC 20410–7000, telephone (202) 708–4300.

II. Regulatory Waivers Granted by the Office of Housing—Federal Housing Administration (FHA)

For further information about the following regulatory waivers, please see the name of the contact person that immediately follows the description of the waiver granted.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 203.37(a)(2).

□ Project/activity: Properties eligible for FHA-insured mortgages.

Nature of Requirement: Generally, a mortgage for a property will not be eligible for FHA insurance if the contract of sale for the purchase of the property is executed within 90 days of the prior acquisition by the seller.

Granted By: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: January 28, 2011 (extends existing waiver through December 31, 2011)

Reason Waived: By notice published in the Federal Register on February 3, 2011 (76 FR 6149), HUD announced the extension of the availability of the temporary waiver of its regulations that prohibits the use of FHA financing to purchase single family properties that are being resold within 90 days of the previous acquisition, until December 31, 2011. This waiver, originally issued in January 2010, took effect for all sales contracts executed on or after
February 1, 2010. In extending the waiver, HUD determined that acquiring, rehabilitating and the reselling recently acquired properties to prospective homeowners often takes less than 90 days. During this period of abandoned and foreclosed homes, prohibiting the use of FHA mortgage insurance for a subsequent resale within 90 days of acquisition adversely impacts the willingness of sellers to allow contracts from potential FHA buyers because they must consider holding costs and the risk of vandalism associated with allowing a property to sit vacant over a 90-day period of time. Extending the existing waiver continues to permit buyers to use FHA-insured financing to purchase HUD-owned properties, bank-owned properties, or properties sold through private sales. The extension of the waiver allows homes to resell as quickly as possible, helping to stabilize real estate prices and to revitalize neighborhoods and communities.

Project: Cooperative, Ann Arbor, Michigan—FHA Project Number 044–44158/59/60/61/62. The owner requested approval to defer repayment of the Flexible Subsidy Operating Assistance loan on this project to restore financial soundness and complete needed rehabilitation.

Reason Waived: This waiver was granted in order to allow the owner to re-amortize the Flexible Subsidy Operating Assistance Loan over a 30-year period, execute and record a new Rental Use Agreement for the term of the mortgage, termination of these actions would typically terminate FHA involvement with the property, and the Flexible Subsidy loan would be repaid, in whole, at that time.

 Granted By: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: January 26, 2011.

Reason Waived: The owner requested waiver of the requirement to defer repayment of this loan because there is insufficient cash flow from project revenues to make monthly debt service payments for repayment of the Flexible Subsidy Operating Loans. The project is 37 years old, has urgent physical needs such as repairs, replacements and updates required by the Project’s Capital Needs Assessment. Waiver of this regulation allowed the owner to obtain new financing to repay the existing loans over the term of the new mortgage loan and carryout needed rehabilitation. A new Rental Use Agreement will be recorded ahead of any new financing extending the affordability of the project for 40 years.

Contact: Marilyn M. Edge, Acting Director, Office of Asset Management, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6164, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3730.

Regulation: 24 CFR 219.220(b).

Project/Activity: Danube Apartments, Dorchester, Massachusetts—FHA Project Number 023–55165. The owner requested to defer repayment of the Flexible Subsidy Operating Assistance Loan to achieve the long-term preservation of the project.

Nature of Requirement: 219.220(b) governs the repayment of operating assistance provided under the Flexible Subsidy Program for Troubled Projects prior to May 1, 1996 states: “Assistance that has been paid to a project owner under this subpart must be repaid at the earlier of the expiration of the term of the mortgage, termination of these actions would typically terminate FHA involvement with the property, and the Flexible Subsidy loan would be repaid, in whole, at that time.”

Granted By: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: March 15, 2011.

Reason Waived: The owner requested and was granted a waiver to defer repayment of the Flexible Subsidy
Operating Assistance Loan at the time of repayment of the mortgage. This waiver allowed the owner to utilize funds to complete many necessary repairs at the project, thereby strengthening the physical and financial stability of the project. The owner executed a new 40-year Rental Use Agreement. This waiver also prevented displacement of tenants and serve to preserve this project as an affordable housing resource.

Contact: Marilyn M. Edge, Acting Director, Office of Asset Management, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6164, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3730.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 891.100(d) and 24 CFR 891.165.


Nature of Requirement: Section 891.100(d) prohibits amendment of the amount of the approved capital advance funds prior to initial closing. Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: January 4, 2011.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed to review the revised closing documents and for the project to achieve an initial closing.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.


Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: January 6, 2011.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed to complete the preparation and submission of the firm commitment application and to achieve an initial closing.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.


Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: January 20, 2011.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed for the sponsor/owner to seek tax credits, prepare and submit the firm commitment application and for the project to achieve an initial closing.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

• Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.
Additional time was needed to resubmit the site and architectural plans to the Zoning Board for approval, resubmit the firm commitment application and for the project to be initially closed.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.
Project/Activity: Newbury Senior Housing, Newbury, NH, Project Number: 024–EE120/NH36–S081–006.

Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: January 21, 2011.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed for the project to achieve an initial closing.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.

Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: January 21, 2011.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed to issue the firm commitment application and for a decision to be made of the zoning appeal.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.

Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: January 21, 2011.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed to review the closing documents and reach an initial closing.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.

Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: January 21, 2011.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed to start initial closing.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.
Project/Activity: Leeway Welton Apartments, New Haven, CT, Project Number: 017–HD041/CT26–Q071–002.

Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: January 21, 2011.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed to start initial closing.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.

Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: February 3, 2011.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed for the initial closing package to be reviewed and for the project to achieve an initial closing.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.
Project/Activity: Volunteers of America National Services, Gary, IN, Project Number: 073–EE125/IN36–S081–003.

Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: February 4, 2011.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed for the sponsor/owner to submit the firm commitment application and for the project to reach an initial closing.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.
Reason Waived: Additional time was needed to review the initial closing package and reach an initial closing.

**Contact:** Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

**Regulation:** 24 CFR 891.165.


**Nature of Requirement:** Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

**Granted by:** David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

**Date Granted:** February 14, 2011.

**Reason Waived:** Additional time was needed to review the firm commitment application and other mixed finance documents and for the project to reach an initial closing.

**Contact:** Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

**Regulation:** 24 CFR 891.165.

**Project/Activity:** Armstrong Place Senior Apartments, San Francisco, CA, Project Number: 121–EE194/CA36–S061–006.

**Nature of Requirement:** Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

**Granted by:** David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

**Date Granted:** February 14, 2011.

**Reason Waived:** Additional time was needed to review the initial closing application and for the project to reach a final closing.

**Contact:** Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

**Regulation:** 24 CFR 891.165.

**Project/Activity:** Villa Davis (fka Armstrong Place

**Nature of Requirement:** Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

**Granted by:** David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

**Date Granted:** February 14, 2011.

**Reason Waived:** Additional time was needed to reach an initial closing.

**Contact:** Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

**Regulation:** 24 CFR 891.165.

**Project/Activity:** Villa Davis (fka Armstrong Place

**Nature of Requirement:** Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

**Granted by:** David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

**Date Granted:** February 14, 2011.

**Reason Waived:** Additional time was needed for the sponsor/owner to prepare and submit the firm commitment application, for review of the application and for the project to reach an initial closing.

**Contact:** Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

**Regulation:** 24 CFR 891.165.

**Project/Activity:** Villa Davis (fka Armstrong Place

**Nature of Requirement:** Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.
Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: February 17, 2011.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed for the project to achieve an initial closing.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.


Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: March 3, 2011.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed for the project to achieve initial closing.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.

Project/Activity: Margaret Wagner Housing II, Cleveland Heights, OH, Project Number: 042–EE233/OH12–S081–008.

Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: March 3, 2011.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed for the project to achieve initial closing.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.


Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: March 3, 2011.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed for the project to achieve initial closing.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.

Project/Activity: Colter Commons, Phoenix, AZ, Project Number: 123–EE109/AZ20–S081–003.

Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: March 8, 2011.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed for the project to achieve initial closing.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.

Project/Activity: Victory Oaks at Saint Camillus, Silver Spring, MD, Project Number: 000–EE067/MD39–S081–003.

Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: March 3, 2011.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed for the project to achieve initial closing.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.


Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: March 3, 2011.

Reason Waived: Additional time was needed for the project to achieve initial closing.

Contact: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.165.

Project/Activity: The Village at Oasis Park Phase I, Mesa, AZ, Project Number: 123–HD042/AZ20–Q081–002.

Nature of Requirement: Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.
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**Granted by:** David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

**Date Granted:** March 30, 2011.

**Reason Waived:** Additional time was needed for the firm commitment application to be submitted and reviewed and for the project to achieve initial closing.

**Contact:** Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

- **Regulation:** 24 CFR 891.165.
- **Project/Activity:** Estabrook Place, San Leandro, CA, Project Number: 121–EE202–039–S071–007

**Nature of Requirement:** Section 891.165 provides that the duration of the fund reservation of the capital advance is 18 months from the date of issuance with limited exceptions up to 24 months, as approved by HUD on a case-by-case basis.

**Granted by:** David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

**Date Granted:** March 30, 2011.

**Reason Waived:** Additional time was needed for the initial/final closing documents to be submitted and reviewed for this Capital Advance Upon Completion mixed finance project.

**Contact:** Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

- **Regulation:** 24 CFR 891.805 and 24 CFR 891.830(b).
- **Project/Activity:** Armory Lane Housing, Vergennes, VT, Project Number: 024–EE136/VT736–S091–004

**Nature of Requirement:** Section 891.805 requires that the Sole General Partner of the Mixed Finance Owner be a Private Nonprofit Organization with a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) tax exemption (in the case of supportive housing for the elderly), or a Nonprofit Organization with a 501 (c)(3) (in the case of supportive housing for persons with disabilities. Section 891.830(b) requires that capital advance funds be drawn down only in an approved ratio to other funds, in accordance with a drawdown schedule approved by HUD.

**Granted by:** David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

**Date Granted:** March 30, 2011.

**Reason Waived:** To permit the sole general partner of the subject project to be a for-profit corporation that is wholly owned and controlled by the nonprofit sponsor. Also to allow the capital advance to be drawn down in one requisition, to pay off that portion of a bridge or construction financing, or bonds that strictly relate to capital advance eligible costs after completion of construction at initial/final closing.

**Contact:** Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3000.

- **Regulation:** 24 CFR 891.410(c).
- **Project/Activity:** Heritage Senior Homes, Hanna City, Illinois—FHA Project Number: 072–EE164. The property is located in a very rural area and has been experiencing difficulty attracting eligible very-low income elderly applicants.

**Nature of Requirement:** Section 891.410 relates to admission of families to projects for elderly or handicapped families that receive reservations under Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended by Section 801 of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. Section 891.410(c) limits occupancy to very low-income elderly persons. To qualify, households must include a minimum of one person who is at least 62 years of age at the time of initial occupancy.

**Granted by:** David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

**Date Granted:** February 1, 2011.

**Reason Waived:** This one-year, one-time waiver was granted to allow the owner to admit low-income and near-elderly applicants. However, first priority will be given to all qualified eligible applicants who meet the Section 202 very low-income guidelines. This waiver will assist in curing the existing vacancy problem, thereby stabilizing the project’s current physical and financial status and preventing foreclosure. The property will continue as an affordable housing resource for the community.

**Contact:** Marilyn M. Edge, Acting Director, Office of Asset Management, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 76134, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3730.

- **Regulation:** 24 CFR 891.410(c).
- **Project/Activity:** Heritage Senior Homes, Hanna City, Illinois—FHA Project Number: 072–EE164. The property is located in a very rural area and has been experiencing difficulty attracting eligible very-low income elderly applicants.

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Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: February 3, 2011.

Reason Waived: This regulatory waiver was granted to cure the project’s current vacancy problems. There was insufficient demand to fill the units with very low-income elderly applicants. However, first priority will be given to all qualified eligible applicants who meet the Section 202 very low-income guidelines. The owner/managing agent will have the flexibility to lease to qualified low-income, near elderly applicants only when there are no very low-income elderly applicants on the waiting list, thereby allowing the project to operate successfully and achieve full occupancy for the long-term financial viability of the project.

Contact: Marilyn M. Edge, Acting Director, Office of Asset Management, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6164, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3730.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.410(c).

Project/Activity: Jewish Tower II (Zaban Tower), Atlanta, Georgia—FHA Project Number 061–EE047. This project is located in a very rural area with few conveniences for senior citizens.

Nature of Requirement: Section 891.410 relates to admission of families to projects for elderly or handicapped families that receive reservations under Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended by Section 801 of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. Section 891.410(c) limits occupancy to very low-income elderly persons. To qualify, households must include a minimum of one person who is at least 62 years of age at the time of initial occupancy.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: March 14, 2011.

Reason Waived: This project is located in a very rural area with few conveniences for senior citizens. The owner/managing agent requested waiver of the very low-income and elderly restriction to permit admission of lower-income, near-elderly applicants to alleviate the current vacancy problems at the property. However, first priority will be given to all qualified eligible applicants when there are no very low-income elderly persons. The owner/managing agent will have the flexibility to lease to qualified low-income, near-elderly applicants when there are no very low-income elderly applicants on the waiting list, thereby allowing the project to operate successfully and achieve full occupancy for the long-term financial viability of the project.

Contact: Marilyn M. Edge, Acting Director, Office of Asset Management, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6164, Washington, DC 20410–8000, telephone (202) 708–3730.

Regulation: 24 CFR 891.410(c).

Project/Activity: The Cottages of Delta Acres, Incorporated, Clarendon, Arkansas—FHA Project Number 082–EE127. This project is located in a very rural area with few conveniences for senior citizens. The owner/managing agent is having financial difficulty at the present occupancy level.

Nature of Requirement: Section 891.410 relates to admission of families to projects for elderly or handicapped families that receive reservations under Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, as amended by Section 801 of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. Section 891.410(c) limits occupancy to very low-income elderly persons. To qualify, households must include a minimum of one person who is at least 62 years of age at the time of initial occupancy.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

Date Granted: March 23, 2011.

Reason Waived: This property is restricted to very low-income, disabled applicants. The owner/managing agent has aggressively marketed these units to the target population with little success. Waiver of this regulation allowed admission of low-income, disabled applicants when there were no very low-income disabled applicants to fill vacant units. This one-year, one-time waiver will assist the owner in achieving full occupancy to very low-income elderly persons. To qualify, households must include a minimum of one person who is at least 62 years of age at the time of initial occupancy.

Granted by: David H. Stevens, Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.
III. Regulatory Waivers Granted by the Office of Public and Indian Housing

For further information about the following regulatory waivers, please see the name of the contact person that immediately follows the description of the waiver granted.

- **Regulation:** 24 CFR 5.801(d)(1).
  - **Project/Activity:** Newark Housing Authority, (NJ002), Newark, NJ.
  - **Nature of Requirement:** The regulation establishes certain reporting compliance dates. The audited financial statements are required to be submitted to the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) no later than nine months after the housing authority’s (HA) fiscal year end (FYE), in accordance with the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A–133.

  **Granted By:** Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.
  **Date Granted:** January 31, 2011.
  **Reason Waived:** The HA contends that its unaudited financial submission for fiscal year end (FYE) March 31, 2010, was finally approved by the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) on January 10, 2011. The unaudited financial submission was rejected by REAC staff twice before. Usually, the HAs use the results of the unaudited financial submission as the starting point of the audit. The waiver was granted and the additional time will permit the HA to input and complete the March 31, 2010, audited financial information.

  **Contact:** Johnson Abraham, Program Manager, NASS, Real Estate Assessment Center, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 550 12th Street, SW., Suite 100, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 475–8583.

- **Regulation:** 24 CFR 5.801(d)(1).
  - **Project/Activity:** Punta Gorda Housing Authority, (FL060), Punta Gorda, FL.
  - **Nature of Requirement:** The regulation establishes certain reporting compliance dates. The audited financial statements are required to be submitted to the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) no later than nine months after the housing authority’s (HA) fiscal year end (FYE), in accordance with the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A–133.

  **Granted By:** Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.
  **Date Granted:** March 31, 2011.
  **Reason Waived:** The HA contends that it needs additional time to submit its unaudited financial information to the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) no later than nine months after the housing authority’s (HA) fiscal year end (FYE), in accordance with the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A–133.

  **Contact:** Johnson Abraham, Program Manager, NASS, Real Estate Assessment Center, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 550 12th Street, SW., Suite 100, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 475–8583.

Nature of Requirement: Section 982.505(c)(3) states that, if the amount on the payment standard schedule is decreased during the term of the housing assistance payments (HAP) contract, the lower payment standard amount generally must be used to calculate the monthly HAP for the family beginning on the effective date of the family’s second regular reexamination following the effective date of the decrease.

  **Granted By:** Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.
  **Date Granted:** February 16, 2011.
  **Reason Waived:** This waiver was granted because this cost-saving measure would enable the GCHA to manage its Housing Choice Voucher program within allocated budget authority and avoid the termination of HAP contracts due to insufficient funding.

  **Contact:** Laurie 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 Seventh Street, SW., Room 4210, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

- **Regulation:** 24 CFR 982.505(d).
  - **Project/Activity:** Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA), Fairfax County, VA.
  - **Nature of Requirement:** Section 982.505(d) 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.

  **Granted By:** Sandra B. Henriquez, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.
  **Date Granted:** March 3, 2011.
  **Reason Waived:** The applicant, who is disabled, requires a one-level accessible unit. To provide this reasonable accommodation so the client could be assisted in this unit and pay no more than 40 percent of his adjusted income toward the family share, the FCRHA was allowed to approve an exception payment standard that exceeded the basic range of 90 to 110 percent of the FMR.

  **Contact:** Laurie 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 Seventh Street, SW., Room 4210, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE)

Ocean Energy Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Ocean Energy Safety Advisory Committee will meet at the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana.

DATES: Wednesday, July 13, 2011, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, July 14, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel, 739 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, telephone (504) 962–0500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Brad J. Blythe at the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, 381 Elen Road, Mail Stop 4040, Herndon, Virginia 20170–4187. He can be reached by telephone at (703) 787–1636 or by electronic mail at brad.blythe@boemre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Ocean Energy Safety Advisory Committee consists of representatives from industry, Federal Government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the academic community. It provides policy advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of BOEMRE on matters relating to ocean energy safety, including, but not limited to drilling and workplace safety, well intervention and containment, and oil spill response.

The agenda for Wednesday, July 13, will address the progress of outreach on industry and academic initiatives relevant to the work of the Committee.

The agenda for Thursday, July 14, will address subcommittee progress, and include discussions of Federal initiatives relevant to the work of the Committee.

The meeting is open to the public. Approximately 100 visitors can be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis. Members of the public will have the opportunity to comment on a first-come-first-served basis during the time allotted for public comment and may submit written comments to the Ocean Energy Safety Advisory Committee during the meeting or by email to the Committee at OESC@boemre.gov.


Dated: June 22, 2011.

Michael R. Bromwich,
Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U.S. Geological Survey

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Agency Information Collection: Comment Request for National Gap Analysis Program Evaluation

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of a new collection.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) an information collection request (ICR) for a new collection of information: National Gap Analysis Program Evaluation. This notice provides the public and other Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of this information collection request.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before July 27, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Please submit written comments on this information collection directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior via e-mail to OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov or fax at 202–395–5806; and identify your submission as 1028–NEW. Please also submit a copy of your written comments to Phadrea Ponds, USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 2150–C, Centre Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80526–8118 (mail); 970–226–9230 (fax); or pondsps@usgs.gov (e-mail). Please reference Information Collection 1028–NEW, GAPSURVEY in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Joan Ratz by e-mail at ratzj@usgs.gov. To see a copy of the entire ICR submitted to OMB, go to http://www.reginfo.gov (Information Collection Review, Currently under Review).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will design and conduct a survey that will be used to evaluate the performance of the National Gap Analysis Program (GAP). The information collected will provide information for the Program’s annual performance plan as required by the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). Scientists and staff in the Policy Analysis and Science Assistance Branch of the USGS will conduct this on-line survey.

Information from this survey will provide GAP managers with scientifically sound data that can be used to: (1) Prepare strategic planning and performance documents, (2) measure user satisfaction, and (3) understand user needs. Additionally, this survey can target performance issues relate to education and outreach,