

If you prefer, you may deliver your written comments (one original and three copies) to one of the following addresses:

Room 309-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201, or Room C5-09-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

Because of staffing and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission. In commenting, please refer to file code BPD-854-NC. Comments received timely will be available for public inspection as they are received, generally beginning approximately 3 weeks after publication of a document, in Room 309-G of the Department's offices at 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, on Monday through Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (phone: (202) 690-7890).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Mark A. Horney, (410) 786-4554.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Section 1138 of the Social Security Act (the Act) provides that a hospital or rural primary care hospital that participates in the Medicare or Medicaid programs must establish written protocols for the identification of potential organ donors. Section 155 of the Social Security Amendments of 1994 (SSA '94) (Public Law 103-432) amended section 1138 of the Act to require that effective January 1, 1996, a hospital may have an agreement concerning organ procurement only with its designated Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) unless it obtains a waiver from the Secretary that would allow the hospital to have an agreement with a different OPO. This section also provides that any hospital that had an agreement with an out-of-area OPO on the date of enactment, October 31, 1994, must submit a waiver request to the Secretary by January 1, 1996, if it wishes to retain the agreement. The existing agreement would remain in effect pending the Secretary's determination.

The law further states that in granting a waiver for an out-of-area agreement, the Secretary must determine that such a waiver: (1) Would be expected to increase donation; and (2) will assure equitable treatment of patients referred for transplants within the service area served by the designated OPO and within the service area served by the out-of-area OPO. In making a waiver determination, the Secretary may consider, among other factors: (1) cost effectiveness; (2) improvements in

quality; (3) whether there has been any change in a hospital's designated OPO service area due to definition of metropolitan statistical areas (MSA); and (4) the length and continuity of a hospital's relationship with the out-of-area OPO. Under section 1138(a)(2)(D) of the Act, the Secretary is required to publish a notice of any waiver applications within 30 days of receiving the application and offer interested parties an opportunity to comment in writing within 60 days of the published notice.

**II. Hospital Requests for Waiver**

In October 1995, we issued a Program Memorandum (Transmittal No. A-95-11) that has been supplied to each hospital. This Program Memorandum detailed the waiver process and discussed the information that may be provided by hospitals requesting a waiver. As required by law, we indicated that upon receipt of the waiver requests, we would publish a notice to solicit comments.

Upon receipt of the comments, we will review the request and comments received. During the review process, we may consult on an as needed basis with parties other than those that submitted comments including the Public Health Service's Division of Transplantation, the United Network for Organ Sharing, and HCFA regional offices. If necessary, we may also request additional clarifying information from the applying hospital. It should be noted that there is no time limit upon which we must complete our review. We then will make a determination on the waiver requests and notify the affected hospitals and OPOs.

**III. Hospitals Requesting Waivers**

To date, we have received waiver applications from the following hospitals:

Hospital Name: West Florida Regional Medical Center  
City & State: Pensacola, FL  
Requested OPO: Alabama Organ Center  
City & State: Birmingham, AL  
Designated OPO: University of Florida  
City & State: Gainesville, FL  
Hospital Name: Singing River Hospital System  
City & State: Pascagoula, MS  
Requested OPO: Alabama Organ Center  
City & State: Birmingham, AL  
Designated OPO: Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency  
City & State: Jackson, MS  
Hospital Name: Jefferson Memorial Hospital  
City & State: Ranson, WV  
Requested OPO: Virginia's Organ Procurement Agency

City & State: Midlothian, VA  
Designated OPO: Center Organ Recovery & Education  
City & State: Pittsburgh, PA  
Hospital Name: City Hospital  
City & State: Martinsburg, WV  
Requested OPO: Virginia's Organ Procurement Agency  
City & State: Midlothian, VA  
Designated OPO: Center Organ Recovery & Education  
City & State: Pittsburgh, PA  
Hospital Name: Princeton Community Hospital  
City & State: Princeton, WV  
Requested OPO: Virginia's Organ Procurement Agency  
City & State: Midlothian, VA  
Designated OPO: Center Organ Recovery & Education  
City & State: Pittsburgh, PA  
Hospital Name: Fort Walton Beach Medical Center  
City & State: Ft. Walton Beach, FL  
Requested OPO: Alabama Organ Center  
City & State: Birmingham, AL  
Designated OPO: University of Florida  
City & State: Gainesville, FL  
Hospital Name: Baylor Medical Center at Grapevine  
City & State: Grapevine, TX  
Requested OPO: Southwest Organ Bank  
City & State: Dallas, TX  
Designated OPO: Life Gift Organ Donation Center  
City & State: Houston, TX  
Hospital Name: St. Joseph Regional Health Center  
City & State: Bryan, TX  
Requested OPO: Southwest Organ Bank  
City & State: Dallas, TX  
Designated OPO: Life Gift Organ Donation Center  
City & State: Houston, TX  
Authority: Section 1138 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-8). (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.778, Medical Assistance Program; No. 93.773 Medicare—Hospital Insurance Program; and No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)  
Dated: November 30, 1995.  
Bruce C. Vladeck,  
*Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**Office of the Assistant Secretary for  
Community Planning and  
Development**

[Docket No. FR-3778-N-68]

**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.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 19, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mark Johnston, Department of Housing  
and Urban Development, Room 7256,  
451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC  
20410; telephone (202) 708-1226; TDD  
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 1-800-927-7588.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In  
accordance with the December 12, 1988  
court order in *National Coalition for the  
Homeless versus 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.

Note: Due to the government shutdown,  
notices did not appear in the December 29,  
1995, January 5, 1996, and January 12, 1996  
Federal Registers.

Dated: January 12, 1996.

Jacquie M. Lawing,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic  
Development.*

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**Office of the Assistant Secretary for  
Policy Development and Research**

[Docket No. FR-3960-N-03]

**Notice of Extension of Application  
Deadline and of Rescheduled Bidders  
Conference on Cooperative Agreement  
Applications for the Community  
Renaissance Fellows Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant  
Secretary for Policy Development and  
Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of extended application  
deadline and of rescheduled bidders  
conference.

**SUMMARY:** On November 30, 1995, HUD  
published a notice in the Federal  
Register seeking applications from  
public and private universities in order  
to provide funding to develop and  
implement the educational component  
of HUD's new Community Renaissance  
Fellows Program. The notice also  
announced that HUD would hold a  
"bidders" conference in Washington  
D.C. on January 11, 1996 and set a  
February 15, 1996 application deadline.

On January 8, 1996 the Department  
published a notice in the Federal  
Register cancelling the January 11, 1996  
conference due to the partial shutdown  
of the Federal government. The purpose  
of this notice is to reschedule the  
conference for January 24, 1996. In  
addition, the application deadline is  
extended until February 29, 1996. No  
other changes are made to the November  
30, 1995 notice by this notice.

**DATES:** Extended application deadline.  
The application deadline set forth in the  
November 30, 1995 Federal Register  
notice (60 FR 61634) is extended as  
follows. Applications must be  
physically received at the address  
shown in the **ADDRESSES** section of this  
notice by 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard  
Time on February 29, 1996.

*Applications faxed to this address will  
not be accepted.* The above-stated  
deadline date is *firm* as to *date, hour*  
and *place*. In the interest of fairness to  
all competing applicants, the  
Department will treat as *ineligible for  
consideration* any application that is  
received after the deadline. Applicants  
should take this practice into account  
and make early submission of their  
materials to avoid any risk of loss of  
eligibility brought about by  
unanticipated delays or other delivery-  
related problems.

*Rescheduled bidder conference date.*  
HUD will be holding a "bidders"  
conference to explain, in more detail,  
the background behind this solicitation  
and clarify application requirements.

The conference will be held on January  
24, 1996 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in  
Washington, D.C. All interested  
applicants are encouraged to attend this  
conference. For more information about  
this conference, please call Jane  
Karadbil at (202) 708-1537 (this is not  
a toll free number), or for the hearing  
impaired, TDD 1-800-877-TDDY.

**ADDRESSES:** To submit applications.  
Applications must be physically  
received by the Office of University  
Partnerships, Office of Policy  
Development and Research, U.S.  
Department of Housing and Urban  
Development, in care of the Division of  
Budget, Contracts, and Program Control,  
in Room 8230 by 4:30 pm. Eastern  
Standard Time on February 29, 1996.  
*Applications faxed to this address will  
not be accepted.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane  
Karadbil, Office of University  
Partnerships in the Office of Policy  
Development and Research, U.S.  
Department of Housing and Urban  
Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room  
8110, Washington, DC 20410.  
Telephone number (202) 708-1537  
voice (this is not a toll free number); 1-  
800-877-TDDY (TDD). Ms. Karadbil can  
also be contacted via the Internet at  
Jane\_R\_Karadbil@hud.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On November 30, 1995 (60 FR 61634),  
HUD published a notice in the Federal  
Register seeking applications from  
public and private universities in order  
to provide funding to develop and  
implement the educational component  
of HUD's new Community Renaissance  
Fellows Program. The program will  
place 20 Fellows in distressed public  
housing developments undergoing  
conversion, for example, to mixed-  
income or mixed-use projects. HUD  
hopes, with the assistance of private  
foundations, to place additional Fellows  
in comparable projects being  
undertaken by community development  
corporations.

The November 30, 1995 notice also  
announced that HUD would hold a  
"bidders" conference on January 11,  
1996. The purpose of this conference  
was to explain, in more detail, the  
background behind this solicitation and  
clarify application requirements.  
Because of the partial shutdown of the  
Federal government, the Department  
cancelled the "bidders" conference  
scheduled for January 11, 1996 in  
Washington, D.C. by notice (61 FR 559),  
but indicated that the conference may  
be rescheduled. This notice reschedules  
that conference and provides a two-