

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerald J. Benoit, Director, Operations Division, Office of Rental Assistance, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Room 4220, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20410-8000, telephone (202) 708-0477. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may call HUD's TTY number (202) 708-4594, or the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. (With the exception of the "800" number, these telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 23, 1997 (62 FR 33952), HUD published a notice providing general information about the Section 8 certificate and voucher program budget authority made available by the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1997 (Pub. L. 104-204, approved September 26, 1996; 110 Stat. 2874, 2882) and additional carryover budget authority that is available for use in FY 1997. That notice also described the application process for making these Section 8 funds available to public housing agencies (HAs), including Indian housing authorities, during FY 1997. The notice explained the funding categories for which Section 8 funds will be offered during FY 1997 (e.g., funding for relocation units, replacement units, and units for other special purposes) (see 62 FR 33952).

The June 23, 1997 notice provided that for Funding Category 1 (Public Housing Relocation), Funding Category 2 (Public Housing Development Funds Recapture Exchange), and Funding Category 3 (Public Housing Replacement), HUD will not process applications if the HA is subject to certain civil rights, litigation, Inspector General, or management review findings or actions (see 62 FR 33953-54). Section II.C.6. of that notice mistakenly provided that HUD will not process applications if it determines that "any pending litigation described in this section II.C. of this notice may seriously impede the ability of the HA to administer the certificates or vouchers" (62 FR 33954) (emphasis added). That phrase, however, is misdescriptive, since section II.C. otherwise primarily describes only civil rights-related litigation. HUD intended to provide in the June 23, 1997 notice that, for Funding Categories 1, 2, and 3, it will not process an application from an HA if it determines that any pending litigation may seriously impede the HA's ability to administer the

certificates or vouchers. Therefore, this document corrects the June 23, 1997 NOFA to reflect HUD's intentions regarding the scope of this ineligibility provision.

Accordingly, FR Doc. 97-16249, the Notice of Fiscal Year 1997 Funding for the Section 8 Rental Certificate and Rental Voucher Programs, published in the **Federal Register** on June 23, 1997 (62 FR 33952) is amended on page 33954, column 1, by correcting section II.C.6. to read as follows:

II. Applications for Funding Category 1 (Public Housing Relocation), Funding Category 2 (Public Housing Development Funds Recapture Exchange), and Funding Category 3 (Public Housing Replacement)

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C. Eligibility for Funding Category 1 (Public Housing Relocation), Funding Category 2 (Public Housing Development Funds Recapture Exchange), and Funding Category 3 (Public Housing Replacement)—Ineligibility Due to Civil Rights, Litigation, Inspector General, and Management Review Findings or Actions

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6. HUD determines that any pending litigation may seriously impede the ability of the HA to administer the certificates or vouchers.

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Dated: July 28, 1997.

Kevin Emanuel Marchman,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4229-C-02]

NOFA for Service Coordinator Funds for Fiscal Year 1997; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice of funding availability (NOFA) for FY 1997; Correction.

SUMMARY: The Department published NOFAs in the **Federal Register** of June 27, 1997 concerning service coordinators in Section 8 projects (including Section 515/8 projects under the Rural Housing Services (RHS)) and Section 221(d)(3) and Section 236 projects. The Federalism Assessment under Other Matters under the Supplementary Information caption

contained an erroneous reference to the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program and to one-year funding. This notice corrects the Federalism Assessment to make clear that funding is provided for service coordinators and may be for up to five years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Otelia K. Hebert, Office of Asset Management and Disposition, Room 6176, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-0558 (this is not a toll free number). Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-TDDY, which is a toll free number.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** issue of June 27, 1997, in FR Doc. 97-16901 (NOFA for Service Coordinator Funds for Fiscal Year 1997) on page 35061, in the first and second column, under "Other Matters" correct the Federalism Assessment to read:

(b) *Executive Order 12612, Federalism.* The General Counsel, as the Designated Official under section 6(a) of Executive Order 12612, Federalism, has determined that the provisions of this NOFA do not have "federalism implications" within the meaning of the Order. The NOFA makes funds available for project owners to employ or otherwise retain a service coordinator for up to five years. As such, there are no direct implications on the relationship between the national government and the states or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among various levels of government.

Dated: July 25, 1997.

Nicolas P. Retsinas,

Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4195-N-02]

Notice of Extension of Deadline for Submission of Required Certification; FY 1997 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Coordinators for the Section 8 Rental Certificate and Rental Voucher Program

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of deadline for submission of Required Certification for FY 1997 notice of funding availability (NOFA) for Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Coordinators.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the due date for submission of the Public Housing Agency and Indian Housing Authority (HAs) required certification for FY 1997 funding for FSS Program Coordinators under the Section 8 Rental Voucher and Rental Certificate Programs.

DATES: The certification deadline for the FSS Program Coordinators is extended to September 2, 1997. Certifications must be received in the HUD State or Area Offices or in the HUD Office of Native American Programs (hereinafter "HUD Office") by 3:00 p.m. local time on September 2, 1997. The above-stated deadline is firm as to date and hour. HUD will treat as ineligible for consideration any certification that is not received before 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. HUD will not accept certifications sent via facsimile (FAX) transmission.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 1, 1997, HUD published a NOFA announcing the availability of up to \$15 million in FY 1997 to fund Section 8 FSS Program Coordinators (62 FR 23912). The HA certification due date given in that publication was June 2, 1997. The unusually short response time did not allow, in many cases, HAs to obtain the necessary information required for the HA's certification.

In the interest of fairness, HUD has decided to extend the deadline for an additional 30 day-period. All HAs that received funding for FSS program coordinators under the FY 1995 and FY 1996 NOFAs and that wish to receive funding under the FY 1997 NOFA must complete a certification in the format described in paragraph III of the May 1, 1997 NOFA and submit it to the HUD Office by the new extension date

specified in the "Dates" paragraph of this extension notice. Funding under the NOFA will be automatic for FY 1996 funded HAs and for FY 1995 HAs that did not receive FSS program coordinator funding in FY 1996, provided the HA furnishes the certification referenced herein and the HUD Office determines that the HA has made progress in implementation of the FSS program.

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Kevin Emanuel Marchman,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; Results of Tenth Regular Meeting; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: With this notice the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces a public meeting to discuss the results of the tenth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

DATE: The public meeting will be held on August 28, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 7000 of the Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. Please note that the room is accessible to the handicapped. Persons planning to attend the meeting who require interpretation for the hearing impaired should notify the Office of Management Authority as soon as possible.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth B. Stansell or Dr. Susan S. Lieberman, Office of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; telephone 703/358-2093; fax: 703/358-2280; E-mail: r9oma_cites@mail.fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, hereinafter referred to as CITES or the Convention, is an

international treaty designed to monitor and regulate international trade in certain animal and plant species which are or may become threatened with extinction, and are listed in Appendices to the treaty. Currently 139 countries, including the United States, are CITES Parties. CITES calls for biennial meetings of the Conference of the Parties which review its implementation, make provisions enabling the CITES Secretariat (in Switzerland) to carry out its functions, consider amending the list of species in Appendices I and II, consider reports presented by the Secretariat, and make recommendations for the improved effectiveness of the Convention. The tenth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (COP10) was held in Harare, Zimbabwe, from June 9 to 20, 1997.

A series of **Federal Register** notices and two public meetings already held, provided the public with an opportunity to participate in the development of U.S. negotiating positions for COP10. A **Federal Register** notice concerning possible U.S. submissions of amendments to the CITES Appendices and resolutions for consideration at COP10 (with a request for public comments) was published on March 1, 1996 (61 FR 8019). A **Federal Register** notice announcing a public meeting to discuss an international study of the effectiveness of CITES was published on June 14, 1996 (61 FR 30255). A **Federal Register** notice requesting information on the Service's consideration of amendments to the CITES Appendices was published on August 28, 1996 (61 FR 44324). A **Federal Register** notice concerning the provisional agenda of COP10 as well as proposed resolutions and agenda items being considered was also published on August 28, 1996 (61 FR 44332). A public meeting soliciting comments on proposed U.S. submissions of species amendments, resolutions, and agenda items for consideration at COP10 was held October 3, 1996. A **Federal Register** notice concerning resolutions and documents submitted by the United States for consideration at COP10 was published on March 27, 1997 (62 FR 14689). A **Federal Register** notice concerning proposals to amend the CITES Appendices submitted by the United States for consideration at COP10 was published on April 16, 1997 (62 FR 18559). A **Federal Register** notice concerning proposed U.S. negotiating positions on proposals to amend the CITES Appendices submitted by other Parties for consideration at COP10 was published on April 17, 1997