HUD Secretary Donovan Announces New Office Focused on Sustainable Development

In early February during a speech at a sustainability forum at Portland State University, and again at the New Partners for Smart Growth Conference in Seattle, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan announced the creation of the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities (OSHC). The office is a key component of President Obama’s Partnership for Sustainable Communities, an unprecedented joint venture with the Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency. OSHC’s efforts, Donovan says, “will help us streamline our efforts to create stronger, more sustainable communities by connecting housing to jobs, fostering local innovation and building a clean energy economy.”

The new office will focus its efforts into studying “smart growth”, such as putting money toward expanding mass transit lines to low-income neighborhoods and affordable housing. This is an idea that cities like Portland and Seattle have undertaken for years.

With the majority of household income being spent on housing and transportation expenses, improving access to affordable housing, while also offering transportation options, will allow families to save money and give them more time at home and less time traveling. The office also plans to invest in energy efficient homes, renewable energy, and modern infrastructure to pave the way for a clean energy economy needed to compete and create jobs in a 21st century economy.

In the 2010 Budget, Congress provided a total of $150 million to HUD for a Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing and transportation decisions, and increase the capacity to improve land use and zoning. Of that total, approximately $100 million will be available for regional integrated planning initiatives through HUD’s Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program.

For more information on OSHC visit: www.hud.gov/sustainability
Using the eLogic Model® Grant Reporting - Fiscal Year 2009

The Office of Departmental Grants Management and Oversight has made several modifications to the fiscal year 2009 HUD eLogic Model as a way to increase consistency in reporting among grantees and improve searching capabilities.

For a full overview of these changes please access the archived February 17, 2009 training webcast at http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/webcasts/archives/nofa09.

When using the HUD eLogic Model to report actual service and outcome data, remember these few simple tips to help reduce reporting errors and eliminate confusion. Should any technical difficulties arise, such as locked data fields, or have questions regarding reporting requirements, contact the Public Housing Revitalization Specialist at the local HUD field office right away. Do not wait until the reporting deadline.

**No Recycling!**

Under no circumstance should a grant recipient “recycle” a HUD eLogic Model template or attempt to copy and paste information from any previous fiscal year into a new eLogic Model. The formatting and contents of the HUD eLogic Model change on an annual basis. To satisfy the reporting requirements for a specific grant always use the template for the fiscal year the grant was awarded.

Review the expiration information in the template to verify a current OMB approved document is used for reporting.

**File Naming Convention**

ROSS Grants - Once a ROSS grant has been awarded, grantees should name their files using the official grant number when sending a HUD eLogic Model to the field office for review i.e. WA002RFS200A09.

HCV Grants - For all HCV grants the following naming convention should be used HCVPHACodeFiscal Year of Award (for example, HCVWA001FY2009).

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**Modifications to the FY 2009 eLogic Model**

1) Always use the legal name of the agency as entered in box 8a of the SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance.

2) The Project Location fields (City and State) should be populated with the city and state information where the project is located, not necessarily the location of the PHA/grantee.

3) Use the drop down menu to select the reporting period for the current submission (see the applicable NOFA for required reporting frequency).

4) Enter the start and end date of the current reporting period.

5) The “Fiscal Year” 2009 will be pre-populated. This is the NOFA fiscal year.

6) Mandatory DUNS Number - Enter the DUNS number that corresponds to the grantees legal name. The DUNS number must be consistent with what was entered in box 8a of the SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance. This field must be completed in order to save information.
7) Reporting Tab - The Reporting and Evaluation Tabs have been combined into a single Reporting Tab. Grantees will complete the Management Questions and provide an explanation of any deviations from the approved eLogic Model. The information collected by HUD from its grantees is used for national program evaluation.

**Reporting**

Grantees must complete the **Post** and **YTD** columns. The YTD column reflects the year to date information of each year; it is not a cumulative figure for the entire length of the grant. The cumulative YTD information should be entered on the Total Tab during the second and third years of reporting, if applicable.

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**EPA’s Repair, Renovate, and Paint (RRP) rule effective April 22, 2010**

The rule will affect paid renovators who work in pre-1978 HUD-assisted housing and child-occupied facilities, including:

- Renovation contractors
- Maintenance workers in multi-family and public housing
- Painters and other specialty trades

Under the rule, child-occupied facilities are defined as residential, public or commercial buildings where children under age six are present on a regular basis. The requirements apply to renovation, repair or painting activities. The rule does not apply to minor maintenance or repair activities where less than six square feet of lead-based paint is disturbed in a room or where less than 20 square feet of lead-based paint is disturbed on the exterior. However, when the EPA’s RRP rule is less stringent than HUD’s Lead Safe Housing Rule (LSHR), the strictest requirements will apply. A good example of this would be that HUD’s LSHR triggers lead work activities when only more than 2 square feet of paint is disturbed in a room as compared to 6 square feet in RRP. Window replacement is not a minor maintenance or repair. To see a comparison chart between the LSHR and RRP please go to [http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/enforcement/lshr_rrp_changes.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/enforcement/lshr_rrp_changes.cfm)

Another important change with the RRP rule is training. When this rule is effective, renovation firms must be certified. At least one certified renovator must be at the job or available when work is being done. (The certified renovator may be a certified LBP abatement supervisor who has completed the 4-hour RRP refresher course or attended the 8-hour EPA/HUD Model Renovator Course Lead Safety for Renovation, Repair, and Painting from a certified training provider.

For more information regarding these important changes please go to the HUD Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control (OHHLHC) Renovation, Repair, and Painting website at [http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/training/rrp/rrp.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/training/rrp/rrp.cfm)
Customer Service Center

Do you need help solving a complaint? have questions on rent calculations?

- Local Agency Contact Information
- PIH Guidebooks and Notices
- Public Housing, Section 8, Homeownership fact sheets
- Applicable References to Regulations (CFR)
- HUD Webcasts on DVD

These are just some of the customer services that the PIH Information and Resource Center provides to the General Public, Public Housing/Section 8 Residents, and Housing Agency Staff

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Training Opportunities and Webcasts

PIH EIV users must complete this training by October 30, 2010, as a condition of initial or continued EIV access. If you were unable to view the training on January 28, 2010, you may view it once it is archived in the Webcast Archives.

If you would like to receive a Certificate of Completion for this training, complete and submit the Certificate Request form to PIH.RHIIP.TA@HUD.GOV by the close of business October 31, 2010.

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**Important Dates**

*Please Note:* All dates subject to change. Refer to program websites for complete list of forms due!!!

**FYE 3-31 PHAs**
- 03-31-2010: Audited FASS for FYE 03-31-2009 due to REAC. See PIH 2009-34.
- 05-30-2010: SEMAP Submission due in PIC.
- 05-31-2010: Unaudited FASS for FYE 3-31-2010 submission due to REAC.

**FYE 6-30 PHAs**
- 03-31-2010: Copy of Audited FASS for 06-30-2009 due to Field Office.
- 04-30-2010: Audited FASS for 06-30-2009 due to REAC.

**FYE 9-30 PHAs**
- 06-30-2010: Audited FASS for FYE 09/30/2009 due to REAC and copy of audit due to Field Office.
- 07-16-2010: PHA Plan Submission (CFP Performance and Evaluation Reports must be included in Plan).

**FYE 12-31 PHAs**
- 03-31-2010: Unaudited FASS due to REAC for 12-31-2009.

**All PHAs**
- 04-29-2010: All PHAs must recertify their EIV users.

Monthly
- CFP obligated-expended data is submitted through eLOCCS. CFP work completion activities where pre-audit is required, are reminded to submit Final P&E Reports with AMCC to Field Office.
- Send complete copy of renewal Mod Rehab program HAP contracts with owners to FMC representative. Please include Attachment A. Contracts needed to request renewal funds and to release payments.

Reminder
- Please continue to submit Year-End Settlement Statements (HUD-52681) for Section 8 Mod Rehab, SROs, and Mainstream (DV) vouchers ONLY. Submit to FMC (45 calendar days after FYE). 90 days prior to FYB, submit complete budget (HUD-52673, 52672, 52663) for Mod Rehab, SRO, HOPE VI, Mainstream (DV code-5 year increments), to FMC representative.

**ARRA**
- 09/2010: PHAs must obligate 100% of the Competitive Grant award within 12 months of the ACC effective date.
- 03/17/2011: PHAs must expend at least 60% of the Formula Grant.