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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Matthew Ammon, Acting Director, Office of Lead Hazard Control
and Healthy Homes, L

FROM: Helen R. Kanovsky, Acting Deputy Secretary, SD

SUBJECT: 2014 National Healthy Homes Conference
Waiver for Exceptional Circumstances

I have reviewed the 2014 National Healthy Homes Conference to be held in Nashville, TN, from May 28-30, 2014, and hosted jointly by HUD and Rebuilding Together, Inc.

This conference is vital to furthering HUD's mission of ensuring that families have safe, decent and sanitary housing to reside in, in addition to reducing injuries and harm from unnecessary and costly housing-related health hazards. The attendees (approximately 1,000 from a wide variety of organizations) can choose from more than 130 educational sessions and workshops giving attendees opportunities to share best practices and learn from experts committed to improving their communities.

Based on these exceptional circumstances as set forth in the May 9 memorandum from you to the Deputy Chief Financial Officer and to me, I am satisfied that HUD's co-hosting of the 2014 National Homes Conference is the most cost-effective option to achieve this compelling purpose. In accordance with the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-12-12, I hereby grant a waiver from the policy which would otherwise prohibit expenses in excess of \$500,000 on a single conference.