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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5186-N-37]

### 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.

**DATES:** *Effective Date: August 12, 2008.*

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7262, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY 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 800-927-7588.

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

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**Mark R. Johnston,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5261-N-01]

### Notice of Reclassification of Four Investigative Field Offices to Regional Offices: Cleveland, OH; Baltimore, MD; Tampa, FL; and Seattle, WA

**AGENCY:** Office of Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD/OIG).

**ACTION:** Notice of reclassification of field offices of investigation as regional offices of investigation.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the HUD/OIG Office of Investigation plans to reclassify its Cleveland; Baltimore; Tampa; and Seattle field offices as regional offices. The planned reclassification is intended to: (1) Improve the alignment of limited investigative resources, to promote more efficient responses to HUD or Congressional requests involving critical program issues; (2) redeploy resources to prevent and detect fraud in new program delivery of CPD and FHA; and (3) improve management control and effectiveness, and reduce travel costs of management by reducing region size.

The HUD/OIG Office of Audit, to the extent that it maintains field offices in these locations, has determined that based upon the different nature of its responsibilities it does not need to reorganize. This notice also includes a cost-benefit analysis supporting the reclassification of the four field offices.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John McCarty, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Room 8274, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20410-4500, 202-708-0390 (This is not a toll free number.) A telecommunication device for hearing and speech-impaired persons (TTY) is available at 800-877-8339 (Federal Information Relay Services). (This is a toll free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 7(p) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(p)) provides that a plan for reorganization, of any regional, area, insuring, or other field office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development may take effect only upon the expiration of 90 days after the publication in the **Federal Register** of a cost-benefit analysis of the effect of the plan on the office involved. The required cost-benefit analysis must include: (1) An estimate of cost savings anticipated; (2) an estimate of the additional cost which will result from

the reorganization; (3) a discussion of the impact on the local economy; and (4) an estimate of the effect of the reorganization on the availability, accessibility, and quality of services provided for recipients of those services.

Legislative history pertaining to section 7(p) indicates that not all reorganizations are subject to the requirements of section 7(p). Congress stated that "[t]his amendment is not intended to [apply] to or restrict the internal operations or organization of the Department (such as the establishment of new or combination of existing organization units within a field office, the duty stationing of employees in various locations to provide on-site service, or the establishment or closing, based on workload, of small, informal offices such as valuation stations)." (See House Conference Report No. 95-1792, October 14, 1978 at 58.) Although HUD/OIG believes that the legislative history of section 7(p) strongly suggests that the legislation is inapplicable to a reclassification of four field offices that will in no way reduce the level of services provided to areas served by such offices, HUD/OIG nonetheless voluntarily publishes the following the cost-benefit analysis of its plan.

#### Cost-Benefit Analysis

##### A. Background

Since 2002, HUD/OIG staffing has declined from a high of 750 full time equivalents (FTEs) to a current level of 650 FTEs. Simultaneous with this constriction of staff resources, HUD/OIG has had to contend with additional, extraordinary responsibilities associated with the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the 2005 natural disasters along the Gulf Coast. The staff reductions and unforeseen additional responsibilities have caused HUD/OIG Office of Investigation to struggle to address baseline fraud, waste, and abuse in HUD programs. To more efficiently and effectively address HUD/OIG's core mission and at the same time become better prepared to respond to inevitable but unpredictable events, HUD/OIG plans to reclassify four field offices to regional office status at the close of the 90-day period following the publication of this notice.

##### B. Description of Proposed Changes

At the expiration of 90 days following the publication of this notice, the HUD/OIG Office of Investigation will reclassify its Cleveland, Ohio; Baltimore, Maryland; Tampa, Florida; and Seattle, Washington field offices as regional offices. The Cleveland Regional