

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5368-N-01]

Public Housing Mortgage Program: Notice of Web Publication**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: Public housing agencies (PHAs) are authorized, by statute, to mortgage their public housing real estate assets to secure financing to undertake development and rehabilitation of low-income housing with HUD approval. HUD has currently allowed PHAs to exercise this authority on a case-by-case basis. To streamline this process, HUD has posted on its Web site a proposed notice that proposes the terms and conditions by which PHAs may undertake such financing with HUD approval. HUD invites PHAs and interested members of the public to review this proposed notice and submit comments in accordance with the procedures provided in this **Federal Register** notice. HUD is seeking public comments on this proposed notice as it proceeds to formalize final guidance for the exercise of this financing authority.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* January 31, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding the public housing mortgage program notice, which can be found at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/phmp.cfm>, by the due date. Comments may be submitted via mail to: PHMP Comments, C/o Dominique Blom, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Public Housing Investments, Room 4134, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410.

Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to:

PHMP_Notice_Comments@hud.gov.

No Facsimile Comments. Facsimile (FAX) comments are not acceptable.

Public Inspection of Public Comments. All properly submitted comments and communications submitted to HUD will be available for public inspection and copying in Room 4134 at HUD Headquarters. Due to security measures at the HUD Headquarters building, an advance appointment to review the public comments must be scheduled by calling the contact person listed below. Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal

Information Relay Service, toll-free, at 800-877-8339.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Gallagher, Capital Program Division, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone number 202-402-4192 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

Section 30 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (1937 Act) (42 U.S.C. 1437z-2), entitled "Public Housing Mortgages and Security Interest," authorizes PHAs, subject to HUD approval, to pledge or mortgage public housing projects or other property of the PHA and specifically provides as follows:

(a) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION—The Secretary may, upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, authorize a public housing agency to mortgage or otherwise grant a security interest in any public housing project or other property of the public housing agency.

Since 2005, HUD has allowed PHAs to exercise this authority by entering into property mortgages to obtain financing for development and rehabilitation of dwelling units. HUD has posted, on its Web site, a proposed notice, providing more information and procedures for PHAs obtaining HUD approval to enter into such financing arrangements. This proposed notice, upon which HUD invites comment, is available at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/phmp.cfm>. HUD seeks comments on any issues raised by this proposed notice, and particularly on the provisions regarding precedence of security interests for dwelling and non-dwelling units.

As will be seen upon review of this proposed notice, HUD proposes to consider allowing lenders to take a first lien position on public housing non-dwelling property, allowing them, if necessary, to foreclose on the property and extinguish any HUD interest. HUD believes that this approach for non-dwelling units will incentivize private market participation. For dwelling units, a declaration of restrictive covenants will constitute first lien position, and, while the property can be foreclosed upon, the property will be required to continue to be operated in accordance with public housing requirements, including eligibility

restrictions. While HUD is implementing the Public Housing Mortgage program on a case-by-case basis, proposals for transactions in which HUD permits potential foreclosure on dwelling units, without further HUD review of the foreclosure action, will receive additional scrutiny and a higher level of review as HUD has not approved transactions utilizing this aspect of the program and is mindful the risks involved.

While HUD seeks comments on any issues raised by this notice, HUD is particularly interested in the provisions regarding precedence of security interests for dwelling and non-dwelling units.

Dated: December 4, 2009.

Deborah Hernandez,*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5373-N-01]

Notice of Sale of HUD-Held Multifamily and Healthcare Loans**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.**ACTION:** Notice of sale of Secretary-held mortgage loans.

SUMMARY: This notice announces HUD's intention to sell certain unsubsidized Healthcare and unsubsidized Multifamily mortgage loans, without Federal Housing Administration (FHA) insurance, through several different sales activities. This notice also generally describes the process for bidding on loans and defines certain persons who are eligible and ineligible to bid. The sales activities announced by today's **Federal Register** Notice include direct sales of Multifamily notes to units of local government, a competitive sale of Healthcare notes on December 16th and a competitive sale of Multifamily notes that will be scheduled for a later date.

DATES: The sales of the direct loans to units of local government will close by December 16, 2009. The Bidder's Information Package (BIP) for the competitive sale of the Healthcare notes was made available to qualified bidders on or about November 20, 2009. Bids for Healthcare loans must be submitted on the bid date, which is currently scheduled for December 16, 2009. HUD anticipates that awards of the

Healthcare loans will be made by December 17, 2009. Closings for the Healthcare loans are expected to take place between December 21, 2009 and December 22, 2009. Dates for the competitive Multifamily loan sale are pending.

ADDRESSES: To become a qualified bidder and receive the BIP, prospective bidders must complete, execute, and submit a Confidentiality Agreement and a Qualification Statement acceptable to HUD. Both documents will be available on the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/comp/asset/mfam/mhls.cfm>. Please mail and fax executed documents to KDX Ventures: KDX Ventures, c/o The Debt Exchange, 133 Federal Street, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02111, Attention: Loan Sale Coordinator, Fax: 1-617-531-3499.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Lucey, Deputy Director, Asset Sales Office, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 3136, Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone 202-708-2625, extension 3927. Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may call 202-708-4594 (TTY). These are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HUD announces its intention to sell certain unsubsidized mortgage loans (Mortgage Loans) secured by Multifamily and Healthcare properties located throughout the United States. The Mortgage Loans are comprised primarily of non-performing mortgage loans. A listing of the loans to be sold directly to units of local government will be provided upon request. A final listing of the Mortgage Loans for the competitive Healthcare sale will be included in the BIP. The Mortgage Loans will be sold without FHA insurance and with servicing released. HUD will offer qualified bidders an opportunity to bid competitively on the Mortgage Loans.

For the future Multifamily note sale, the Mortgage Loans will be stratified for bidding purposes into several mortgage loan pools, including pool(s) only offered to not-for-profit organizations and units of State and Local Government. Each pool will contain Mortgage Loans that generally have similar performance, property type, geographic location, lien position and other characteristics. Qualified bidders may submit bids on one or more pools of Mortgage Loans or may bid on individual loans.

For both the Healthcare and the Multifamily competitive sales, a mortgagor who is a qualified bidder may submit an individual bid on its own Mortgage Loan. Interested Mortgagors

should review the Qualification Statement to determine whether they may be eligible to qualify to submit bids.

The Bidding Process: The BIP will describe in detail the procedure for bidding in the competitive Healthcare loan sale. The BIP will also include a standardized non-negotiable loan sale agreement (Loan Sale Agreement). For the competitive Healthcare loan sale, bids will be accepted on December 16th. Bidders are required to wire a deposit for their loan bids, prior to the close of bidding. Deposits are calculated based upon each bidder's aggregate bid price. For an aggregate bid price greater than or equal to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), each bidder must submit a deposit equal to the greater of: (a) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); or (b) ten percent (10%) of its bid price. In the event the bidder's aggregate bid price is less than \$100,000, the minimum deposit shall not be less than fifty percent (50%) of its bid price.

HUD will evaluate the bids submitted and determine the successful bids, in terms of the best value to HUD, in its sole and absolute discretion.

If a bidder is successful, the bidder's deposit will be non-refundable and will be applied toward the purchase price. Deposits will be returned to unsuccessful bidders. Closings are expected to take place between December 21, 2009 and December 22, 2009. A similar format will be used for the future Multifamily loan sale.

These are the essential terms of sale. The Loan Sale Agreement, which will be included in the BIP, will contain additional terms and details. To ensure a competitive bidding process, the terms of the bidding process and the Loan Sale Agreement are not subject to negotiation.

Due Diligence Review: The BIP will describe the due diligence process for reviewing loan files in the competitive Healthcare loan sale. Qualified Bidders will be able to access loan information remotely via a high-speed Internet connection. Further information on performing due diligence review of the Mortgage Loans will be provided in the BIP.

Mortgage Loan Sale Policy: HUD reserves the right to add Mortgage Loans to or delete Mortgage Loans from the competitive Healthcare loan sale at any time prior to the Award Date. HUD also reserves the right to reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, without prejudice to HUD's right to include any Mortgage Loans in a later sale. Mortgage Loans will not be withdrawn after the

Award Date except as is specifically provided in the Loan Sale Agreement.

The sale activities described in this announcement involve sales of unsubsidized mortgage loans, pursuant to Section 204(a) of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 1997, 12 U.S.C. 1715z-11a(a).

Mortgage Loan Sale Procedures: HUD will pursue direct noncompetitive sales as the method to sell some of the Multifamily Mortgage Loans to units of local government. This method of sale will ensure affordable housing by awarding the Mortgage Loans to units of State and Local Government. The final purchase price will be based on the Office of Management and Budget's approved market valuation methodology and, if applicable, adjusted by immediate repairs required to maintain the property. The itemized cost of immediate repairs shall adhere to HUD's Post-Closing Repair Requirements form HUD-9552.

HUD selected a competitive sale as the method to sell the Healthcare and other Multifamily Mortgage Loans. This method of sale maximizes HUD's return on the sale of these Mortgage Loans, allows for the greatest opportunity for all qualified bidders to bid on the Mortgage Loans, and provides the quickest and most efficient vehicle for HUD to dispose of the Mortgage Loans.

Bidder Eligibility: In order to bid in the sale, a prospective bidder must complete, execute and submit both a Confidentiality Agreement and a Qualification Statement acceptable to HUD. Not-for-profit organizations and units of State and Local Government must complete, execute and submit both a Confidentiality Agreement and Qualification Statement for Non-Profits, Units of General Local Government and State Agencies acceptable to HUD. The following individuals and entities are ineligible to bid on any of the Mortgage Loans:

(1) Any employee of HUD, a member of such employee's household, or an entity owned or controlled by any such employee or member of such an employee's household;

(2) Any individual or entity that is debarred, suspended, or excluded from doing business with HUD pursuant to Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 24;

(3) Any contractor, subcontractor and/or consultant or advisor (including any agent, employee, partner, director, principal or affiliate of any of the foregoing) who performed services for or on behalf of HUD in connection with HUD mortgage sales;

(4) Any individual who was a principal, partner, director, agent or employee of any entity or individual described in subparagraph 3 above, at any time during which the entity or individual performed services for or on behalf of HUD in connection with HUD mortgage sales;

(5) Any individual or entity that uses the services, directly or indirectly, of any person or entity ineligible under subparagraphs 1 through 4 above to assist in preparing any of its bids on the Mortgage Loans;

(6) Any individual or entity which employs or uses the services of an employee of HUD (other than in such employee's official capacity) who is involved in HUD mortgage sales;

(7) Any mortgagor (or affiliate of a mortgagor) that failed to submit to HUD on or before December 1, 2009, audited financial statements for fiscal years 2001 through 2008 for a project securing a Mortgage Loan;

(8) Any individual or entity and any Related Party (as such term is defined in the Qualification Statement) of such individual or entity that is a mortgagor in any of HUD's Multifamily Housing or Healthcare programs that is in default under such mortgage loan or is in violation of any regulatory or business agreements with HUD, unless such default or violation is cured on or before December 8, 2009;

(9) Any entity or individual that serviced or held any Mortgage Loan at any time during the 2-year period prior to December 1, 2009, is ineligible to bid on such Mortgage Loan or on the pool containing such Mortgage Loan, but may bid on loan pools that do not contain Mortgage Loans that they have serviced or held at any time during the 2-year period prior to December 1, 2009.

(10) Also ineligible to bid on any Mortgage Loan are: (a) Any affiliate or principal of any entity or individual described in the preceding sentence (paragraph 9); (b) any employee or subcontractor of such entity or individual during that 2-year period; or (c) any entity or individual that employs or uses the services of any other entity or individual described in this paragraph in preparing its bid on such Mortgage Loan.

In addition, to be eligible to bid in HUD's supplementary pool of unsubsidized Multifamily mortgage loans limited to not-for-profit organizations and units of State and Local Government, a prospective bidder must qualify as one or more of the following:

(1) An entity that is a nonprofit as defined by Section 501(c)(3) of the

Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3)); and/or

(2) an entity that is a unit of general local government or State agency. Prospective bidders should carefully review the Qualification Statement to determine whether they are eligible to submit bids on the Mortgage Loans.

Freedom of Information Act Requests: HUD reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to disclose information regarding these sales activities, including, but not limited to, the identity of any successful bidder and its bid price or bid percentage for any pool of loans or individual loan, upon the closing of the sale of all the Mortgage Loans. Even if HUD elects not to publicly disclose any information relating to these sales activities, HUD will have the right to disclose any information that HUD is obligated to disclose pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and all regulations promulgated there under.

Scope of Notice: This notice applies to these sales activities and does not establish HUD's policy for the sale of other mortgage loans.

Dated: November 30, 2009.

David H. Stevens,

Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

[INT-DES 09-56]

Minidoka Dam Spillway Replacement Minidoka County, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Public Meetings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Minidoka Dam Spillway Replacement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the proposed Minidoka Dam Spillway Replacement. Alternatives considered in the DEIS are the No Action, as required under NEPA; total replacement of the spillway and headgate structures; and replacement of just the spillway. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is a cooperating agency under NEPA.

DATES: Public meetings with an opportunity to provide oral comments

will be held on the following dates and times:

- Idaho Falls, ID: January 12, 2010: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Pocatello, ID: January 13, 2010: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Burley, ID: January 14, 2010: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Written comments will be accepted through February 5, 2010. Please direct requests for sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired or other auxiliary aids, to Ms. Allyn Meuleman by December 28, 2009, at the telephone or fax numbers listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests to be added to the mailing list may be submitted to Bureau of Reclamation, Snake River Area Office, Attention: Allyn Meuleman, Activity Manager, 230 Collins Road, Boise, ID 83702-4520. Comments may also be submitted electronically to minidoka_dam_eis@usbr.gov.

The public meetings will be held at the following locations which are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

- Red Lion Inn, 475 River Parkway, Idaho Falls, ID 83402.
- Cotton Tree Inn, 1415 Bench Road, Pocatello, ID 83201.
- Fairfield Inn, 230 West 7th Street North, Burley, ID 83318.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Allyn Meuleman, (208) 383-2258, fax: (208) 383-2237. Information on this project can also be found at: <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/eis/minidokadam/index.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Minidoka Dam impounds Lake Walcott and is a feature of Reclamation's Minidoka Project. They are located on the main stem Snake River about 18 miles northeast from the city of Burley, ID within the Minidoka Wildlife Refuge. After over 103 years of continued use, the over 2000 feet long concrete spillway at the Minidoka Dam has reached the end of its functional lifespan. The concrete that forms the spillway crest and the piers of the pier-and-stoplog structure shows extensive visible deterioration at numerous locations. In addition, the potential for ice damage to the stoplog piers requires that reservoir water levels be dropped each winter. The headgate structures at the North Side Canal and South Side Canal also show serious concrete deterioration similar to that seen along the spillway. The current conditions of the Minidoka Dam spillway and headgate structures present increasingly difficult reliability and maintenance