

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing**

SECTION 8 PROJECT-BASED VOUCHER PROGRAM

**AGREEMENT TO ENTER INTO A
HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS CONTRACT**

NEW CONSTRUCTION OR REHABILITATION

PART I

OMB Burden Statement. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.25 hours, including the time for collecting, reviewing and reporting the data. The information is required to establish terms between the PHA and the owner prior to execution of a HAP contract for PBV assistance as provided in §983.152. Assurances of confidentiality are not provided under this collection. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions to reduce this burden, to the Office of Public and Indian Housing, US. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410. HUD may not conduct and sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number.

Privacy Notice. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect the information required on this form by 24 CFR § 983.152. The information is being collected to establish the agreement between the PHA and owner prior to execution of a HAP contract for PBV assistance as provided in §983.153. The Personally Identifiable Information (PII) data collected on this form are not stored or retrieved within a system of record.

1.1 Parties

This Agreement to Enter into Housing Assistance Payments Contract (“Agreement”) is between:

_____ (“PHA”) and
_____ (“owner”).

1.2 Purpose

The owner agrees to develop the Housing Assistance Payments Contract (“HAP Contract”) units to in accordance with Exhibit B and to comply with Housing Quality Standards (“HQS”), and the PHA agrees that, upon timely completion of such development in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, the PHA will enter into a HAP Contract with the owner of the Contract units.

1.3 Contents of Agreement

This Agreement consists of Part I, Part II, and the following Exhibits:

EXHIBIT A: The approved owner's PBV proposal. (Selection of proposals must be in accordance with 24 CFR 983.51.)

EXHIBIT B: Description of work to be performed under this Agreement, including:

- if the Agreement is for rehabilitation of units, this exhibit must include the rehabilitation work write-up and, where the PHA has determined necessary, specifications and plans.
- if the Agreement is for new construction of units, the work description must include the working drawings and specifications.
- any additional requirements beyond HQS relating to quality, design and architecture that the PHA requires.
- work items resulting from compliance with the design and construction requirements of the Fair Housing Act and implementing regulations at 24 CFR 100.205, the accessibility requirements under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and implementing regulations at 24 CFR 8.22 and 8.23, and accessibility requirements under Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act at 28 CFR parts 35 and 36, as applicable.

EXHIBIT C: Description of housing, including:

- project site.
- total number of units in project covered by this Agreement.
- locations of contract units on site.
- number of contract units by area (size) and number of bedrooms and bathrooms.
- services, maintenance, or equipment to be supplied by the owner without charges in addition to the rent to owner.
- utilities available to the contract units, including a specification of utility services to be paid by the owner (without charges in addition to rent) and utility services to be paid by the tenant.
- estimated initial rent to owner for the contract units.

EXHIBIT D: The HAP contract.

1.4 Significant Dates

- A. Effective Date of the Agreement: The Agreement must be executed promptly after PHA notice of proposal selection to the owner has been given. The PHA may not enter this Agreement with the owner until a subsidy layering review has been performed and an environmental review has been satisfactorily completed in accordance with HUD requirements.
- B. A project may either be a single-stage or multi-stage project. A single-stage project will have the same Agreement effective date for all contract units. A multi-stage project will separate effective dates for each stage.

_____ Single-stage project

- i. Effective Date for all contract units: _____
- ii. Date of Commencement of the Work: The date for commencement of work is not later than _____ calendar days after the effective date of this Agreement.
- iii. Time for Completion of Work: The date for completion of the work is not later than _____ calendar days after the effective date of this Agreement.

_____ Multi-Stage Project

Enter the information for each stage upon execution of the Agreement for the corresponding stage.

STAGE	NUMBER OF UNITS	EFFECTIVE DATE	DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF WORK	TIME FOR COMPLETION OF WORK

1.5 Nature of the Work

_____ This Agreement is for **New Construction** of units to be assisted by the project-based Voucher program.

_____ This Agreement is for **Rehabilitation** of units to be assisted by the project-based Voucher program.

1.6 Schedule of Completion

- A. **Timely Performance of Work:** The owner agrees to begin work no later than the date for commencement of work as stated in Section 1.4. In the event the work is not commenced, diligently continued and completed as required under this Agreement, the PHA may terminate this Agreement or take other appropriate action. The owner agrees to report promptly to the PHA the date work is commenced and furnish the PHA with progress reports as required by the PHA.
- B. **Time for Completion:** All work must be completed no later than the end of the period stated in Section 1.4. Where completion in stages is provided for, work related to units included in each stage shall be completed by the stage completion date and all work on all stages must be completed no later than the end of the period stated in Section 1.4.
- C. **Delays:** If there is a delay in the completion due to unforeseen factors beyond the owner’s control as determined by the PHA, the PHA agrees to extend the time for completion for an appropriate period as determined by the PHA in accordance with HUD requirements.

1.7 Changes in Work

- A. The owner must obtain prior PHA approval for any change from the work specific in Exhibit B which would alter the design or quality of the rehabilitation or construction. The PHA is not required to approve any changes requested by the owner. PHA approval of any change may be conditioned on establishment of a lower initial rent to owner at the amounts determined by PHA.

- B. If the owner makes any changes in the work without prior PHA approval, the PHA may establish lower initial rents to owner at the amounts determined by PHA in accordance with HUD requirements.
- C. The PHA (or HUD in the case of insured or coinsured mortgages) may inspect the work during rehabilitation or construction to ensure that work is proceeding on schedule, is being accomplished in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, meets the level of material described in Exhibit B and meets typical levels of workmanship for the area.

1.8 Work completion

- A. Conformance with Exhibit B: The work must be completed in accordance with Exhibit B. The owner is solely responsible for completion of the work.
- B. Evidence of Completion: When the work is completed, the owner must provide the PHA with the following:
 - 1. A certification by the owner that the work has been completed in accordance with the HQS and all requirements of this Agreement.
 - 2. A certification by the owner that the owner has complied with labor standards and equal opportunity requirements in the development of the housing. (See 24 CFR 983.155(b)(1)(ii).)
 - 3. Additional Evidence of Completion: At the discretion of the PHA, or as required by HUD, this Agreement may specify additional documentation that must be submitted by owner as evidence of completion of the housing. Check the following that apply:
 - _____ A certificate of occupancy or other evidence that the contract units comply with local requirements.
 - _____ An architect’s or developer’s certification that the housing complies with:
 - _____ the HQS;
 - _____ State, local, or other building codes;
 - _____ Zoning;

_____ The rehabilitation work write-up for rehabilitated housing;

_____ The work description for newly constructed housing; or

_____ Any additional design or quality requirements pursuant to this Agreement.

1.9 Inspection and Acceptance by the PHA of Completed Contract Units

- A. Completion of Contract Units: Upon receipt of owner notice of completion of Contract units, the PHA shall take the following steps:
 - 1. Review all evidence of completion submitted by owner.
 - 2. Inspect the units to determine if the housing has been completed in accordance with this Agreement, including compliance with the HQS and any additional requirements imposed by the PHA under this Agreement.
- B. Non-Acceptance: If the PHA determines the work has not been completed in accordance with this Agreement, including non-compliance with the HQS, the PHA shall promptly notify the owner of this decision and the reasons for the non-acceptance. The parties must not enter into the HAP contract.
- C. Acceptance: If the PHA determines housing has been completed in accordance with this Agreement, and that the owner has submitted all required evidence of completion, the PHA must submit the HAP contract for execution by the owner and must then execute the HAP contract.

1.10 Acceptance where defects or deficiencies are reported:

- A. If other defects or deficiencies exist, the PHA shall determine whether and to what extent the defects or deficiencies are correctable, whether the units will be accepted after correction of defects or deficiencies, and the requirements and procedures for such correction and acceptance.
- B. Completion in Stages: Where completion in stages is provided for, the procedures of this paragraph shall apply to each stage.

1.11. Execution of HAP Contract

- A. Time and Execution: Upon acceptance of the units by the PHA, the owner and the PHA execute the HAP contract.
- B. Completion in Stages: Where completion in stages is provided for the number and types of units in each stage, and the initial rents to owner for such units, shall be separately shown in Exhibit C of the contract for each stage. Upon acceptance of the first stage, the owner shall execute the contract and the signature block provided in the contract for that stage. Upon acceptance of each subsequent stage, the owner shall execute the signature block provided in the contract for such stage.
- C. Form of Contract: The terms of the contract shall be provided in Exhibit D of this Agreement. There shall be no change in the terms of the contract unless such change is approved by HUD headquarters. Prior to execution by the owner, all blank spaces in the contract shall be completed by the PHA.
- D. Survival of owner Obligations: Even after execution of the contract, the owner shall continue to be bound by all owner obligations under the Agreement.

1.12 Initial determination of rents

- A. The estimated amount of initial rent to owner shall be established in Exhibit C of this Agreement.
- B. The initial amount of rent to owner is established at the beginning of the HAP contract term.
- C. The estimated and initial contract rent for each units may in no event exceed the amount authorized in accordance with HUD regulations and requirements. Where the estimated initial rent to owner exceeds the amount authorized in accordance with HUD regulations, the PHA shall establish a lower initial rent tow owner, in accordance with HUD regulations and requirements.

1.13 Uniform Relocation Act

- A. A displaced person must be provided relocation assistance at the levels described in and in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970

(URA) (42 U.S.C. 4201-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24.

- B. The cost of required relocation assistance may be paid with funds provided by the owner, or with local public funds, or with funds available from other sources. Payment of relocation assistance must be paid in accordance with HUD requirements.
- C. The acquisition of real property for a project to be assisted under the program is subject to the URA and 49 CFR part 24, subpart B.
- D. The PHA must require the owner to comply with the URA and 49 CFR part 24.
- E. In computing a replacement housing payment to a residential tenant displaced as a direct result of privately undertaken rehabilitation or demolition of the real property, the term “initiation of negotiations” means the execution of the Agreement between the owner and the PHA.

1.14 Protection of In-Place Families

- A. In order to minimize displacement of in-place families, if a unit to be placed under Contract is occupied by an eligible family on the proposal selection date, the in-place family must be placed on the PHA’s waiting list (if they are not already on the list) and, once their continued eligibility is determined, given an absolute selection preference and referred to the project owner for an appropriately sized unit in the project.
- B. This protection does not apply to families that are not eligible to participate in the program on the proposal selection date.
- C. The term “in-place family” means an eligible family residing in a proposed contract unit on the proposal selection date.
- D. Assistance to in-place families may only be provided in accordance with the program regulations and other HUD requirements.

1.15 Termination of Agreement and Contract

The Agreement or HAP contract may be terminated upon at least 30 days notice to the owner by the PHA or HUD if the PHA or HUD determines that the contract units were not eligible for selection in conformity with HUD requirements.

1.16 Rights of HUD if PHA Defaults Under Agreement

If HUD determines that the PHA has failed to comply with this Agreement or has failed to take appropriate action to HUD's satisfaction or as directed by HUD, for enforcement of the PHA's rights under this Agreement, HUD may assume the PHA's rights and obligations under the Agreement, and may perform the obligations and enforce the rights of the PHA under the Agreement. HUD will, if it determines that the owner is not in default, pay Annual Contributions for the purpose of providing housing assistance payments with respect to the dwelling unit(s) under this Agreement for the duration of the HAP contract.

1.17 Owner Default and PHA Remedies

A. Owner Default

Any of the following is a default by the owner under the Agreement:

1. The owner has failed to comply with any obligation under the Agreement.
2. The owner has violated any obligation under any other housing assistance payments contract under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f).
3. The owner has committed any fraud or made any false statement to the PHA or HUD in connection with the Agreement.
4. The owner has committed fraud, bribery, or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with any Federal housing assistance program.
5. If the property where the contract units are located is subject to a lien or security interest securing a HUD loan or mortgage insured by HUD and:
 - a. The owner has failed to comply with the regulations for the applicable HUD loan or mortgage insurance program, with the mortgage or mortgage note, or with the regulatory agreement; or
 - b. The owner has committed fraud, bribery, or any other corrupt or criminal act in connection with the HUD loan or HUD-insured mortgage.

6. The owner has engaged in any drug-related criminal activity or any violent criminal activity.

B. PHA Remedies

1. If the PHA determines that a breach has occurred, the PHA may exercise any of its rights or remedies under the Agreement.
2. The PHA must notify the owner in writing of such determination. The notice by the PHA to the owner may require the owner to take corrective action (as verified by the PHA) by a time prescribed in the notice.
3. The PHA's rights and remedies under the Agreement include but are not limited to: (i) terminating the Agreement; and (ii) declining to execute the HAP contract for some or all of the units.

C. PHA Remedy is not Waived

The PHA's exercise or non-exercise of any remedy for owner breach of the Agreement is not a waiver of the right to exercise that remedy or any other right or remedy at any time.

1.18 PHA and Owner Relation to Third Parties

A. Selection and Performance of Contractor

1. The PHA has not assumed any responsibility or liability to the owner, or any other party for performance of any contractor, subcontractor or supplier, whether or not listed by the PHA as a qualified contractor or supplier under the program. The selection of a contractor, subcontractor or supplier is the sole responsibility of the owner and the PHA is not involved in any relationship between the owner and any contractor, subcontractor or supplier.
2. The owner must select a competent contractor to undertake rehabilitation or construction. The owner agrees to require from each prospective contractor a certification that neither the contractor nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in contract by the Comptroller General or any federal Department or agency. The owner agrees not to award contracts to, otherwise engage in the service of, or fund any contractor that does not provide this certification.

- B. Injury Resulting from Work under the Agreement: The PHA has not assumed any responsibility for or liability to any person, including a worker or a resident of the unit undergoing work pursuant to this Agreement, injured as a result of the work or as a result of any other action or failure to act by the owner, or any contractor, subcontractor or supplier.
- C. Legal Relationship: The owner is not the agent of the PHA and this Agreement does not create or affect any relationship between the PHA and any lender to the owner or any suppliers, employees, contractor or subcontractors used by the owner in the implementation of the Agreement.
- D. Exclusion of Third Party Claims: Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any right of any third party (other than HUD) to enforce any provision of this Agreement or the Contract, or to assert any claim against HUD, the PHA or the owner under the Agreement or the Contract.
- E. Exclusion of owner Claims against HUD: Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any right of the owner to assert any claim against HUD.

1.19 PHA-Owned Units

Notwithstanding Section 1.18 of this Agreement, a PHA may own units assisted under the project-based voucher program, subject to the special requirements in 24 CFR 983.59 regarding PHA-owned units.

1.20 Conflict of Interest

- A. Interest of Members, Officers, or Employees of PHA, Members of Local Governing Body, or Other Public Officials
 - 1. No present or former member or officer of the PHA (except tenant-commissioners), no employee of the PHA who formulates policy or influences decisions with respect to the housing choice voucher program or project-based voucher program, and no public official or member of a governing body or State or local legislator who exercises functions or responsibilities with respect to these programs, shall have any direct or indirect interest, during his or her tenure or for one year thereafter, in the Agreement or HAP contract.
 - 2. HUD may waive this provision for good cause.

B. Disclosure

The owner has disclosed to the PHA any interest that would be a violation of the Agreement or HAP contract. The owner must fully and promptly update such disclosures.

1.21 Interest of Member or Delegate to Congress

No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States of America or resident-commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of the Agreement or HAP contract or to any benefits arising from the Agreement of HAP contract.

1.22 Transfer of the Agreement, HAP Contract, or Property

A. PHA Consent to Transfer

The owner agrees that the owner has not made and will not make any transfer in any form, including any sale or assignment, of the Agreement, HAP contract, or the property without the prior written consent of the PHA. A change in ownership in the owner, such as a stock transfer or transfer of the interest of a limited partner, is not subject to the provisions of this section. Transfer of the interest of a general partner is subject to the provisions of this section.

B. Procedure for PHA Acceptance of Transferee

Where the owner requests the consent of the PHA for a transfer in any form, including any sale or assignment, of the Agreement, the HAP contract, or the property, the PHA must consent to a transfer of the Agreement or HAP contract if the transferee agrees in writing (in a form acceptable to the PHA) to comply with all the terms of the Agreement and HAP contract, if the transferee is acceptable to the PHA. The PHA's criteria for acceptance of the transferee must be in accordance with HUD requirements.

C. When Transfer is Prohibited

The PHA will not consent to the transfer if any transferee, or any principal or interested party, is debarred, suspended, subject to a limited denial of participation, or otherwise excluded under 2 CFR part 2424, or is listed on the U.S. General Services Administration list of parties excluded from Federal procurement or nonprocurement programs.

1.23 Exclusion from Federal Programs

A. Federal Requirements

The owner must comply with and is subject to requirements of 2 CFR part 2424.

B. Disclosure

The owner certifies that:

1. The owner has disclosed to the PHA the identity of the owner and any principal or interested party.
2. Neither the owner nor any principal or interested party is listed on the U.S. General Services Administration list of parties excluded from Federal procurement and nonprocurement programs; and none of such parties are debarred, suspended, subject to a limited denial of participation, or otherwise excluded under 2 CFR part 2424.

1.24 Lobbying Certifications

A. The owner certifies, to the best of the owner's knowledge and belief, that:

1. No Federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the owner, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of the Agreement or HAP contract, or the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of the HAP contract.
2. If any funds other than Federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the Agreement or HAP contract, the owner must complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

- B. This certification by the owner is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. 1352.

1.25 Subsidy Layering

- A. Owner Disclosure

The owner must disclose to the PHA, in accordance with HUD requirements, information regarding any related assistance from the Federal government, a State, or a unit of general local government, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, that is made available or is expected to be made available with respect to the contract units. Such related assistance includes, but is not limited to, any loan, grant, guarantee, insurance, payment, rebate, subsidy, credit, tax benefit, or any other form of direct or indirect assistance.

- B. Limit of Payments

Housing assistance payments under the HAP contract must not be more than is necessary, as determined in accordance with HUD requirements, to provide affordable housing after taking account of such related assistance. The PHA will adjust in accordance with HUD requirements the amount of the housing assistance payments to the owner to compensate in whole or in part for such related assistance.

1.26 Prohibition of Discrimination

- A. The owner may not refuse to lease contract units to, or otherwise discriminate against, any person or family in leasing of a contract unit, because of race, color, religion, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), national origin, disability, age, or familial status.
- B. The owner must comply with the following requirements:
 - 1. The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601–19) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100 *et seq.*;
 - 2. Executive Order 11063, as amended by Executive Order 12259 (3 CFR 1959–1963 Comp., p. 652, and 3 CFR, 1980 Comp., p. 307) (Equal Opportunity in Housing Programs) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 107;

3. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d–2000d–4) (Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 1;
4. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101–6107) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146;
5. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8;
6. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*; 28 CFR part 35
7. Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Orders 11375, 11478, 12086, and 12107 (3 CFR, 1964–1965 Comp., p. 339; 3 CFR, 1966–1970 Comp., p. 684; 3 CFR, 1966–1970 Comp., p. 803; 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 230; and 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 264, respectively) (Equal Employment Opportunity Programs) and implementing regulations at 41 CFR chapter 60;
8. Executive Order 11625, as amended by Executive Order 12007 (3 CFR, 1971–1975 Comp., p. 616 and 3 CFR, 1977 Comp., p. 139) (Minority Business Enterprise Development); and
9. Executive Order 12138, as amended by Executive Order 12608 (3 CFR, 1977 Comp., p. 393, and 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 245) (Women’s Business Enterprise).
10. HUD’s Equal Access Rule at 24 CFR 5.105.

The PHA and the owner must cooperate with HUD in the conducting of compliance reviews and complaint investigations pursuant to all applicable civil rights statutes, Executive Orders, and all related rules and regulations.

1.27 Owner Duty to Provide Information and Access to HUD and PHA

- A. The owner must furnish any information pertinent to this Agreement as may be reasonably required from time to time by the PHA or HUD. The owner shall furnish such information in the form and manner required by the PHA or HUD.
- B. The owner must permit the PHA or HUD or any of their authorized representatives to have access to the premises during normal business hours and, for the purpose of audit and examination, to have access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the owner to the extent necessary to determine compliance with this Agreement.

1.28 Notices and Owner Certifications

- A. Where the owner is required to give any notice to the PHA pursuant to this Agreement, such notice shall be in writing and shall be given in the manner designated by the PHA.
- B. Any certification or warranty by the owner pursuant to the Agreement shall be deemed a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into.

1.29 HUD Requirements

- A. The Agreement and the HAP contract shall be interpreted and implemented in accordance with all statutory requirements, and will all HUD requirements, including amendments or changes in HUD requirements. The owner agrees to comply with all such laws and HUD requirements.
- B. HUD requirements are requirements that apply to the project-based voucher program. HUD requirements are issued by HUD Headquarters as regulations, *Federal Register* notices, or other binding program directives.

1.30 Applicability of Part II Provisions — Check All that Apply

Equal Employment Opportunity

Section 2.1 applies only to construction contracts of more than \$10,000.

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_____ Labor Standards Requirements

Sections 2.3, 2.7, and 2.9 apply only when this Agreement covers nine or more units.

_____ Flood Insurance

Section 2.10 applies if units are located in areas having special flood hazards and in which flood insurance is available under the National Flood Insurance Program.

EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT

I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct. **WARNING:** Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§ 287, 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 3802).

PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY (PHA) Name of PHA (Print)
By:
Signature of authorized representative
Name and official title (Print)
Date
OWNER Name of Owner (Print)
By:
Signature of authorized representative
Name and official title (Print)
Date

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2.1 Equal Employment Opportunity

- A. The owner shall incorporate or cause to be incorporated into any contract in excess of \$10,000 for construction work, or modification thereof, as defined in the regulations of the Secretary of Labor at 41 CFR chapter 60, which is to be performed pursuant to this Agreement, the following nondiscrimination clause:

During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

1. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, creed, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoffs or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided

by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

2. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex, or national origin.
3. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by or at the direction of the Government advising the labor union or workers representative of the contractor's commitments under this section and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
4. The contractor of will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
5. The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, and accounts by HUD and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations and orders.
6. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of the rules, regulations, or orders, the contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contractor may be declared ineligible for further contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions as may be imported and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor or as otherwise provided by law.
7. The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by the rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order

as the Government may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance; provided, however, that in the event a contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Government, the contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interest of the United States.

- B. The owner agrees to be bound by the above nondiscrimination clause with respect to his or her own employment practices when participating in federally assisted construction work.
- C. The owner agrees to assist and cooperate actively with HUD and the Secretary of Labor in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the nondiscrimination clause and the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor, to furnish HUD and the Secretary of Labor such information as they may require for the supervision of such compliance, and to otherwise assist HUD in the discharge of HUD's primary responsibility for securing compliance.
- D. The owner further agrees to refrain from entering into any contract or contract modification subject to Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, with a contractor debarred from, or who has not demonstrated eligibility for, Government contracts and federally assisted construction contracts pursuant to the Executive Order and will carry out such sanctions and penalties for violation of the nondiscrimination clause as may be imposed upon contractors and subcontractors by HUD or the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the Executive Order. In addition, if the owner fails or refuses to comply with these undertakings, HUD may take any or all of the following actions; cancel, terminate, or suspend in whole or in part this Agreement; refrain from extending any further assistance to the owner under the program with respect to which the failure or refusal occurred until satisfactory assurance of future compliance has been received from the owner, and refer the case to the Department of Justice for appropriate legal proceedings.

2.2 Reserved

2.3 HUD—Federal Labor Standards Provisions

The owner is responsible for inserting the entire text of section 2.3 of this Agreement in all construction contracts and, if the owner performs any rehabilitation work on the project, the owner must comply with all provisions of section 2.3. (Note: Sections 2.3(b) and (c) apply only when the amount of the prime contract exceeds \$100,000.)

(a)(1) Minimum Wages. (i) All laborers and mechanics employed or working upon the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project) will be paid unconditionally and not less often than once a week, and without subsequent deduction or rebate on any account (except such payroll deductions as are permitted by regulations issued by the Secretary of Labor under the Copeland Act (29 CFR part 3)), the full amount of wages and bona fide fringe benefits (or cash equivalents thereof) due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the wage determination of the Secretary of Labor which is attached hereto and made part hereof regardless of any contractual relationship which may be alleged to exist between the contractor and such laborers and mechanics. Contributions made or costs reasonably anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits under section l(b)(2) of the Davis-Bacon Act on behalf of laborers or mechanics are considered wages paid to such laborers or mechanics, subject to the provisions of 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(iv); also, regular contributions made or costs incurred for more than a weekly period (but not less often than quarterly) under plans, funds, or programs, which cover the particular weekly period, are deemed to be constructively made or incurred during such weekly period.

Such laborers and mechanics shall be paid the appropriate wage rate and fringe benefits on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed, without regard to skill, except as provided in 29 CFR 5.5(a)(4). Laborers or mechanics performing work in more than one classification may be compensated at the rate specified for each classification for the time actually worked therein: Provided, That the employer's payroll records accurately set forth the time spent in each classification in which work is performed. The wage determination (including any additional classification and wage rates conformed under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1)(ii) and the Davis-Bacon poster (WH-1321)) shall be posted at all times by the contractor and its subcontractors at the site of the work in a prominent and accessible place where it can be easily seen by the workers.

(ii)(A) Any class of laborers or mechanics, including helpers, which is not listed in the wage determination and which is to be employed under the contract shall be classified in conformance with the wage determination. HUD shall approve an additional classification and wage rate and fringe benefits therefore only when the following criteria have been met:

(1) The work to be performed by the classification requested is not performed by a classification in the wage determination;

(2) The classification is utilized in the area by the construction industry; and

(3) The proposed wage rate, including any bona fide fringe benefits, bears a reasonable relationship to the wage rates contained in the wage determination.

(B) If the contractor and the laborers and mechanics to be employed in the classification (if known), or their representatives, and HUD or its designee agree on the classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits where appropriate), a report of the action taken shall be sent by HUD or its designee to the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C. 20210. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will approve, modify, or disapprove every additional classification action within 30 days of receipt and so advise HUD or its designee or will notify HUD or its designee within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(C) In the event the contractor, the laborers or mechanics to be employed in the classification or their representatives, and HUD or its designee do not agree on the proposed classification and wage rate (including the amount designated for fringe benefits, where appropriate), HUD or its designee shall refer the questions, including the views of all interested parties and the recommendation of HUD or its designee, to the Administrator for determination. The Administrator, or an authorized representative, will issue a determination within 30 days of receipt and so advise HUD or its designee or will notify HUD or its designee within the 30-day period that additional time is necessary.

(D) The wage rate (including fringe benefits where appropriate) determined pursuant to subparagraphs (1)(B) or (C) of this paragraph, shall be paid to all workers performing work in the classification under this contract from the first day on which work is performed in the classification.

(iii) Whenever the minimum wage rate prescribed in the contract for a class of laborers or mechanics includes a fringe benefit which is not expressed as an hourly rate, the contractor shall either pay the benefit as stated in the wage determinations or shall pay another bona fide fringe benefit or an hourly cash equivalent thereof.

(iv) If the contractor does not make payments to a trustee or other third person, the contractor may consider as part of the wages of any laborer or mechanic the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing bona fide fringe benefits under a plan or program: Provided, That the Secretary of Labor has found, upon the written request of the contractor, that the applicable standards of the Davis-Bacon Act have been met. The Secretary of Labor may require the contractor to set aside in a separate account assets for the meeting of obligations under the plan or program.

(2) Withholding. HUD or its designee shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld from the contractors under this contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other Federally-assisted contract subject to Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, which is held by the same prime contractor so much of the accrued payments or advances as may be considered necessary to pay laborers and mechanics, including apprentices, trainees and helpers, employed by the contractor or any subcontractor the full amount of wages required by the contract. In the event of failure to pay any laborer or mechanic, including any apprentice, trainee or helper, employed or working on the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or under the Housing Act of 1949 in the construction or development of the project), all or part of the wages required by the contract, HUD or its designee may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds until such violations have ceased. HUD or its designee may, after written notice to the contractor, disburse such amounts withheld for and on account of the contractor or subcontractor to the respective employees to whom they are due.

(3)(i) Payrolls and Basic Records. Payrolls and basic records relating thereto shall be maintained by the contractor during the course of the work and preserved for a period of three years thereafter for all laborers and mechanics working at the site of the work (or under the United States Housing Act of 1937, or under the Housing Act of 1949, in the construction or development of the project). Such records shall contain the name, address, and social security number of each such worker, his or her correct classification, hourly rates of wages paid (including rates of contributions or costs anticipated for bona fide fringe benefits or cash equivalents thereof of the types described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act), daily and weekly number of hours worked, deductions made and actual wages paid. Whenever the

Secretary of Labor has found under 29 CFR 5.5 (a)(1)(iv) that the wages of any laborer or mechanic include the amount of any costs reasonably anticipated in providing benefits under a plan or program described in section 1(b)(2)(B) of the Davis-Bacon Act, the contractor shall maintain records which show that the commitment to provide such benefits is enforceable, that the plan or program is financially responsible, and that the plan or program has been communicated in writing to the laborers or mechanics affected, and records which show the costs anticipated or the actual cost incurred in providing such benefits. Contractors employing apprentices or trainees under approved programs shall maintain written evidence of the registration of apprenticeship programs and certification of trainee programs, the registration of the apprentices and trainees, and the ratios and wage rates prescribed in the applicable programs.

(ii)(A) The contractor shall submit weekly for each week in which any contract work is performed a copy of all payrolls to HUD the PHA. The payrolls submitted shall set out accurately and completely all of the information required to be maintained under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(i), except that full social security numbers and home addresses shall not be included in weekly transmittals. Instead the payrolls shall only need to include an individually identifying number for each employee (e.g. the last four digits of the employee's social security number). The required weekly payroll information may be submitted in any form desired. Optional Form WH-347 is available for this purpose from the Wage and Hour Division Web site at: <http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/forms/wh347instr.htm> or its successor site. The prime contractor is responsible for the submission of copies of payrolls by all subcontractors. Contractors and subcontractors shall maintain the full social security number and current address of each covered worker, and shall provide them upon request to HUD or its designee if the agency is a party to the contract, but if the agency is not such a party, the contractor will submit them to the applicant, sponsor, or owner, as the case may be, for transmission to HUD, the contractor, or the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor for purposes of an investigation or audit of compliance with prevailing wage requirements. It is not a violation of this section for a prime contractor to require a subcontractor to provide addresses and social security numbers to the prime contractor for its own records, without weekly submission to the sponsoring government agency (or the applicant, sponsor, or owner).

(B) Each payroll submitted shall be accompanied by a "Statement of Compliance," signed by the contractor or subcontractor or his

or her agent who pays or supervises the payment of the persons employed under the contract and shall certify the following:

(1) That the payroll for the payroll period contains the information required to be provided under 29 CFR 5.5(a)(3)(ii), the appropriate information is being maintained under 29 CFR 5.5 (a)(3)(i) and that such information is correct and complete;

(2) That each laborer or mechanic (including each helper, apprentice, and trainee) employed on the contract during the payroll period has been paid the full weekly wages earned, without rebate, either directly or indirectly, and that no deductions have been made either directly or indirectly from the full wages earned, other than permissible deductions as set forth in 29 CFR part 3;

(3) That each laborer or mechanic has been paid not less than the applicable wage rates and fringe benefits or cash equivalents for the classification of work performed, as specified in the applicable wage determination incorporated into the contract.

(C) The weekly submission of a properly executed certification set forth on the reverse side of Optional Form WH-347 shall satisfy the requirement for submission of the "Statement of Compliance" required by paragraph (a)(3)(ii)(B) of this section.

(D) The falsification of any of the above certifications may subject the contractor or subcontractor to civil or criminal prosecution under section 1001 of Title 18 and section 231 of Title 31 of the United States Code.

(iii) The contractor or subcontractor shall make the records required under paragraph (a)(3)(i) of this section available for inspection, copying, or transcription by authorized representatives of HUD or its designee or the Department of Labor, and shall permit such representatives to interview employees during working hours on the job. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to submit the required records or to make them available, HUD or its designee may, after written notice to the contractor, sponsor, applicant, or owner, take such action as may be necessary to cause the suspension of any further payment, advance, or guarantee of funds. Furthermore, failure to submit the required records upon request or to make such records available may be grounds for debarment action pursuant to 29 CFR 5.12.

(4) Apprentices and Trainees.(i) Apprentices. Apprentices will be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work they performed when they are employed pursuant to and

individually registered in a bona fide apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or with a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, or if a person is employed in his or her first 90 days of probationary employment as an apprentice in such an apprenticeship program, who is not individually registered in the program, but who has been certified by the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services, or a State Apprenticeship Agency (where appropriate) to be eligible for probationary employment as an apprentice. The allowable ratio of apprentices to journeymen on the job site in any craft classification shall not be greater than the ratio permitted to the contractor as to the entire work force under the registered program. Any worker listed on a payroll at an apprentice wage rate, who is not registered or otherwise employed as stated above, shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any apprentice performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. Where a contractor is performing construction on a project in a locality other than that in which its program is registered, the ratios and wage rates (expressed in percentages of the journeyman's hourly rate) specified in the contractor's or subcontractor's registered program shall be observed. Every apprentice must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the registered program for the apprentice's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeymen hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Apprentices shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the apprenticeship program. If the apprenticeship program does not specify fringe benefits, apprentices must be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination for the applicable classification. If the Administrator determines that a different practice prevails for the applicable apprentice classification, fringes shall be paid in accordance with that determination. In the event the Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employee and Labor Services, or a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office, withdraws approval of an apprenticeship program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize apprentices at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(ii) Trainees. Except as provided in 29 CFR 5.16, trainees will not be permitted to work at less than the predetermined rate for the work performed unless they are employed pursuant to and

individually registered in a program which has received prior approval, evidenced by formal certification by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. The ratio of trainees to journeymen on the job site shall not be greater than permitted under the plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration. Every trainee must be paid at not less than the rate specified in the approved program for the trainee's level of progress, expressed as a percentage of the journeyman hourly rate specified in the applicable wage determination. Trainees shall be paid fringe benefits in accordance with the provisions of the trainee program. If the trainee program does not mention fringe benefits, trainees shall be paid the full amount of fringe benefits listed on the wage determination unless the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division determines that there is an apprenticeship program associated with the corresponding journeyman wage rate on the wage determination which provides for less than full fringe benefits for apprentices. Any employee listed on the payroll at a trainee rate who is not registered and participating in a training plan approved by the Employment and Training Administration shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the classification of work actually performed. In addition, any trainee performing work on the job site in excess of the ratio permitted under the registered program shall be paid not less than the applicable wage rate on the wage determination for the work actually performed. In the event the Employment and Training Administration withdraws approval of a training program, the contractor will no longer be permitted to utilize trainees at less than the applicable predetermined rate for the work performed until an acceptable program is approved.

(iii) Equal Employment Opportunity. The utilization of apprentices, trainees and journeymen under this part shall be in conformity with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Executive Order 11246, as amended, and 29 CFR part 30.

(5) Compliance with Copeland Act Requirements. The contractor shall comply with the requirements of 29 CFR part 3 which are incorporated by reference in this Agreement.

(6) Subcontracts. The contractor or subcontractor will insert in any subcontracts the clauses contained in section 2.3(a)(1) through (11) and such other clauses as HUD or its designee may by appropriate instructions require, and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for the

compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with all the contract clauses in this section 2.3(a).

(7) Contract Terminations; Debarment. A breach of the contract clauses in 29 CFR 5.5 may be grounds for termination of the contract, and for debarment as a contractor and a subcontractor as provided in 29 CFR 5.12.

(8) Compliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act Requirements. All rulings and interpretations of the Davis-Bacon and related Acts contained in 29 CFR parts 1, 3, and 5 are herein incorporated by reference in this contract.

(9) Disputes Concerning Labor Standards. Disputes arising out of the labor standards provisions of this contract shall not be subject to the general disputes clause of this contract. Such disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures of the Department of Labor set forth in 29 CFR parts 5, 6, and 7. Disputes within the meaning of this clause include disputes between the contractor (or any of its subcontractors) and the PHA, HUD, the U. S. Department of Labor, or the employees or their representatives.

(10) Certification of Eligibility. (i) By entering into this Agreement, the contractor certifies that neither it (nor he or she) nor any person or firm who has an interest in the contractor's firm is a person or firm ineligible to be awarded Government contracts by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1) or to be awarded HUD contracts or participate in HUD programs pursuant to 24 CFR part 24.

(ii) No part of this Agreement shall be subcontracted to any person or firm ineligible for award of a Government contract by virtue of section 3(a) of the Davis-Bacon Act or 29 CFR 5.12(a)(1) or to be awarded HUD contracts or participate in HUD programs pursuant to 24 CFR part 24.

(iii) The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in the U.S. Criminal Code, 18 U.S.C. 1001. Additionally, U.S. Criminal Code, section 1010, Title 18, U.S.C., "Federal Housing Administration transactions, provides in part: "Whoever, for the purpose of ...influencing in any way the action of such Administration...makes, utters or publishes any statement, knowing the same to be false... shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both."

11. Complaints, Proceedings, or Testimony by Employees. No laborer or mechanic to whom the wage, salary, or other labor

standards provisions of this Agreement are applicable shall be discharged or in any other manner discriminated against by the Contractor or any subcontractor because such employee has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding or has testified or is about to testify in any proceeding under or relating to the labor standards applicable under this Agreement to his employer.

(b) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. The provisions of this paragraph (b) are applicable only where the amount of the prime contract exceeds \$100,000. As used in this paragraph, the terms “laborers” and “mechanics” include watchmen and guards.

(1) Overtime Requirements. No contractor or subcontractor contracting for any part of the contract work which may require or involve the employment of laborers or mechanics shall require or permit any such laborer or mechanic in any workweek in which he or she is employed on such work to work in excess of forty hours in such workweek unless such laborer or mechanic receives compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours in such workweek.

(2) Violation; Liability for Unpaid Wages; Liquidated Damages. In the event of any violation of the clause set forth in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, the contractor and any subcontractor responsible therefore shall be liable for the unpaid wages. In addition, such contractor and subcontractor shall be liable to the United States (in the case of work done under contract for the District of Columbia or a territory, to such District or to such territory), for liquidated damages. Such liquidated damages shall be computed with respect to each individual laborer or mechanic, including watchmen and guards, employed in violation of the clause set forth in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph, in the sum of \$25 for each calendar day on which such individual was required or permitted to work in excess of the standard workweek of forty hours without payment of the overtime wages required by the clause set forth in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph.

(3) Withholding for Unpaid Wages and Liquidated Damages. HUD or its designee shall upon its own action or upon written request of an authorized representative of the Department of Labor withhold or cause to be withheld, from any monies payable on account of work performed by the contractor or subcontractor under any such contract or any other Federal contract with the same prime contractor, or any other Federally-assisted contract subject to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, which is held by

the same prime contractor such sums as may be determined to be necessary to satisfy any liabilities of such contractor or subcontractor for unpaid wages and liquidated damages as provided in the clause set forth in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph.

(4) Subcontractors. The contractor or subcontractor shall insert in any subcontracts the clauses set forth in subparagraph (1) through (4) of this paragraph and also a clause requiring the subcontractors to include these clauses in any lower tier subcontracts. The prime contractor shall be responsible for compliance by any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor with the clauses set forth in subparagraphs (1) through (4) of this paragraph.

(c) Health and Safety. The provisions of this paragraph (c) are applicable only where the amount of the prime contract exceeds \$100,000.

(1) No laborer or mechanic shall be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous to his health and safety as established under construction safety and health standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor by regulation.

(2) The contractor shall comply with all regulations issue by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Title 29 part 1926 and failure to comply may result in imposition of sanctions pursuant to the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 USC 3701 et seq.

(3) The contractor shall include the provisions of this paragraph in every subcontract so that such provisions will be binding on each subcontractor. The contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the Secretary of Labor shall direct as a means of enforcing such provisions.

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2.7 Wage and Claims Adjustments

The owner shall be responsible for the correction of all violations under section 2.3, including violations committed by other contractors. In cases where there is evidence of underpayment of salaries or wages to any laborers or mechanics (including apprentices and trainees) by the owner or other contractor or a failure by the owner or other contractor to submit payrolls and related reports, the owner shall be required to place an amount in escrow, as determined by HUD sufficient to pay persons employed on the work covered by the Agreement the difference between the salaries or wages actually paid such employees for the total number of hours worked and the full amount of wages required under this Agreement, as well as an amount determined by HUD to be sufficient to satisfy any liability of the owner or other contractor for liquidated damages pursuant to section 2.3. The amounts withheld may be disbursed by HUD for and on account of the owner or other contractor to the respective employees to whom they are due, and to the Federal Government in satisfaction of liquidated damages under section 2.3.

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2.9 Evidence of Unit(s) Completion; Escrow

- A. The owner shall evidence the completion of the unit(s) by furnishing the PHA, in addition to the requirements listed in Part I of this Agreement, a certification of compliance with the provisions of sections 2.3 and 2.7 of this Agreement, and that to the best of the owner's knowledge and belief there are no claims of underpayment to laborers or mechanics in alleged violation of these provisions of the Agreement. In the event there are any such pending claims to the knowledge of the owner, the PHA, or HUD, the owner will place a sufficient amount in escrow, as directed by the PHA or HUD, to assure such payments.
- B. The escrows required under this section and section 2.7 of shall be paid to HUD, as escrowee, or to an escrowee designated by HUD, and the conditions and manner of releasing such escrows shall be designated and approved by HUD.

2.10 Flood Insurance

If the project is located in an area that has been identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as an area having special flood hazards and if

the sale of flood insurance has been made available under the National Flood Insurance Program, the owner agrees that: (1) the project will be covered, during the life of the property, by flood insurance in an amount at least equal to its development or project cost (less estimated land cost) or to the limit of coverage made available with respect to the particular type of property under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, whichever is less; and (2) that it will advise any prospective purchaser or transferee of the property in writing of the continuing statutory requirement to maintain such flood insurance during the life of the property.