

may be attached to the certificate for HUD's review, evaluation and determination.

(d) Each principal who executes the certificate must also certify that said principal is not a Member of Congress or a Resident Commissioner.

**§ 200.222 Certification of previous record on basis of a master list.**

A principal may avoid repetitious listings by providing HUD with a complete master list, acceptable to the Participation Control Officer, of all projects in which the principal has participated. Where such a list has been provided, the principal may submit a certificate which refers to the master list and which supplements it by the addition of all information required under § 200.219 with respect to occurrences since the date of the master list (including subsequent occurrences with respect to the projects on the master list as well as subsequent projects). Partners, corporate officers, directors and stockholders may likewise refer to and thereby incorporate their firm's master list when they certify.

**§ 200.224 Multifamily Participation Review Committee and Participation Control Officer.**

The membership and authority of the Multifamily Participation Review Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Review Committee) are set forth in § 200.227. A majority of the members of the Review Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Executive Secretary of the Review Committee shall be the Participation Control Officer under this part and shall serve under the administrative supervision of the Director of the Participation and Compliance Division, who acts as Participation Control Officer in his absence.

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**§ 200.225 Approvals by Area Managers for limited partners.**

The Area Manager of the HUD Area Office where the certificate is filed is authorized to review the certificate and approve for participation limited partner principals: *Provided*, That they have no previous record of participation or their only participation in pre-

vious projects covered by these regulations has been as a limited partner. All other certificates must be forwarded to the Participation Control Officer.

**§ 200.226 Determination by the Participation Control Officer.**

(a) The Participation Control Officer is authorized to:

(1) Approve a principal when a review of the previous participation certificate and other available information reveals that there are no grounds to withhold approval or disapprove under the standards in § 200.229 or § 200.230, respectively;

(2) Disapprove a principal who; (i) is suspended or debarred or otherwise restricted under 24 CFR part 24; or (ii) has been disapproved for participation no more than 12 months prior to the filing of the certificate under review, unless the principal has requested reconsideration of the disapproval;

(3) Refer all other cases to the Review Committee, together with all available information and documents and a recommendation of the action to be taken.

**§ 200.227 Multifamily Participation Review Committee.**

(a) *Members.* (1) The Director, Office of Lender Activities and Land Sales Registration serves as Chairman and does not vote. The Committee is composed of the following voting members or their designees representing the Assistant Secretary for Housing- Federal Housing Commissioner: the Director of the Office of Insured Multifamily Housing Development; the Director of the Office of the Elderly and Assisted Housing; the Director of the Office of Multifamily Housing Management; the Director of the Office of Multifamily Preservation and Property Disposition; the Director of the Previous Participation and Compliance Division; and a designee of the Director of the Office of Lender Activities and Land Sales Registration.

(2) The Committee also includes, as non-voting members, the General Counsel or his or her designee, who provides legal counsel, and the Participation Control Officer in the Office of Lender Activities and Land Sales Registration. The Participation Control

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Officer is the Executive Secretary to the Committee and is empowered to issue and sign all notices, orders, letters and directives on behalf of the committee, to keep minutes, and to perform other duties assigned by the Chairman or directed by the Committee.

(b) *Functions.* The Committee will act for the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner and for the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing to determine the acceptability of participants in multi-family proposals under subpart H of this part.

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### § 200.228 Determination by the Review Committee.

(a) The Review Committee shall make one of the following determinations in connection with every case referred to it by the Participation Control Officer:

(1) Approve the principal after consideration of the entire record in the light of the standards in §200.230. All mitigating or extenuating factors will be considered. In each case, the decision shall be within the discretion of the Review Committee and rendered in the best interest of the Government and the public;

(2) Conditionally approve the principal's participation with such conditions or limitations which in the Review Committee's judgment are necessary to make the principal approvable;

(3) Withhold approval of the principal in accordance with §200.229; or

(4) Disapprove the principal when approval is not justified and withholding approval is not appropriate.

(b) All determinations by the Review Committee shall be made by majority vote of those members present and entitled to vote.

### § 200.229 Withholding approval.

Approval of a principal may be withheld for:

(a) A period not to exceed 120 days when such action is deemed necessary to secure additional information upon

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which to base a final action including a determination as to whether a suspension or debarment action will be taken; or

(b) For a longer period pending the resolution of a criminal complaint or indictment.

### § 200.230 Standards for disapproval.

The standards for disapproval shall be as follows:

(a) Suspension, debarment or other restriction of the principal under part 24 of this title;

(b) Suspension, debarment or other restriction of the principal by any other Department or Agency of the Federal Government from doing business with such Department or Agency;

(c) Unless the Review Committee finds mitigating or extenuating circumstances that enable it to make a risk determination for approval, any of the following occurrences attributable or legally imputable to a principal may be the basis for disapproval, whether or not the principal was actively involved in the project:

(1) Mortgage defaults, assignments or foreclosures, unless the Review Committee determines that the default, assignment or foreclosure was caused by circumstances beyond the principal's control;

(2) Defaults or noncompliance under any conventional construction contract or turnkey contract of sale in connection with a public housing project;

(3) Violation of the regulatory agreement or noncompliance with any other obligation to HUD that has not been corrected to the satisfaction of the Review Committee at the time of its consideration;

(4) Suspension or termination of payments under any HUD assistance contract;

(5) Defaults under an obligation covered by a surety or performance bond and/or claims under an employee fidelity bond;

(6) Unresolved findings as a result of HUD or other governmental audits or investigations; or

(7) A criminal record or other evidence that the principal's previous conduct or method of doing business has been such that his participation in the