

(b) *Procedure in the event of a conflict between requirements.* In the event of a conflict between a requirement contained in this subpart and an applicable requirement set forth in subparts A through E of this part, the requirements of this subpart shall apply, unless HUD otherwise so determines in writing.

(c) *HUD approval.* For purposes of this subpart only, any action or approval that is required to be taken or provided by HUD or by the HUD field office, pursuant to a requirement set forth in subparts A through F of this part, shall be construed to mean that HUD Headquarters shall take such action or provide such approval, unless the field office is authorized in writing by Headquarters to carry out a specific function under this subpart.

(d) *Applicability of requirements pursuant to 24 CFR part 85.* The requirements of 24 CFR part 85 are applicable to this subpart, subject to the following two provisos:

(1) A PHA may select a partner using competitive proposal procedures for qualifications-based procurement (subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation, including TDC and other applicable cost limitations);

(2) An owner entity (which, as a private entity, would normally not be subject to part 24 CFR part 85) shall be required to comply with 24 CFR part 85 if HUD determines that the PHA or PHA instrumentality exercises significant functions within the owner entity with respect to managing the development of the proposed units. HUD may, on a case-by-case basis, exempt such an owner entity from the need to comply with 24 CFR part 85 if it determines that the owner entity has developed an acceptable alternative procurement plan.

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§ 941.604 Definitions.

In addition to the definitions set forth in § 941.602(a)(1), the following definitions are applicable to this subpart:

Development. A housing facility consisting of public housing units, and that may also consist of non-public housing units, that has been developed,

or that will be developed, using mixed-finance strategies under this subpart.

Mixed-finance. The combined use of publicly and privately financed sources of funds for the development of public housing units under this subpart.

Owner Entity. The entity that will own the public housing units, if the PHA holds less than one hundred percent of the ownership interest; or the lessee under a ground lease from the PHA. The owner entity may be a partnership that includes the PHA.

Participating party. Any person, firm, corporation, or public or private entity that:

(1) Agrees to provide financial or other resources to carry out the approved proposal, or specified activities contained in the proposal; or

(2) Otherwise participates in the development and/or operation of the public housing units and will receive funds derived from HUD with respect to such participation. The term “participating party” includes an owner entity or partner.

Partner. A third party entity with whom the PHA has entered into a partnership or other contractual arrangement to provide for the mixed-finance development of public housing units pursuant to this subpart, and that has primary responsibility with the PHA for the development of the housing units under the terms of the approved proposal.

Proposal. For purposes of this subpart only, the term “proposal” means a detailed PHA submission of information under § 941.606.

Public Housing Agency (PHA). Any State, county, municipality, or other governmental entity or public body (or agency or instrumentality thereof) which is authorized to engage in or assist in the development or operation of low-income housing under this part. For purposes of this subpart, the term “PHA” also encompasses any agency or instrumentality of the PHA.

Public housing unit. A unit that is eligible to receive operating subsidy pursuant to section 9 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437g).

§ 941.606 Proposal.

Each proposal shall be prepared in the form prescribed by HUD and shall

include some or all of the following documentation, as deemed necessary by HUD. In determining the amount of information to be submitted by the PHA under this section, HUD shall consider whether the documentation is required for HUD to carry out mandatory statutory or executive order reviews, the quality of the PHA's past performance in implementing development projects under this part, and the PHA's demonstrated administrative capability, as demonstrated by its overall score on the PHMAP. The proposal includes:

(a) *Activities; relationship of participating parties.* An identification of the participating parties and a description of the activities to be undertaken by each of the participating parties and the PHA, and the legal and business relationships between the PHA and each of the participating parties.

(b) *Financing.* A detailed description of all financing (including public housing development funds) necessary for the implementation of the proposal, specifying the sources (with respect to each of the proposed categorical uses of all such financing), together with a ten-year operating pro forma for the development (including all underlying assumptions). In addition, the PHA may be required to submit to HUD, for such review and approval as HUD deems necessary, all documents (including applications for financing) relating to the financing of the proposal, including, but not limited to, any loan agreements, notes, mortgages or deeds of trust, use restrictions, operating pro formas relating to the viability of the development, and other agreements or documents pertaining to the financing of the proposal.

(c) *Methodology.* If the PHA proposes to provide public housing operating subsidy for the public housing units, it must submit a methodology acceptable to HUD for the distribution of a portion of its operating subsidy to such units;

(d) *Development description.* A description of the housing, including the number and type (with bedroom count) of public housing units and, if applicable, the number and type of non-public housing units (with bedroom count) to be developed; schematic drawings and

designs of the proposed building and unit plans; outline specifications; and the types and amounts of non-dwelling space to be provided.

(e) *Site information.* An identification and description of the proposed site, site plan, and neighborhood.

(f) *Market analysis.* An analysis of the projected market for the proposed development.

(g) *Development construction cost estimate.* A preliminary development construction cost estimate based on the schematic drawings and outline specifications and current construction costs prevailing in the area. In addition, a copy of the PHA development schedule, including the architect or contractor estimate of the time required to complete each major development stage.

(h) *Facilities.* A statement addressing the adequacy of existing or proposed facilities and services for the prospective occupants of the development.

(i) *Relocation.* Information concerning any displacement of site occupants, including identification of each displacee, the distribution plan for notices, and the anticipated cost and source of funding for relocation benefits.

(j) *Operating feasibility.* A demonstration of the operating feasibility of the development, which shall be accomplished by the PHA's showing that the estimated operating expenses of the development will not exceed its estimated operating income.

(k) *Life cycle analysis.* For new construction and substantial rehabilitation, the criteria to be used in equipping the proposed development with heating and cooling systems, which shall include a life-cycle cost analysis of the installation, maintenance and operating costs of such systems pursuant to section 13 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437k).

(l) *Section 213 clearance.* To expedite processing of the proposal, a PHA may solicit, on behalf of HUD, comments under section 213 (24 CFR part 791, subpart C) from the chief executive officer (CEO) (or his or her designee) of the unit of general local government. In such case, the solicitation letter must state that comments should be sent directly to HUD within 30 calendar days

of HUD's estimated date of receipt of the PHA's proposal. The local government's response must state that the comments are to be considered its only response under 24 CFR part 791, subpart C. A copy of the solicitation letter must be included in the PHA's proposal.

(m) *New construction.* If a proposal involves new construction, the PHA must comply with section 6(h) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1437d). This may be accomplished by the PHA's submission of a comparison of the cost of new construction in the neighborhood where the housing is proposed to be constructed and the cost of acquisition of existing housing (with or without rehabilitation) in the same neighborhood (including estimated costs of lead-based paint activities). Alternatively, the PHA may submit a certification, accompanied by supporting documentation, that there is insufficient existing housing in the neighborhood to develop public housing through acquisition.

(n)(1) *Certifications and assurances.* The PHA shall submit, as part of its proposal, certifications and assurances warranting that it:

(i) Has the legal authority under State and local law to develop public housing units through the establishment or selection of an owner entity, and to enter into all agreements and provide all assurances required under this subpart. In addition, the PHA shall warrant that it has the legal authority necessary to enter into any proposed partnership and to fulfill its obligations as a partner thereunder, and that it has obtained all necessary approvals for this purpose;

(ii) Will use an open and competitive process to select the partner and/or the owner entity and shall ensure that there is no conflict of interest involved in the PHA's selection of the partner and/or owner entity to develop and operate the proposed public housing units. In addition, the PHA shall ensure that:

(A) Any selected partner and/or owner entity complies with all applicable State and local procurement and conflict of interest requirements with respect to its selection of entities to assist in the development, and uses a

competitive process consistent with the requirements set forth in this subpart; and

(B) If the partner and/or owner entity (or any other entity with an identity of interests with such parties) wants to serve as the general contractor for the project or development, it may award itself the construction contract only if it can demonstrate to HUD's satisfaction that its bid is the lowest bid submitted in response to a public request for bids;

(iii) Will be responsible to HUD for ensuring that the public housing units are developed and operated in accordance with all applicable public housing requirements, including the ACC, and all pertinent statutory, regulatory, and executive order requirements, as those requirements may be amended from time to time. The PHA must also warrant that it will provide for a mechanism to assure, to HUD's satisfaction, that the public housing units will remain available for use by low-income families for the maximum period required by law. In addition, the PHA must warrant that any agreement providing for the management of the public housing units by an entity other than the PHA shall require that the units be operated in accordance with all applicable requirements under this subpart for the full term of any low-income use restrictions.

(2) The PHA shall submit a certification of previous participation in accordance with procedures set forth in 24 CFR part 200, subpart H, and shall ensure that a similar certification is submitted to HUD by the participating parties.

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§ 941.608 Technical processing and approval.

(a) *Initial screening.* HUD shall perform an initial screening to determine that all documentation required as part of the proposal under § 941.606 has been submitted. HUD will advise the