#### **RESOLUTION # 19-12**

# RESOLUTION AMENDING AND APPROVING, A SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT TO THE AGENCY PLAN FOR SUBMISSION TO HUD

### THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of the Gloucester County is desirous of meeting all United States Department of Housing and Urban Development requirements, particularly as defined in the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 mandates that Housing Authorities develop an Agency Plan to be implemented after review and comment by residents, the County government, certain law enforcement agencies and the public; and

WHEREAS, a significant amendment to the Annual and/or Five Year Agency Plan has been developed by the Housing Authority of Gloucester County concerning the conversion of public housing units located at Carino Park Apartments and Deptford Park Apartments to Project Based Voucher assisted units under the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program (RAD); and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on February 27, 2019; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Gloucester County that the significant amendment to the Annual and /or Five Year Agency Plan, attached hereto and made a part hereof, be and hereby is approved; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director is hereby directed to submit a copy of the amendment to the Plan to the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development as required for their review and approval.

ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Housing Authority of Gloucester County, held on the 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY

BY:

WILLIAM W BAIN, JR CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY GOBER, SECRETARY

Dated: FEBRUARY 27, 2019

## SIGNIFICANT AMENDMENT: RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT BASED VOUCHER CONVERSION

The Housing Authority of Gloucester County's (HAGC) Board of Commissioners approved HAGC's application to HUD to convert its public housing located at Deptford Park Apartments (Deptford Park) and Carino Park Apartments (Carino) under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program to Project-Based Vouchers (PBV) on *08/22/2018*. HAGC is amending its Public Housing Authority (PHA) Annual and 5-Year Plan because HAGC's application to convert the public housing units at Carino and Deptford Park was approved on December 11, 2018 and HAGC has accepted the Commitment to Enter into Housing Assistance Payments Contact on January 3, 2019. As such, HAGC will be converting its Public Housing to Project Based Vouchers under the guidelines of HUD's Regulations and applicable Notice including PIH 2012-32, Rev-3, and any subsequent notices.

RAD was designed by HUD to assist in addressing the capital needs of public housing by providing HAGC with access to private sources of capital to repair and preserve its affordable housing assets. Please be aware that upon conversion, the Authority's Capital Fund Budget will be reduced by the pro rata share of Public Housing Developments converted as part of the Demonstration, and that HAGC may also borrow funds to address their capital needs.

This proposed amendment provides additional information as required by HUD concerning HAGC's RAD portfolio conversion plans as it applies to Carino and Deptford Park. It is HAGC's intention to incorporate this proposed amendment in its entirety into to the next annual plan. Further, HAGC notes that the intention to convert under RAD to PBV was discussed at the 2018 Resident Advisory Board meetings and contained within the resulting annual plan submission.

A description of the units to be converted as described above include:

#### **Carino Park Apartments**

100 Chestnut Avenue

Williamstown, New Jersey

100, 1-bedroom units for Elderly and Disabled, (no change in unit type or number of units post-RAD conversion)

PIC Development ID: NJ204000003

Conversion Type: PBV

#### **Deptford Park Apartments**

120 Pop Moylan Blvd

Deptford, New Jersey

100, 1-bedroom units for Elderly and Disabled, (no change in unit type or number of units post-RAD conversion)

PIC Development ID: NJ204000004

Conversion Type: PBV

There will be no change in the number of units as part of the conversion. There is no proposed changes in the bedroom distribution of the units as part of the conversion.

HAGC will be converting the above described Public Housing to Project Based Vouchers. HAGC will continue to use the waiting list preferences as adopted in its Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy and intends to adopt a preference for residents displaced by government action.

Resident Rights and Participation, Tenant Protections for residents stated in Section 1.6, Attachment 1D of RAD Notice 2012-32, Revision 3 and the Joint Housing/PIH Notice H-2014-09/PIH2014-17 will all be adhered to. See attached Joint Housing/PIH Notice H-2014-09/PIH-2014-17 as a whole which contains Relocation Requirements under the RAD Program. HAGC shall comply with all requirements stated in this notice.

Specifically, in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.6. C and D, of RAD Notice 2012-32, Revision 3, the following special provisions affective conversion to PBV apply:

1. No Rescreening of Tenants upon Conversion. Pursuant to the RAD Statute, at conversion, current households cannot be excluded from occupancy at the Covered Project based on any rescreening, income eligibility, or income targeting. With respect to occupancy in the Covered Project, current households in the Converting Project will be grandfathered for application of any eligibility criteria to conditions that occurred prior to conversion but will be subject to any ongoing eligibility requirements for actions that occur after conversion. Post-conversion, the tenure of all residents of the Covered Project is protected pursuant to PBV requirements regarding continued occupancy unless explicitly modified in this Notice (e.g., rent phase-in provisions). For example, a unit with a household that was over-income at time of conversion would continue to be treated as an assisted unit. Thus, 24 CFR § 982.201, concerning eligibility and targeting of tenants for initial occupancy, will not apply for current households. Once the grandfathered household moves out, the unit must be leased to an eligible family. MTW agencies may not alter this requirement. Further, so as to facilitate the right to return to the assisted property, this provision shall apply to current public housing residents of the Converting Project that will reside in non-RAD PBV units or non-RAD PBRA units placed in a project that contain RAD PBV units or RAD PBRA units. Such families and such contract units will otherwise be subject to all requirements of the applicable program, specifically

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These protections (as well as all protections in this Notice for current households) also apply when a household is relocated to facilitate new construction or repairs following conversion and subsequently returns to the Covered Project.

24 CFR § 983 for non-RAD PBV units and the PBRA requirements governing the applicable contract for non-RAD PBRA units.<sup>2</sup>

- **2. Right to Return.** See section 1.4.A.5(ii) and the RAD Fair Housing, Civil Rights, and Relocation Notice regarding a resident's right to return.
- **3. Renewal of Lease.** Since publication of the PIH Notice 2012-32 Rev 1, the regulations under 24 CFR part 983 have been amended requiring Project Owners to renew all leases upon lease expiration, unless cause exists. MTW agencies may not alter this requirement.
- 4. Phase-in of Tenant Rent Increases. If a tenant's monthly rent increases by more than the greater of 10 percent or \$25 purely as a result of conversion, the rent increase will be phased in over 3 or 5 years. To implement this provision, HUD is specifying alternative requirements for section 3(a)(1) of the Act, as well as 24 CFR § 983.3 (definition of "total tenant payment" (TTP)) to the extent necessary to allow for the phase-in of tenant rent increases. A PHA must create a policy setting the length of the phase-in period at three years, five years or a combination depending on circumstances. For example, a PHA may create a policy that uses a three year phase-in for smaller increases in rent and a five year phase-in for larger increases in rent. This policy must be in place at conversion and may not be modified after conversion.

The method described below explains the set percentage-based phase-in a Project Owner must follow according to the phase-in period established. For purposes of this section "Calculated PBV TTP" refers to the TTP calculated in accordance with regulations at 24 CFR §5.628 and the "most recently paid TTP" refers to the TTP recorded on line 9j of the family's most recent HUD Form 50058. If a family in a project converting from Public Housing to PBV was paying a flat rent immediately prior to conversion, the PHA should use the flat rent amount to calculate the phase-in amount for Year 1, as illustrated below.

#### Three Year Phase-in:

• Year 1: Any recertification (interim or annual) performed prior to the second annual recertification after conversion – 33% of difference between most recently paid TTP or flat rent and the Calculated PBV TTP

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For non-RAD PBV households, applicable program requirements includes the requirement that any admission to the project must be initially eligible for a HAP payment at admission to the program, which means their TTP may not exceed the gross rent for the unit at that time.

- Year 2: Year 2 Annual Recertification (AR) and any Interim Recertification (IR) prior to Year 3 AR – 50% of difference between most recently paid TTP and the Calculated PBV TTP
- Year 3: Year 3 AR and all subsequent recertifications Full Calculated PBV TTP<sup>3</sup>

#### Five Year Phase in:

- Year 1: Any recertification (interim or annual) performed prior to the second annual recertification after conversion 20% of difference between most recently paid TTP or flat rent and the Calculated PBV TTP
- Year 2: Year 2 AR and any IR prior to Year 3 AR 25% of difference between most recently paid TTP and the Calculated PBV TTP
- Year 3: Year 3 AR and any IR prior to Year 4 AR − 33% of difference between most recently paid TTP and the Calculated PBV TTP
- Year 4: Year 4 AR and any IR prior to Year 5 AR 50% of difference between most recently paid TTP and the Calculated PBV TTP
- Year 5 AR and all subsequent recertifications Full Calculated PBV TTP

*Please Note*: In either the three year phase-in or the five-year phase-in, once the Calculated PBV TTP is equal to or less than the previous TTP, the phase-in ends and tenants will pay full TTP from that point forward.

5. Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) and Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency Service Coordinator (ROSS-SC) programs. Public Housing residents that are currently FSS participants will continue to be eligible for FSS once their housing is converted under RAD. The PHA may continue to use any FSS funds already awarded to serve those FSS participants who live in units converted by RAD. At the completion of the FSS grant, PHAs should follow the normal closeout procedures outlined in the grant agreement. If the PHA continues to run an FSS program that serves PH and/or HCV participants, the PHA will continue to be eligible (subject to NOFA requirements) to apply for FSS funding and may use that funding to serve PH, HCV and/or PBRA participants in its FSS program. Due to the program merger between PH FSS and HCV FSS that took place pursuant to the FY14 Appropriations Act (and was continued in the subsequent Appropriation Acts), no special provisions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For example, where a resident's most recently paid TTP is \$100, but the Calculated PBV TTP is \$200 and remains \$200 for the period of the resident's occupancy, (i.e. no changes in income) the resident would continue to pay the same rent and utilities for which it was responsible prior to conversion. At the first recertification following conversion, the resident's contribution would increase by 33% of \$100 to \$133. At the second AR, the resident's contribution would increase by 50% of the \$66 differential to the standard TPP, increasing to \$166. At the third AR, the resident's contribution would increase to \$200 and the resident would continue to pay the Calculated PBV TTP for the duration of their tenancy.

are required to continue serving FSS participants that live in public housing units converting to PBV under RAD.

However, PHAs should note that there are certain FSS requirements (e.g., escrow calculation and escrow forfeitures) that apply differently depending on whether the FSS participant is a participant under the HCV program or a public housing resident, and PHAs must follow such requirements accordingly. All PHAs will be required to administer the FSS program in accordance with FSS regulations at 24 CFR part 984, the participants' contracts of participation, and the alternative requirements established in the "Waivers and Alternative Requirements for the FSS Program" Federal Register notice, published on December 29, 2014, at 79 FR 78100.4 Further upon conversion to PBV, already escrowed funds for FSS participants shall be transferred into the HCV escrow account and be considered TBRA funds, thus reverting to the HAP account if forfeited by the FSS participant.

For information on FSS PIC reporting requirements for RAD conversions, see Notice PIH 2016-08 at <a href="http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=pih2016-08.pdf">http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=pih2016-08.pdf</a>.

Current ROSS-SC grantees will be able to finish out their current ROSS-SC grants once their housing is converted under RAD. However, once the property is converted, it will no longer be eligible to be counted towards the unit count for future ROSS-SC grants, nor will its residents be eligible to be served by future ROSS-SC grants, which, by statute, can only serve public housing residents. At the completion of the ROSS-SC grant, PHAs should follow the normal closeout procedures outlined in the grant agreement. Please note that ROSS-SC grantees may be a non-profit or local Resident Association and this consequence of a RAD conversion may impact those entities.

**6. Resident Participation and Funding.** In accordance with Attachment 1B, residents of Covered Projects with assistance converted to PBV will have the right to establish and operate a resident organization for the purpose of addressing issues related to their living environment and be eligible for resident participation funding.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The funding streams for the PH FSS Program and the HCV FSS Program were first merged pursuant to the FY 2014 appropriations act. As a result, PHAs can serve both PH residents and HCV participants, including PBV participants, with FSS funding awarded under the FY 2014 FSS Notice of Funding Availability (FSS NOFA) and any other NOFA under which the combination of funds remains in the applicable appropriations act. For PHAs that had managed both programs separately and now have a merged program, a conversion to PBV should not impact their FSS participants.

- **7. Resident Procedural Rights.** The following items must be incorporated into both the Section 8 Administrative Plan and the Project Owner's lease, which includes the required tenancy addendum, as appropriate. Evidence of such incorporation may be requested by HUD for purposes of monitoring the program.
  - i. Termination Notification. HUD is incorporating additional termination notification requirements to comply with section 6 of the Act for public housing projects that convert assistance under RAD. In addition to the regulations at 24 CFR § 983.257 related to Project Owner termination of tenancy and eviction (which MTW agencies may not alter) the termination procedure for RAD conversions to PBV will require that PHAs provide adequate written notice of termination of the lease which shall be:
    - a. A reasonable period of time, but not to exceed 30 days:
      - i. If the health or safety of other tenants, Project Owner employees, or persons residing in the immediate vicinity of the premises is threatened; or
      - ii. In the event of any drug-related or violent criminal activity or any felony conviction;
    - b. Not less than 14 days in the case of nonpayment of rent; and
    - c. Not less than 30 days in any other case, except that if a State or local law provides for a shorter period of time, such shorter period shall apply.
  - ii. **Grievance Process.** Pursuant to requirements in the RAD Statute, HUD is establishing additional resident procedural rights to comply with section 6 of the Act.

For issues related to tenancy and termination of assistance, PBV program rules require the Project Owner to provide an opportunity for an informal hearing, as outlined in 24 CFR § 982.555. RAD will specify alternative requirements for 24 CFR § 982.555(b) in part, which outlines when informal hearings are not required, to require that:

- a. In addition to reasons that require an opportunity for an informal hearing given in 24 CFR § 982.555(a)(1)(i)-(vi),<sup>5</sup> an opportunity for an informal hearing must be given to residents for any dispute that a resident may have with respect to a Project Owner action in accordance with the individual's lease or the contract administrator in accordance with RAD PBV requirements that adversely affect the resident's rights, obligations, welfare, or status.
  - i. For any hearing required under 24 CFR § 982.555(a)(1)(i)-(vi), the contract administrator will perform the hearing, as is the current

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> § 982.555(a)(1)(iv) is not relevant to RAD as the tenant-based certificate program has been repealed.

- standard in the program. The hearing officer must be selected in accordance with 24 CFR § 982.555(e)(4)(i).
- **ii.** For any additional hearings required under RAD, the Project Owner will perform the hearing.
- b. There is no right to an informal hearing for class grievances or to disputes between residents not involving the Project Owner or contract administrator.
- c. The Project Owner gives residents notice of their ability to request an informal hearing as outlined in 24 CFR § 982.555(c)(1) for informal hearings that will address circumstances that fall outside of the scope of 24 CFR § 982.555(a)(1)(i)-(vi).
- d. The Project Owner provides opportunity for an informal hearing before an eviction.

Current PBV program rules require that hearing procedures must be outlined in the PHA's Section 8 Administrative Plan.

1. Earned Income Disregard (EID). Tenants who are employed and are currently receiving the EID exclusion at the time of conversion will continue to receive the EID after conversion, in accordance with regulations at 24 CFR § 5.617. Upon the expiration of the EID for such families, the rent adjustment shall not be subject to rent phase-in, as described in Section 1.6.C.4; instead, the rent will automatically rise to the appropriate rent level based upon tenant income at that time.

Under the Housing Choice Voucher program, the EID exclusion is limited only to persons with disabilities (24 CFR § 5.617(b)). In order to allow all tenants (including non-disabled persons) who are employed and currently receiving the EID at the time of conversion to continue to benefit from this exclusion in the PBV project, the provision in 24 CFR § 5.617(b) limiting EID to disabled persons is waived. The waiver, and resulting alternative requirement, apply only to tenants receiving the EID at the time of conversion. No other tenant (e.g., tenants that move into the property following conversion or tenants who at one time received the EID but are not receiving the EID exclusion at the time of conversion due to loss of employment) is covered by this waiver.

2. Jobs Plus. Jobs Plus grantees awarded FY14 and future funds that convert the Jobs Plus target projects(s) under RAD will be able to finish out their Jobs Plus period of performance at that site unless significant relocation and/or change in building occupancy is planned. If either is planned at the Jobs Plus target project(s), HUD may allow for a modification of the Jobs Plus work plan or may, at the Secretary's discretion, choose to end the Jobs Plus program at that project. Job Plus is not applicable to HAGC.

3. When Total Tenant Payment Exceeds Gross Rent. Under normal PBV rules, the PHA may select an occupied unit to be included under the PBV HAP Contract only if the unit's occupants are eligible for housing assistance payments (24 CFR § 983.53(c)). Also, a PHA must remove a unit from the contract when no assistance has been paid for 180 days because the family's TTP has risen to a level that is equal to or greater than the contract rent, plus any utility allowance, for the unit (i.e., the Gross Rent)) (24 CFR § 983.258). Since the rent limitation under this Section of the Notice may result in a family's TTP equaling or exceeding the gross rent for the unit, for residents living in the Converting Project prior to conversion and who will return to the Covered Project after conversion, HUD is waiving both of these provisions and requiring that the unit for such families be placed on and/or remain under the HAP Contract when TTP equals or exceeds the Gross Rent. Further, HUD is establishing the alternative requirement that until such time that the family's TTP falls below the gross rent, the rent to the owner for the unit will equal the lesser of (a) the family's TTP, less the Utility Allowance, or (b) any applicable maximum rent under LIHTC regulations. When the family's TTP falls below the gross rent, normal PBV rules shall apply. As necessary to implement this alternative provision, HUD is waiving the provisions of Section 8(o)(13)(H) of the Act and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR § 983.301 as modified by Section 1.6.B.5 of this Notice. In such cases, the resident is considered a participant under the program and all of the family obligations and protections under RAD and PBV apply to the resident. Likewise, all requirements with respect to the unit, such as compliance with the HQS requirements, apply as long as the unit is under HAP Contract. The PHA is required to process these individuals through the Form 50058 submodule in PIC.

Following conversion, 24 CFR § 983.53(d) applies, and any new families referred to the RAD PBV project must be initially eligible for a HAP payment at admission to the program, which means their TTP may not exceed the gross rent for the unit at that time. Further, a PHA must remove a unit from the contract when no assistance has been paid for 180 days. If units are removed from the HAP contract because a new admission's TTP comes to equal or exceed the gross rent for the unit and if the project is fully assisted, HUD is imposing an alternative requirement that the PHA must reinstate the unit after the family has vacated the property. If the project is partially assisted, the PHA may substitute a different unit for the unit on the HAP contract in accordance with 24 CFR §983.207 or, where "floating" units have been permitted, Section 1.6.B.10 of this Notice.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> For example, a public housing family residing in a property converting under RAD has a TTP of \$600. The property has an initial Contract Rent of \$500, with a \$50 Utility Allowance. Following conversion, the residents is still responsible for paying \$600 in tenant rent and utilities.

**4. Under-Occupied Unit.** If a family is in an under-occupied unit under 24 CFR § 983.260 at the time of conversion, the family may remain in this unit until an appropriate-sized unit becomes available in the Covered Project. When an appropriate sized unit becomes available in the Covered Project, the family living in the under-occupied unit must move to the appropriate-sized unit within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the administering Voucher Agency. In order to allow the family to remain in the under-occupied unit until an appropriate-sized unit becomes available in the Covered Project, 24 CFR § 983.260 is waived. There will be no change in the unit size or distribution as a result of the conversion to PBV.

#### A. PBV: Other Miscellaneous Provisions

- Access to Records, Including Requests for Information Related to Evaluation of Demonstration. PHAs and the Project Owner must cooperate with any reasonable HUD request for data to support program evaluation, including but not limited to project financial statements, operating data, Choice-Mobility utilization, and rehabilitation work. Please see Appendix IV for reporting units in Form HUD-50058.
- **2. Additional Monitoring Requirement.** The Owner must submit to the administering PHA and the PHA's Board must approve the operating budget for the Covered Project annually in accordance with HUD requirements.<sup>7</sup>
- 3. Davis-Bacon Act and Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (Section 3). This section has been moved to 1.4.A.13 and 1.4.A.14.
- **4. Establishment of Waiting List.** 24 CFR § 983.251 sets out PBV program requirements related to establishing and maintaining a voucher-wide, PBV program-wide, or site-based waiting list from which residents for the Covered Project will be admitted. These provisions will apply unless the project is covered by a remedial order or agreement that specifies the type of waiting list and other waiting list policies. The PHA shall consider the best means to transition applicants from the current public housing waiting list, including:
  - i. Transferring an existing site-based waiting list to a new site-based waiting list.
  - **ii.** Transferring an existing site-based waiting list to a PBV program-wide or HCV program-wide waiting list.

<sup>7</sup> For PBV conversions that are not FHA-insured, a future HUD notice will describe project financial data that may be required to be submitted by a PBV owner for purposes of monitoring and evaluation, given that PBV projects do not submit annual financial statements to HUD/REAC.

- **iii.** Transferring an existing community-wide public housing waiting list to a PBV program-wide or HCV program-wide waiting list, an option particularly relevant for PHAs converting their entire portfolio under RAD.
- **iv.** Informing applicants on a community-wide public housing waiting list how to transfer their application to one or more newly created site-based waiting lists.

For any applicants on the public housing waiting list that are likely to be ineligible for admission to a Covered Project converting to PBV because the household's TTP is likely to exceed the RAD gross rent, the PHA shall consider transferring such household, consistent with program requirements for administration of waiting lists, to the PHA's remaining public housing waiting list(s) or to another voucher waiting list, in addition to transferring such household to the waiting list for the Covered Project.

To the extent any wait list relies on the date and time of application, the applicants shall have priority on the wait list(s) to which their application was transferred in accordance with the date and time of their application to the original waiting list.

If the PHA is transferring assistance to another neighborhood and, as a result of the transfer of the waiting list, the applicant would only be eligible for a unit in a location which is materially different from the location to which the applicant applied, the PHA must notify applicants on the wait-list of the transfer of assistance, and on how they can apply for residency at other sites.

If using a site-based waiting list, PHAs shall establish a waiting list in accordance with 24 CFR § 903.7(b)(2)(ii)-(iv) to ensure that applicants on the PHA's public housing community-wide waiting list have been offered placement on the Covered Project's initial waiting list. In all cases, PHAs have the discretion to determine the most appropriate means of informing applicants on the public housing community-wide waiting list given the number of applicants, PHA resources, and admissions requirements of the projects being converted under RAD. A PHA may consider contacting every applicant on the public housing waiting list via direct mailing; advertising the availability of housing to the population that is less likely to apply, both minority and non-minority groups, through various forms of media (e.g., radio stations, posters, newspapers) within the marketing area; informing local non-profit entities and advocacy groups (e.g., disability rights groups); and conducting other outreach as appropriate. Any activities to contact applicants on the public housing waiting list must be conducted in accordance with the requirements for effective

communication with persons with disabilities at 24 CFR § 8.6 and with the obligation to provide meaningful access for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP).<sup>8</sup>

A PHA must maintain any site-based waiting list in accordance with all applicable civil rights and fair housing laws and regulations.

To implement this provision, HUD is specifying alternative requirements for 24 CFR § 983.251(c)(2). However, after the initial waiting list has been established, the PHA shall administer its waiting list for the Covered Project in accordance with 24 CFR § 983.251(c).

- **5. Mandatory Insurance Coverage.** The Covered Project shall maintain at all times commercially available property and liability insurance to protect the project from financial loss and, to the extent insurance proceeds permit, promptly restore, reconstruct, and/or repair any damaged or destroyed project property.
- **6. Agreement Waiver.** This section has been moved to 1.6.B.8.
- **7. Future Refinancing.** Project Owners must receive HUD approval for any refinancing or restructuring of secured debt during the HAP Contract term to ensure the financing is consistent with long-term preservation of the Covered Project. With respect to any financing contemplated at the time of conversion (including any permanent financing which is a conversion or take-out of construction financing), such consent may be evidenced through the RCC.
- 8. Administrative Fees for Public Housing Conversions During the Year of Conversion. For the remainder of the Calendar Year in which the HAP Contract becomes effective (i.e., the "year of conversion"), RAD PBV projects will be funded with public housing funds. For example, if the project's assistance converts effective July 1, 2015, the public housing ACC between the PHA and HUD will be amended to reflect the number of units under HAP Contract, but will be for zero dollars, and the RAD PBV HAP Contract will be funded with public housing money for July through December 2015. Since TBRA is not the source of funds, PHAs should not report leasing and expenses into VMS during this period, and PHAs will not receive section 8 administrative fee funding for converted units during this time.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> For more information on serving persons with LEP, please see HUD's Final guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons (72 FR 2732), published on January 22, 2007.

PHAs operating HCV program typically receive administrative fees for units under a HAP Contract, consistent with recent appropriation act references to "section 8(q) of the [United States Housing Act of 1937] and related appropriations act provisions in effect immediately before the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998" and 24 CFR § 982.152(b). During the year of conversion mentioned in the preceding paragraph, these provisions are waived. PHAs will not receive Section 8 administrative fees for PBV RAD units during the year of conversion.

After the year of conversion, the Section 8 ACC will be amended to include Section 8 funding that corresponds to the units covered by the Section 8 ACC. At that time, the regular Section 8 administrative fee funding provisions will apply.

**9.** Choice-Mobility. One of the key features of the PBV program is the mobility component, which provides that if the family has elected to terminate the assisted lease at any time after the first year of occupancy in accordance with program requirements, the PHA must offer the family the opportunity for continued tenant-based rental assistance, in the form of either assistance under the voucher program or other comparable tenant-based rental assistance.

If as a result of participation in RAD a significant percentage of the PHA's HCV program becomes PBV assistance, it is possible for most or all of a PHA's turnover vouchers to be used to assist those RAD PBV families who wish to exercise mobility. While HUD is committed to ensuring mobility remains a cornerstone of RAD policy, HUD recognizes that it remains important for the PHA to still be able to use tenant-based vouchers to address the specific housing needs and priorities of the community. Therefore, HUD is establishing an alternative requirement for PHAs where, as a result of RAD, the total number of PBV units (including RAD PBV units) under HAP Contract administered by the PHA exceeds 20 percent of the PHA's authorized units under its HCV ACC with HUD.

The alternative mobility policy provides that an eligible voucher agency would not be required to provide more than three-quarters of its turnover vouchers in any single year to the residents of Covered Projects. While a voucher agency is not required to establish a voucher inventory turnover cap, if such a cap is implemented, the voucher agency must create and maintain a waiting list in the order in which the requests from eligible households were received. In order to adopt this provision, this alternative mobility policy must be included in an eligible PHA's administrative plan.

To effectuate this provision, HUD is providing an alternative requirement to Section 8(o)(13)(E) of the Act and 24 CFR § 983.261(c). Please note that this alternative

requirement does not apply to PBVs entered into outside of the context of RAD. MTW agencies may not alter this requirement.

10. Reserve for Replacement. The Project Owner shall establish and maintain a replacement reserve in an interest-bearing account to aid in funding extraordinary maintenance and repair and replacement of capital items in accordance with applicable regulations. The reserve must be built up to and maintained at a level determined by HUD to be sufficient to meet projected requirements. For FHA transactions, Replacement Reserves shall be maintained in accordance with the FHA Regulatory Agreement. For all other transactions, Replacement Reserves shall be maintained in a bank account or similar instrument, as approved by HUD, where funds will be held by the Project Owner or mortgagee and may be drawn from the reserve account and used subject to HUD guidelines.

HAGC is not proposing any transfer of assistance at the time of conversion.

HAGC is not currently under a voluntary compliance agreement, consent order or consent decree or final judicial ruling or administrative ruling or decision and an assurance that compliance will not be negatively impacted by conversion activities.

HAGC certifies that the RAD conversion complies with all applicable site selection and neighborhood reviews standards and that all appropriate procedures have been followed.

All other required information and certifications necessary to submit a Significant Amendment to the PHA Plan, including Resident Advisory Board comments and responses, challenged elements, and all required certifications have been complied with.

In accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 903, HAGC provides the following notice:

Current and future Capital Fund Program Grants Budgets, will be reduced as a result of any projects converting to RAD. HAGC receives approximately \$498,635 annually from HUD from the Capital Funds Program. The Capital Funds Program Grant will no longer be available for the converted sites. HAGC will fund replacement reserve account of proceeds from contract rents. HAGC does not have any debt under an Energy Performance Contract (EPC) for either Carino Park Apartments of Deptford Park Apartments

HAGC shall not consider any of the following to be a Substantial Deviation from the PHA Plan: The decision to convert to either Project Based Rental Assistance or Project Based Voucher Assistance; Changes to the Capital Fund Budget produced as a result of each approved RAD Conversion, regardless of whether the proposed conversion will include use of additional Capital Funds; Changes to the construction and rehabilitation plan for each approved RAD conversion; and Changes to the financing structure for each approved RAD conversion

Attachment: Joint Housing/PIH Notice H-2014-09/PIH-2014-17

#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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REV 1

Subject: Relocation Requirements under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program, Public Housing in the First Component

#### 1. Purpose

This Notice provides public housing agencies (PHAs)<sup>1</sup> and their partners with information and resources on applicable program and relocation assistance requirements when planning for or implementing resident moves as a result of a **Rental Assistance Demonstration** (**RAD**) conversion<sup>2</sup> under the first component of the demonstration.<sup>3</sup> This Notice provides guidance on RAD relocation requirements and requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (URA), as they relate to the public housing conversion process under the first component.<sup>4</sup>

This Notice always uses the term "PHA" to refer to the owner of the project prior to and after the RAD conversion, even though, in some cases, the owner of the converted RAD project may be another public entity, a non-profit organization, or other owner (e.g., low-income housing tax credit owner). In addition, this Notice uses "PHA" to refer to the "displacing agency," a URA term that means the agency or person that carries out a program or project, which will cause a resident to become a displaced person. Projects vary and, for any specific task described in this Notice, may require substituting in a reference to a party that is more appropriate for a specific project.

The content of this Notice should not be relied upon in carrying out any other activities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The content of this Notice should not be relied upon in carrying out any other activities funded under any other HUD program, except where specifically directed by HUD.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The "first component" of RAD allows public housing and Moderate Rehabilitation properties to convert assistance; the "second component" refers to conversion of Rent Supplement, Rental Assistance Payment, and Moderate Rehabilitation properties upon contract expiration or termination.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Relocation concerns and URA requirements apply to both components of RAD. This notice provides guidance only as to the first component.

Relocation assistance provided pursuant to public housing and RAD requirements is broader than URA relocation assistance requirements. Not all specific situations requiring relocation under RAD may trigger URA assistance requirements. In addition, whereas all qualifying residents<sup>5</sup> of a converting public housing project are eligible for relocation assistance under RAD, some residents or household members may not meet the statutory and regulatory requirements for eligibility under URA. This Notice supersedes PIH Notice 2012-32 (HA), REV-1, with respect to relocation matters. This Notice also specifically addresses when relocation may begin (see Section 9 below). As necessary, the Department will issue additional guidance on relocation issues and requirements as they relate to RAD.

#### 2. Background

RAD allows public housing properties to convert assistance to long-term project-based Section 8 contracts. In many cases, a RAD project may require relocation of residents when properties undergo repairs, are demolished and rebuilt, or when the assistance is transferred to another site. PIH Notice 2012-32 REV-1 (see also FR Notice 5630-N-05, 78 FR 39759-39763 (July 2, 2013)) details RAD program requirements.

The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (URA) is a federal law that establishes minimum standards for federally-funded programs and projects that include the acquisition of real property (real estate) and/or displace persons from their homes, businesses, or farms as a result of acquisition, rehabilitation, or demolition of real property. The URA will apply to acquisitions of real property and relocation of persons from real property that occurs as a direct result of acquisition, rehabilitation, or demolition for a project that involves conversion of assistance to Project-Based Voucher (PBV) or Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) programs under RAD.

Additionally, all relocation conducted as part of a RAD conversion and all relocation assistance provided under URA must be consistent with applicable fair housing and civil rights laws, including, but not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Because each RAD proposal varies in its scope, this Notice may not address each PHA's specific circumstances. RAD PHAs and participants should carefully review the regulations, notices, and guidance material referenced in this Notice. Any questions related to the applicability of these requirements should be referred to the RAD Transaction Managers (TM) or may be emailed to <a href="mailto:rad@hud.gov">rad@hud.gov</a>.

#### 3. Applicable Legal Authorities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The term "resident" as used in this Notice refers to eligible resident families of public housing residing in a property applying for participation in RAD or a property that undergoes a conversion of assistance through RAD.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> HUD Handbook 1378 (Tenant Assistance, Relocation, and Real Property Acquisition), available at: <a href="http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\_offices/comm\_planning/library/relocation/policyandguidance/handbook1378">http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\_offices/comm\_planning/library/relocation/policyandguidance/handbook1378</a>.

- RAD: Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-55, approved November 18, 2011), with the implementing PIH Notice 2012-32, REV-1
- URA statute and implementing regulations: 49 CFR part 24
- FHEO: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Fair Housing Act
- Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, statute and implementing regulations (if CDBG and/or HOME funds are used): 24 CFR part 42, subpart C

#### 4. Relocation Planning

If there is a possibility that residents will be relocated as a result of acquisition, demolition, or rehabilitation for a project converting under RAD, PHAs must undertake a planning process in conformance with URA in order to minimize the adverse impact of relocation (49 CFR 24.205(a)).

While a written Relocation Plan is not a requirement under RAD or URA, the Department strongly encourages PHAs to prepare a written Relocation Plan, both to establish their relocation process and to communicate this process consistently and effectively to all relevant stakeholders. Appendix 1 contains recommended elements of a Relocation Plan.

The following presents a general sequencing of relocation planning activities within the RAD milestones:

Stage	Activities
Prior to submission of RAD application	<ul> <li>Determine potential need for relocation</li> <li>Meet with residents to discuss plans, communicate right to return, and solicit feedback</li> <li>Provide General Information Notice (GIN) to residents</li> <li>Survey residents to prepare Relocation Plan and relocation process cost estimate</li> </ul>
After receipt of the     Commitment to Enter     into a HAP Contract     (CHAP) Award	<ul> <li>Prepare Significant Amendment to PHA Plan</li> <li>Assess and refine need for relocation</li> <li>Develop a Relocation Plan (See Appendix 1 for recommended content)</li> <li>Identify relocation housing options</li> </ul>
3. Preparing Financing Plan (due to RAD Transaction Manager no later than 180 days following	<ul> <li>Budget for relocation expenses</li> <li>Submit FHEO Accessibility &amp; Relocation checklist (PHAs may submit Relocation Plan along with checklist)</li> </ul>

Stage	Activities
CHAP award)	
4. Receipt of RAD Conversion Commitment (RCC)	<ul> <li>The date of issuance of the HUD RCC marks the date of "Initiation of Negotiations" (ION), as defined in the URA (49 CFR 24.2(a)(15))</li> <li>Provide residents with appropriate notice informing them if they will be relocated and any associated relocation assistance</li> <li>Meet with residents to describe approved conversion plans and discuss required relocation</li> </ul>
5. Closing/RAD conversion	<ul> <li>Generally, resident relocation should not begin until after the date of closing/conversion of assistance under RAD</li> <li>PHAs must adhere to notification requirements (described in Paragraph 8 of this Notice): generally, a minimum of 30 days for residents to be temporarily relocated for up to a year, and 90 days for permanent relocation</li> <li>PHAs seeking to move residents prior to closing must receive prior approval from HUD as described in Paragraph 9 of this Notice</li> </ul>

#### 5. Resident Right to Return

RAD program rules prohibit the permanent involuntary relocation of residents as a result of conversion. Residents that are temporarily relocated retain the right to return to the project once it has been completed and is in decent, safe, and sanitary conditions. The period during which residents may need to be temporarily relocated is determined by the period of rehabilitation or construction, which will be specific to each project.

If proposed plans for a project would preclude a resident from returning to the RAD project, the resident must be given an opportunity to comment and/or object to such plans. If the resident objects to such plans, the PHA must alter the project plans to accommodate the resident in the converted project. If a resident agrees to such plans, the PHA must secure informed, written consent from the resident to receive permanent relocation assistance and payments consistent with URA and acknowledge that acceptance of such assistance terminates the resident's right to return to the project. In obtaining this consent, PHAs must inform residents of their right to return, potential relocation, and temporary and permanent housing options at least 30 days before residents must make a decision. The PHA cannot employ any tactics to pressure residents into

<sup>7</sup> Where the transfer of assistance to a new site is approved, residents of the converting project will have the right to reside in an assisted unit at the new site once rehabilitation or new construction is complete.

relinquishing their right to return or accepting permanent relocation assistance and payments.<sup>8</sup> A PHA may not terminate a resident's lease if it fails to obtain this consent.

PHAs must keep documentation of such information provided to residents and such consent by residents. While HUD does not require PHAs to submit documentation of obtaining this consent, PHAs and participants must properly brief residents on their housing and relocation options and must keep auditable written records of such consultation and decisions. HUD may request this documentation during a review of the FHEO Relocation and Accessibility Checklist or if relocation concerns arise.

Examples of project plans that may preclude a resident from returning to the converted RAD project include, but are not limited to:

- Changes in bedroom distribution (i.e. when larger units will be replaced with smaller units such that current residents would become under-housed or when smaller units will be replaced with larger units such that current residents would become over-housed);
- Where a PHA is reducing the number of assisted units at a property by a de minimis amount<sup>9</sup>, but those units are occupied by assisted residents; or
- The reconfiguration of efficiency apartments, or the repurposing of dwelling units in order to facilitate social service delivery.

In all scenarios where residents voluntarily accept permanent relocation to accommodate project plans, these residents are eligible for permanent relocation assistance and payments under URA. If a resident accepts permanent relocation assistance, the resident surrenders his or her right to return to the completed project.

#### **6. Relocation Assistance**

Under RAD, relocation assistance may vary depending on the length of time relocation is required. <sup>10</sup>

- a. In instances when the PHA anticipates that a resident will be relocated for more than a year, the PHA must offer the resident the choice of:
  - Permanent relocation assistance and payments at URA levels; or
  - Temporary relocation assistance, including temporary housing, while the resident retains his or her right to return and reimbursement for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses associated with the temporary relocation.

<sup>8</sup> Persons with disabilities returning to the RAD project may not be turned away or placed on a waiting list due to a lack of accessible units. Their accessibility needs must be accommodated. 9 A reduction in total number of assisted units at RAD project of 5% or less. (Section 1.5.B of PIH 2012-32 REV-1)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Some residents may not qualify for relocation assistance under URA. A nonexclusive listing of persons who do not qualify as displaced persons under URA is at 49 CFR 24.2(a)(9)(ii). See also, Paragraph 1-4(J) of HUD Handbook 1378.

The PHA must give the resident no less than 30 days to decide between permanent and temporary relocation assistance. If the resident elects to permanently relocate with assistance at URA levels, the PHA must inform the resident that his or her acceptance of permanent relocation assistance terminates the resident's right to return to the completed RAD project.

- b. In instances when a resident elects temporary relocation assistance and reoccupies a unit in the completed project within one year, the resident need not be offered permanent relocation assistance pursuant to URA.
  - Great care must be exercised to ensure that residents are treated fairly and equitably. If a resident is required to relocate temporarily in connection with the project, his or her temporarily occupied housing must be decent, safe, and sanitary and the resident must be reimbursed for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the temporary relocation. These expenses include, but are not limited to, moving expenses and increased housing costs during the temporary relocation.
- c. In the event that a resident elects to receive temporary relocation assistance and the temporary relocation exceeds one year, the resident becomes eligible for all permanent relocation assistance and payments under URA. (This assistance would be in addition to any assistance the person has already received for temporary relocation, and may not be reduced by the amount of any temporary relocation assistance.) In such event, the PHA shall give the resident the opportunity to choose to remain temporarily relocated for an agreed-to period (based on new information about when they can return to the completed RAD unit), or choose to permanently relocate with URA assistance.

PHAs may not propose or request that a displaced person waive rights or entitlements to relocation assistance under the URA. If the resident elects to permanently relocate with URA assistance, the PHA must inform the person that the person's acceptance of URA relocation assistance to permanently relocate will terminate the person's right to return to the completed RAD project. Conversely, unless and until the resident elects to be permanently relocated, the resident may remain temporarily relocated with a right to return to the completed project.

#### 7. <u>Initiation of Negotiations (ION) Date</u>

Eligibility for URA relocation assistance is generally effective on the date of initiation of negotiations (ION) (49 CFR 24.2(a)(15)). For RAD projects, the ION date is the date of the issuance of the RAD Conversion Commitment (RCC).

#### **8.** Resident Notification

When a project converting under RAD will include relocation of residents, notice must be provided to those resident households. For each notice listed below, one notice shall be given to each resident household. The purpose of these notifications is to ensure that residents are

informed of their potential rights and the relocation assistance available to them. During initial meetings with residents about RAD and in subsequent communications with residents related to relocation, the PHA should inform residents that if they choose to move after receiving a written GIN, but prior to receiving a RAD Notice of Relocation, they may jeopardize their eligibility for relocation assistance. However, PHAs should note that a resident move undertaken as a direct result of the project may still require relocation assistance and the resident may be eligible to receive permanent relocation assistance under the URA even though the PHA has not yet issued notices.

a. General Information Notice (49 CFR 24.203(a) & Handbook 1378, Paragraph 2-3(B))

As soon as feasible in the planning process, the PHA must provide each resident with a written GIN (see sample in Appendix 2) to provide a general description of the project, the activities planned, and the relocation assistance that may become available. URA regulations state that the GIN should be provided *as soon as feasible*. Under RAD, PHAs must provide GINs during the initial RAD resident meetings, before submitting a RAD application. GINs must do at least the following:

- Inform the resident that he or she may be displaced for the project and generally describe the relocation payment(s) for which the resident may be eligible, the basic conditions of eligibility, and the procedures for obtaining the payment(s);
- Inform the resident that he or she will be given reasonable relocation advisory services, including referrals to replacement properties, help in filing payment claims, and other necessary assistance to help the resident successfully relocate;
- Inform the resident that, if he or she qualifies for relocation assistance as a displaced person under the URA, he or she will not be required to move without at least 90 days advance written notice, and inform any person to be displaced from a dwelling that he or she cannot be required to move permanently unless at least one comparable replacement dwelling has been made available;
- Inform the resident that any person who is an alien not lawfully present in the
  United States is ineligible for relocation advisory services and relocation payments,
  unless such ineligibility would result in exceptional and extremely unusual hardship
  to a qualifying spouse, parent, or child (see 49 CFR 24.208(h) for additional
  information); and
- Describe the resident's right to appeal the PHA's determination as to a person's eligibility for URA assistance.

#### b. RAD Notice of Relocation

If a resident will be relocated to facilitate the RAD conversion, the PHA shall provide notice of such relocation (RAD Notice of Relocation). The PHA shall issue this notice upon the PHA's receipt of the RCC from HUD, which is the ION date.

If residents will not be relocated, notice of relocation is not required, but the PHA should

notify them that they are not being relocated. 11

The RAD Notice of Relocation must conform to the following requirements:

- The notice must state the anticipated duration of the resident's relocation.
- PHAs must provide this notice a minimum of 30 days prior to relocation to residents who will be temporarily relocated. Longer notice may be appropriate for persons who will be relocated for an extended period of time (over 6 months), or if necessary due to personal needs or circumstances.
- Residents whose temporary relocation is anticipated to exceed one year must be informed that they will have no less than 30 days to elect temporary or permanent relocation as described in Section 6 of this Notice. When timing is critical for project completion, the 30-day decision period can run concurrently with the 30-day notice period for temporary relocation and with the 90-day period for permanent relocation if the PHA makes available comparable replacement dwellings consistent with 24.204(a).
- Residents who will be permanently relocated must receive written notice a minimum of 90 days prior to relocation. This 90-day time period may only begin once the PHA has made available at least one comparable replacement dwelling consistent with 49 CFR 24.204(a). 13
- The notice must describe the available relocation assistance, the estimated amount
  of assistance based on the individual circumstances and needs, and the procedures
  for obtaining the assistance. The notice must be specific to the resident and his or
  her situation so that the resident will have a clear understanding of the type and
  amount of payments and/or other assistance the resident household may be
  entitled to claim.
- The notice must explain the reasonable terms and conditions under which the resident may continue to lease and occupy a unit in the completed project.
- The notice must state that the PHA will reimburse the resident for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with any temporary move. These expenses include, but are not limited to, moving expenses and increased housing costs (rent, utilities, etc.).

#### c. Notice of Intent to Acquire (49 CFR 24.203(d))

HUD policy generally requires a "notice of non-displacement" in certain instances; the RAD program does not require this notice. Although the scope of this notice is limited to guidance for projects requiring relocation, PHAs should note, however, that there may be notification requirements for projects that do not involve relocation. The RAD conversion will terminate the resident's public housing lease and commence a PBV or PBRA lease, even when there is no relocation required. In such instances, state law may impose certain notification requirements. In addition, public housing regulations generally require 30 days' notice prior to lease termination. PHAs are encouraged to review public housing requirements set forth in 24 CFR parts 5 and 966.

12 HUD may approve shorter notice periods based on an urgent need due to danger, health, or safety issues or if the person will be temporarily relocated for only a short period.

13 PHAs should note that URA regulations also require, where possible, that three or more comparable replacement dwellings be made available before a resident is required to move from his or her unit.

For RAD projects involving acquisition, residents may be provided with a notice of intent to acquire ("Notice of Intent to Acquire") prior to the ION date with HUD's prior approval. Once the Notice of Intent to Acquire is provided, a resident's eligibility for relocation assistance and payments is established. Therefore, the RAD Notice of Relocation must be provided in conjunction with or after the Notice of Intent to Acquire. A RAD Notice of Relocation would not otherwise be sent prior to the ION date.

Since residents who accept permanent relocation must receive 90 days advanced written notice prior to being required to move, providing residents the Notice of Intent to Acquire and RAD Notice of Relocation prior to the ION date may be necessary to provide sufficient notice of relocation to a resident in instances where there may not be 90 days between the issuance of the RCC (ION date) and the anticipated closing date. This allows the PHA to issue the notice earlier so that relocation may begin upon closing. This allows program participants to conduct orderly relocation upon closing, minimize adverse impacts on displaced persons, and to expedite project advancement and completion. <sup>14</sup>

d. *URA Notice of Relocation Eligibility – for residents whose temporary relocation exceeds one year* (49 CFR 24.203(b) & Handbook 1378, Paragraph 2-3(C))

After a resident has been temporarily relocated for one year, the PHA must provide a notice of relocation eligibility in accordance with URA requirements ("*Notice of Relocation Eligibility*"). This notice is not required if the resident has already accepted permanent relocation assistance.

The Notice of Relocation Eligibility must conform to URA requirements as set forth in 49 CFR Part 24, to HUD Handbook 1378 and to the following requirements:

- The PHA must provide updated information as to when it is anticipated that the resident will be able to return to the completed project.
- The resident may choose to remain temporarily relocated based upon such updated information or may choose to accept permanent URA relocation assistance in lieu of exercising the right to return.
- If the resident chooses to accept permanent URA relocation assistance and such assistance requires that the resident move, the URA requires such resident to receive 90 days advance written notice of the earliest date they will be required to move (i.e., 90-Day Notice, 49 CFR 24.203(c)). The PHA should be mindful that the 90-day time period may only begin once the PHA has made available at least one "comparable replacement dwellings" as set forth in 49 CFR 24.204(a).

#### 9. Initiation of Relocation

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> PHAs and program participants should note that, in most instances, it will be most appropriate for the acquiring entity to send this notice.

Unless otherwise approved by HUD, relocation may not begin until the date of closing of the RAD transaction and recordation of the RAD Use Agreement. PHAs must provide residents being temporarily relocated at least 30 days advance written notice of the required move. PHAs must give residents being permanently relocated at least 90 days advance written notice of the required move. This means PHAs are advised to plan carefully to account for this 30-day or 90-day notice period to ensure the closing is not delayed.

However, HUD is aware that, in rare cases, some project plans necessitate relocation prior to closing. With prior HUD approval, for projects involving acquisition, PHAs may relocate residents prior to the closing date subject to public housing requirements (see 24 CFR part 5 and 24 CFR 966). PHAs must contact their assigned RAD transaction manager (TM) to discuss plans as early as possible in the process to ensure compliance with all RAD and URA requirements.

If relocation prior to closing is desired, PHAs should submit to the TM the following information, as early as possible in the process:

- A written request for relocation prior to closing. The request must include justification of
  why the early relocation is necessary for the viability of the RAD transaction.
  Justification may include the presence of outside financing, such as Low Income
  Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) awards, if the PHA can show that early relocation is
  necessary to meet critical LIHTC deadlines.
- FHEO Accessibility and Relocation Checklist.
- Evidence of intent to comply with public housing requirements, as applicable. Generally, public housing regulations require public housing residents to receive 30 days' notice prior to relocation and that such notice either be published in the PHA's admissions and continued occupancy policies (ACOP) or published elsewhere at least 30 days prior to receipt of such notice (24 CFR parts 5 and 966).

When seeking to relocate residents prior to closing, submission of this request as early as possible is preferred, prior to the 180-day Financing Plan milestone if possible (with Financing Plan submission following the request).

HUD reserves the right to request additional follow-up information, including a Relocation Plan and related budget, prior to approving such requests. PHAs must receive written HUD approval before beginning relocation of residents prior to closing.

Early planning and submission of the Financing Plan and FHEO checklist to HUD will ensure the PHA has built in the 30- or 90-day notice period prior to initiating relocation.

#### 10. Fair Housing and Civil Rights Requirements

PHAs must comply with all applicable fair housing and civil rights laws, including, but not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, when conducting relocation planning and providing relocation assistance. Further, communication must be provided in a manner that is effective for persons

with disabilities (24 CFR 8.6) and for person who are Limited English Proficient (see 72 FR 2732). This section discusses some of the PHA's obligations under these laws and regulations. However, the applicability of civil rights laws is not limited to the activities discussed in this section. PHAs conducting relocation activities should familiarize themselves with applicable civil rights statutes, regulations, and guidance, including but not limited to, those listed at the end of this section.

- Effective Communication for Persons with Disabilities: Communications and materials must be provided in a manner that is effective for persons with hearing, visual, and other communication-related disabilities consistent with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (24 CFR 8.6), and as applicable, the Americans with Disabilities Act; and for persons who are limited English proficient (*see* 72 Fed Reg 2732). This includes ensuring that training materials are in appropriate alternative formats as needed, e.g., Braille, audio, large type, assistive listening devices, and sign language interpreters.
- Accessible Meeting Facilities for Persons with Disabilities: When holding public meetings, PHAs must give priority to methods that provide physical access to individuals with disabilities, i.e., holding the meetings, workshops, and briefings or any other type of meeting in an accessible location, in accordance with the regulations implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as applicable. All programs and activities must be held in accessible locations unless doing so would result in an undue financial and administrative burden, in which case the PHA must take any action that would not result in such an alteration or such burden but would nevertheless ensure that individuals with disabilities receive the benefits and services of the program or activity, e.g., briefings at an alternate accessible, in-home briefing. Individuals with disabilities must receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs. The most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of qualified individuals with disabilities is a setting that enables individuals with disabilities to interact with nondisabled person to the fullest extent possible (28 CFR part 35, appendix B).
- Meaningful Access for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP): PHAs must provide meaningful access to programs and activities for persons who have a limited ability to read, speak, or understand English. Any person with LEP who will be temporarily relocated or permanently displaced must have meaningful access to any public meetings regarding the project. In addition, any information provided to residents including, but not limited to, any notices required under the URA, should be provided in the appropriate language to persons with LEP. Generally, PHAs will be responsible for providing oral interpreters at meetings, including ensuring their competence, and covering any associated translation and interpretation costs.
- URA requires that PHAs provide persons who are unable to read or understand the notices, such as persons with disabilities or persons with LEP, with appropriate translation and counseling to ensure that they understand their rights and responsibilities and the assistance available to them (49 CFR 24.5). URA also requires that each notice indicate the name and telephone number of a person to contact with questions or for other

needed help (49 CFR 24.5). This notice should include the number for the telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) or other appropriate communication device, if applicable (24 CFR 8.6(a)(2)).

- Comparable Housing for Persons with Disabilities: PHAs should identify the
  accessibility needs of residents to be relocated by consulting existing information (e.g.,
  tenant characteristics forms, including identification of the need for accessible unit
  features; records of approved reasonable accommodations, and records of the presence of
  accessible unit features). For guidance on providing relocation assistance to persons with
  disabilities, see Exhibit 3-1 in HUD Handbook 1378.
- Advisory Services: PHAs should determine the advisory services that will be necessary to ensure a successful relocation program consistent with 49 CFR 24.205(c). Such advisory services may include housing counseling that should be facilitated to ensure that residents affected by the project understand their rights and responsibilities and the assistance available to them (49 CFR 24.205(c)). Advisory counseling must also inform residents of their fair housing rights and be carried out in a manner that satisfies the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, and Executive Order 11063 (49 CFR 24.205(c)(1)). In addition, PHAs should inform residents that if they believe they have experienced unlawful discrimination, they may contact HUD at 1-800669-9777 (Voice) or 1-800-927-9275 (TDD) or at <a href="http://www.hud.gov">http://www.hud.gov</a>.

#### Fair Housing References:

- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Regulations: 24 CFR part 8
- Fair Housing Act Regulations: 24 CFR part 100
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Regulations: 24 CFR part 1
- Final Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons (LEP Guidance) (72 FR 2732)
- Exhibit 3-1 Compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act in HUD Handbook 1378 (Tenant Assistance Relocation and Real Property Acquisition)

#### 11. Other Requirements

a. Public Housing Program Compliance
 PHAs should note that public housing resident provisions related to occupancy and termination, including grievances and related hearings, will remain in effect until the execution of the new PBV or PBRA Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) contract.

#### b. Evictions for Cause

If the PHA determines that a resident was evicted in accordance with applicable state and local law for serious or repeated violation of material terms of the lease, and the eviction was not undertaken for the purpose of evading the obligation to make available URA payments and other assistance, the resident is not entitled to relocation payments and assistance under the URA (49 CFR 24.206).

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**APPENDICES** 

**Appendix 1 Recommended Relocation Plan Contents** 

Appendix 2
Sample RAD General Information Notice (GIN)

Appendix 3
Sample RAD Notice of Relocation (for relocation anticipated for a year or less)

Appendix 4
Sample RAD Notice of Relocation (for relocation anticipated for more than a year)

Appendix 5
Sample Notice of Eligibility for URA Relocation Assistance (for residents who have been temporarily relocated for more than a year)

#### **Appendix 1: RECOMMENDED RELOCATION PLAN CONTENTS**

While written Relocation Plans are not required under RAD or URA, the Department strongly encourages PHAs to document their relocation planning process and procedures in a written Relocation Plan. The following provides suggested content for Relocation Plans.

#### I. Project Summary

The Relocation Plan should provide a general description of and purpose for the project (e.g., year built, location, number of units, configuration, occupancy information, and funding sources).

The basic components of a plan include:

- A general description of the project and the site, including acquisition, demolition, rehabilitation, and construction activities and funding sources;
- A detailed discussion of the specific steps to be taken to minimize the adverse impacts of relocation, including when transferring the assistance to a new site;
- Information on occupancy (including the number of residents, residential owneroccupants and non-residential occupants, if any, to be permanently or temporarily relocated);
- Information on relocation needs and costs (including the number of residents who plan to relocate with Section 8 assistance);
- General moving assistance information;
- Temporary move assistance (including information on the duration of temporary moves);
- Permanent move assistance; and
- Appeals process.

#### II. Resident Return and Re-occupancy Policies

For residents that will be temporarily relocated, the plan should include the criteria that will be used to determine the priority for residents to re-occupy units at the project after rehabilitation, demolition, and/or construction is completed. For example, if units will come online in stages, the plan should outline how the PHA will determine when each resident will return to the project. PHAs should ensure that any written return or re-occupancy policy is compliant with related RAD requirements, such as the right-to-return policy and the "no rescreening upon conversion" policy, as described in the RAD Notice.

#### **III. Summary of Moving Costs**

The plan should include a summary of moving costs, identified by move types, including the following:

#### **Temporary Moves**

- Number of and cost amount for two-way moves (i.e., a move to another unit and then a return move) within the same building/complex.
- Number of and cost amount for two-way moves to a unit not in the same building/complex, carried out by the PHA.
- Number of and cost amount for two-way moves to a unit not in the same building/complex not carried out by the PHA.

#### **Permanent Moves**

- Number of and cost amount for one-time moves into another unit in the same building/complex. <sup>15</sup>
- Number of and cost amount for one permanent move to a unit not within the same building/complex that is not carried out by the PHA.

#### IV. Temporary Relocation Assistance

The PHA will assist residents who are required to move temporarily. At the Initiation of Negotiations (ION), the PHA will send a RAD Notice of Relocation to residents who will be relocated. Appendices 3 and 4 of this Notice contain sample RAD Notices of Relocation to be provided to residents that will be temporarily relocated.

The plan should detail the temporary relocation assistance the PHA will provide for residents (Paragraph 2-7 of HUD Handbook 1378). This assistance includes:

 Temporary Housing - The PHA will provide temporary housing that is decent, safe, and sanitary on a nondiscriminatory basis for residents who are relocated temporarily. The PHA will also pay for reasonable increased housing costs that the resident incurs in connection with the temporary relocation.

NOTE: If a resident's relocation exceeds one year, the PHA must then issue a *Notice of Relocation Eligibility* (49 CFR 24.203(b)) to the resident and offer the resident permanent

<sup>15</sup> A resident who moved to another unit in the same building/complex may be considered a displaced person under URA if the resident moves from the building/complex permanently and was not offered reimbursement for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the move within the same building/complex and/or if other conditions of the move within the building/complex were not reasonable.

relocation assistance and payments at URA levels. The PHA must provide this notice to affected residents as soon as the temporary relocation exceeds one year.

- Packing and Moving Assistance Since most residents prefer to pack their own personal possessions and items of value, they should be provided packing instructions, boxes, markers, and tape for the move. If assistance in packing is needed, the PHA should provide the resident with information on how to request this assistance. The PHA is responsible for covering all reasonable moving expenses incurred in connection with temporarily relocating a resident. The PHA may reimburse the resident's out-of-pocket moving expenses and/or directly carry out the move.
- Payment for Temporary Relocation Moving Expenses The plan should also indicate
  how the PHA intends to provide or reimburse for moving services and expenses. The
  PHA can choose to do one or more of the following:
  - Undertake the moves itself, using force account labor or a moving company;
     Use PHA's contractor or moving company;
  - Carry out moves with employees of the PHA;
  - Reimburse residents for all actual and reasonable moving costs.

NOTE: The PHA will not make fixed payments since such payments may not be representative of actual reasonable costs incurred. However, in order for a resident to be sure of full reimbursement, the resident should submit a moving cost estimate to the PHA for approval prior to the move unless the PHA is directly carrying out the move and the resident will not incur any reasonable out-of-pocket moving expenses. Failure to do so may result in the resident not being fully reimbursed.

• Utility Costs - The PHA is responsible for covering the expenses relating to disconnection and reconnection of necessary utilities. If the resident has telephone, cable service or Internet access, the PHA is responsible for covering the expenses involved in transferring existing service. The PHA may also pay utility deposits, if required at the temporary relocation housing (HUD Handbook 1378, paragraph 2-7(A)(3)). If a resident is temporarily relocating from a public housing unit to a non-public housing unit, the resident must be reimbursed for reasonable increases in utility costs even if the PHA utility allowance is lower than the actual costs to the resident.

#### V. Permanent Relocation Assistance

Based on the local housing resources available, the PHA should identify the replacement housing options that will be available to meet the housing needs of residents to be permanently relocated. Replacement housing options for residents that meet the definition of a "displaced person" (49 CFR 24.2(a)(9)) under the URA include, but are not limited to:

- Other Public Housing;
- Section 8 Project-Based Voucher unit;
- Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher unit;
- Homeownership housing;

• Private-market rental housing (affordable, non-subsidized). 16

The plan should describe each type of replacement housing projected to be available, including:

- 1. Number of units, by bedroom size, expected to be available, and discussion of whether available units will meet dwelling requirements of relocated residents;
- 2. General area or location of unit(s);
- 3. Criteria for receiving relocation assistance; and
- 4. Any other information that might benefit residents in their consideration of housing choices.

The plan should include a description of the permanent relocation assistance the PHA will provide to residents. This assistance includes:

- Availability of Comparable Replacement Housing Under URA, no displaced resident will be required to move unless at least one comparable replacement dwelling (49 CFR 24.2(a)(6)) is made available at least 90 days before the required move (49 CFR 24.203(c)). Comparable replacement dwellings must contain the accessibility features needed by displaced persons with disabilities (49 CFR 24.2(a)(8)(vii); 49 CFR part 24, Appendix A, §24.2(a)(8)(vii)). If the comparable replacement dwelling is not subsidized housing, the PHA should contact the RAD staff for advice on replacement housing payment requirements.
- Referral to Housing Not Located in an Area of Minority Concentration Whenever possible, minority persons shall be given reasonable opportunities to relocate to decent, safe, and sanitary replacement dwellings that are within their financial means and not located in areas of minority concentration (49 CFR 24.205(c)(2)(ii)(D)). However, this policy does not require a PHA to provide a person a larger payment than is necessary to enable a person to relocate to a comparable replacement dwelling unit.
- Permanent Relocation Moving Expenses from Public Housing to Public Housing The PHA may choose one of the following options for covering the expenses involved in moving public housing residents that are relocated into other public housing:
  - Undertake the move itself, using force account labor or a moving company. Residents should incur no moving costs under this option, but if such expenses are incurred, the PHA is responsible for reimbursing the resident for any such actual and reasonable expenses. In such case, the resident is also entitled to a dislocation allowance (currently \$100). The URA Fixed Residential Moving Cost Schedule lists the current dislocation allowance and is available at:
    - $\underline{\text{http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/real estate/practitioners/uniform act/relocation/moving cost schedule.cfm}$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Every effort should be made to find another subsidized unit as replacement housing for a resident relocating from subsidized housing so that the resident will continue receiving the housing subsidy as long as it is needed.

NOTE: Residents who prefer to pack their own personal possessions and items of value may be provided packing instructions, boxes, markers, and tape for their move. If a resident needs assistance in packing, they should contact the PHA. It is the responsibility of the PHA to pack and move all of their belongings and household goods, if so desired.

☐ Allow the resident to elect one of the following choices:

- 1) The PHA will reimburse the resident for the cost of all actual reasonable and necessary moving and related expenses (49 CFR 24.301), such as:
  - Transportation of the resident and personal property. This may include reimbursement at the current mileage rate for personally owned vehicles that need to be moved. Transportation costs for a distance beyond 50 miles are not eligible, unless the PHA determines that relocation beyond 50 miles is justified.
  - Packing, crating, uncrating, and unpacking of personal property.
  - Storage of personal property for a period not to exceed 12 months, unless the PHA determines that a longer period is necessary.
  - Disconnecting, dismantling, removing, reassembling, and reinstalling relocated household appliances and other personal property.
  - Insurance for the replacement value of the property in connection with the move and necessary storage.
  - The replacement value of property lost, stolen, or damaged in the process of moving (not through the fault or negligence of the displaced person, his or her agent, or employee) where insurance covering such loss, theft, or damage is not reasonably available.
- 2) The PHA will pay directly to the resident the applicable and current fixed moving cost payment according to the URA Fixed Residential Moving Cost Schedule (49 CFR 24.302), available at:

  <a href="http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/real">http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/real</a> estate/practitioners/uniform act/relocation/moving cost schedule.cfm
- □ Permanent Relocation Moving Expenses for All Other Moves − Under URA, residents who are permanently displaced, except for those residents displaced from public housing and moving to other public housing, are entitled to the assistance described in the brochure *Relocation Assistance To Residents Displaced From Their Homes*, available in English at <a href="http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DOC\_16280.doc">http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DOC\_16281.doc</a>. Residents may choose moving assistance from one of the following two options.
  - 1) The PHA will reimburse the resident for the cost of all actual reasonable moving and related expenses (49 CFR 24.301).
  - 2) The PHA will pay directly to the resident the applicable and current fixed moving cost payment according to the URA Fixed Residential Moving Cost Schedule (49

CFR 24.302), available at:

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/real estate/practitioners/uniform act/relocation/moving cost schedule.cfm.

- Replacement Housing Payment In addition to covering moving expenses, displaced residents may be entitled to a replacement housing payment (RHP). This payment is intended to cover the increase, if any, in monthly housing costs for a 42-month period.
  - When calculating the RHP, the PHA must consider the comparable replacement housing unit offered to the resident. Since the PHA is not required to pay an RHP amount that exceeds the amount of RHP calculated for the offered comparable replacement dwelling, residents are cautioned to work closely with the PHA prior to their move.
- Accessible Housing for Persons with Disabilities Under the URA, persons with disabilities who will be permanently displaced must be relocated to a replacement dwelling that contains the accessibility features they need (49 CFR 24.2(a)(8)(vii); 49 CFR Appendix A, 24.2(a)(8)(vii)). A person with disabilities who has been relocated must be offered a comparable replacement dwelling unit that contains accessible features comparable to the housing from which the tenant has been displaced or relocated. This is so even if the tenant has paid for the acquisition and/or installation of accessible features in the housing from which he or she has been relocated; in such instances, the recipient must ensure that the replacement housing contains comparable accessible features or provide relocation assistance to the tenant in an amount that covers the cost of acquiring and/or installing comparable accessible features. Under the URA, an agency may use project funds to remove architectural barriers for displaced owners and tenants with disabilities or take other last resort housing measures if comparable replacement dwelling units are not available within the monetary limits prescribed under the URA regulations (49 CFR 24.404(c)(vii); HUD Handbook 1378, Paragraph 3-8).

#### VI. Relocation Budget

Based on the results of the planning process, the PHA should create a relocation budget that includes the following six components:

- 1) The cost of administering the plan and providing assistance and counseling.
- 2) Reasonable moving expenses for a person with disabilities, which may include the cost of moving assistive equipment that is the personal property of the residents, the furnishings and personal belonging of a live-in aide, and/or other reasonable accommodations (HUD Handbook 1378, Paragraph 3-2).
- 3) The cost of the physical move of the residents' belongings. (It is suggested that the move costs be broken down by average cost per move type multiplied by the number of moves.)
  - NOTE: This physical move cost total should be based on the move scenarios anticipated

or projected by the resident survey.

- 4) The cost estimated to pay for projected increases in monthly housing costs for temporary relocation.
- 5) The cost estimated to pay for the replacement housing payment (RHP) (42-month period for URA or 60-month period if section 104(d) applies).
- 6) Contingency costs estimated for carrying out the relocation process necessary to complete the proposed project. (The PHA should state where these costs are indicated in the application, or attach any other information required by HUD, to support these costs.)

#### VII. Appeal Process

If a resident disagrees with the PHA's decision as to the resident's eligibility to receive relocation assistance, the amount of a relocation payment, or the adequacy of a comparable replacement dwelling offered to a resident, the resident may file a written appeal to the PHA. The Relocation Plan should describe the specific appeal procedures to be followed consistent with 49 CFR 24.10 (and 24 CFR 42.390 if section 104(d) is involved). At a minimum, the resident will have 60 days to file an appeal with the PHA after receiving written notification of a claim or ineligibility determination.

#### VIII. Certification

The plan should contain a certification of compliance with the URA and, if applicable, section 104(d).

#### **Technical Assistance**

The PHA should direct questions on this Notice's relocation assistance requirements to their RAD Transaction Manager or <a href="mailto:emailt

#### PHA LETTERHEAD

## RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION (RAD) GENERAL INFORMATION NOTICE (GIN)

[Date]

#### Dear [Resident Name],

The property you currently occupy is being proposed for participation in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. At this time, we expect that [the proposed acquisition, rehabilitation or demolition, may require you to be relocated (temporarily or permanently) from your unit]. We will provide further details to you as plans develop. This notice does not mean that you need to leave the property at this time. This is not a notice of eligibility for relocation assistance. The remainder of this letter only applies to situations where you will need to be relocated from your unit.

This notice serves to inform you of your potential rights under the RAD program and a federal law known as the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (URA). If the proposed RAD project receives HUD approval and if you are displaced permanently as a result, you may become eligible for relocation assistance and payments under the URA, including:

- 1) Relocation advisory services that include referrals to replacement properties, help in filing payment claims and other necessary assistance to help you successfully relocate;
- 2) At least 90 days' advance written notice of the date you will be required to move;
- 3) Payment for moving expenses; and
- 4) Payments to enable you to rent a similar replacement home.

NOTE: Aliens not lawfully present in the United States are not eligible for URA relocation assistance, unless such ineligibility would result in exceptional and extremely unusual hardship to a qualifying spouse, parent, or child as defined at 49 CFR 24.208(h). All persons seeking relocation assistance will be required to certify that they are a United States citizen or national, or an immigrant lawfully present in the United States.

As a resident of a property participating in RAD, you have the right to return to the project after the project is complete. You will be able to lease and occupy a unit in the converted project when rehabilitation is complete.

If you are permanently displaced from your home, you will not be required to move until you are given at least 90-day advance written notice of any required move and at least one comparable replacement dwelling has been made available to you. If you are temporarily relocated and your temporary relocation lasts more than one year, you will be contacted and offered permanent relocation assistance as a displaced person under the URA. This assistance would be in addition

to any assistance you may receive in connection with temporary relocation and will not be reduced by the amount of any temporary relocation assistance you have already received.

If you are required to relocate from the property in the future, you will be informed in writing. [PHA] will inform you of what assistance and payments you are eligible for if you will be relocated because of RAD and how you will receive these payments. If you become a displaced person, you will be provided reasonable assistance necessary to complete and file any required claim to receive a relocation payment. If you feel that your eligibility for assistance is not properly considered, you will also have the right to appeal a determination on your eligibility for relocation assistance.

You should continue to pay your rent and meet any other requirements specified in your lease. If you fail to do so, [PHA] may have cause for your eviction. If you choose to move, or if you are evicted, prior to receiving a formal notice of relocation eligibility, you may become ineligible to receive relocation assistance. It is very important for you to contact us before making any moving plans.

You will be contacted soon so that we can provide you with more information about the proposed project. If the project is approved, we will make every effort to accommodate your needs. In the meantime, if you have any questions about our plans, please contact: [Name, Title, Address, Phone, Email Address]. This letter is important to you and should be retained.

Sincerely,

[Name] [Title]

#### NOTES:

- 1. Files must indicate how this notice was delivered (e.g., personally served or certified mail, return receipt requested) and the date of delivery. (49 CFR 24.5 and Paragraph 2-3(J) of Handbook 1378)
- 2. This is a sample GIN. PHAs should revise it to reflect project-specific circumstances.
- 3. PHAs may provide residents with HUD brochure "Relocation Assistance To Residents Displaced From Their Homes" available at: <a href="http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/library/relocation/publications/1042.pdf">http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/library/relocation/publications/1042.pdf</a>.

# Appendix 3: SAMPLE RAD NOTICE OF RELOCATION (For relocation anticipated for a year or less)

## THIS IS A GUIDE FORM. REVISE TO REFLECT THE PROJECT-SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES.

#### PHA Letterhead

(date)

Dear [Resident Name],

The property you currently occupy is participating in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. On [date], the [Public Housing Authority] (PHA) notified you of proposed plans to [acquire/ rehabilitate/demolish] the property you currently occupy at [address]. On [date], HUD issued the RAD Conversion Commitment (RCC) and committed federal financial assistance to the project. [In instances where a Notice of Intent to Acquire is applicable and this notice is being sent before the RCC is issued, in lieu of the previous sentence noting the RCC issuance date, insert: [Name of entity acquiring the property] (Displacing Agency) intends to acquire the property you currently occupy. This is a Notice of Intent to Acquire.]

In order for PHA to complete the project, you will need to be relocated for [anticipated duration of relocation]. Upon completion of the project, you will be able to lease and occupy your present unit or another decent, safe and sanitary unit in the completed project under reasonable terms and conditions. You are eligible for relocation payments and assistance.

However, **you do not need to move now.** This notice informs you that a decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling unit, listed below, has been made available to you and you will be required to move by [insert date at least 30 days after the date of this notice].

If your temporary relocation exceeds one year and you qualify as a "displaced person" under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (URA), you may be eligible for further relocation assistance and payments under URA.

NOTE: Aliens not lawfully present in the United States are not eligible for URA relocation assistance, unless such ineligibility would result in exceptional and extremely unusual hardship to a qualifying spouse, parent, or child as defined at 49 CFR 24.208(h). All persons seeking relocation assistance will be required to certify that they are a United States citizen or national, or an alien lawfully present in the United States.

The relocation assistance to which you are entitled includes:

Payment for Moving Expenses. You are entitled to be reimbursed for all
reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with any temporary

	move. [PHA should list the form of payment for maccordance with Appendix 1, Section 4 of this Not.	0 1
	The location of your temporary replacement unit is housing has been determined to be decent, safe and	± •
	[List appropriate relocation advisory services and a provided.]	any other services and assistance
-	disagree with this determination, you may file a wrdance with 49 CFR 24.10.	itten appeal to the PHA in
payme movin	have any questions about this notice and your eligibents, please contact [Name, Title, Address, Phone, Eng plans. He/she will assist you with your move to a reserve your eligibility for any relocation payments	mail Address] before you make any temporary unit and help ensure that
we ha	mber, do not move or commit to the purchase or ve a chance to further discuss your eligibility for rel tant to you and should be retained.	
		Sincerely,
		Print name: Title:

NOTE: The case file must indicate the manner in which this notice was delivered (e.g., personally served or certified mail, return receipt requested) and the date of delivery. (See 49 CFR 24.5 and Paragraph 2-3(J) of Handbook 1378.)

# Appendix 4: SAMPLE RAD NOTICE OF RELOCATION (For relocation anticipated for more than a year)

## THIS IS A GUIDE FORM. REVISE TO REFLECT THE PROJECT-SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES.

#### PHA Letterhead

(date)

Dear [Resident Name],

The property you currently occupy is participating in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. On [date], the [Public Housing Authority] (PHA), notified you of proposed plans to [acquire/ rehabilitate/demolish] the property you currently occupy at [address]. On [date], HUD issued the RAD Conversion Commitment (RCC) and committed federal financial assistance to the project. [In instances where a Notice of Intent to Acquire is applicable and this notice is being sent before the RCC is issued, in lieu of the previous sentence noting the RCC issuance date, insert: [Name of entity acquiring the property] (Displacing Agency) intends to acquire the property you currently occupy. This is a Notice of Intent to Acquire.]

In order for PHA to complete the project, you will need to be relocated for [anticipated duration of relocation]. Upon completion of the project, you will be able to lease and occupy your present unit or another decent, safe and sanitary unit in the completed project under reasonable terms and conditions. You are eligible for relocation assistance and payments. Because we expect your relocation to exceed one year, you have the choice to either:

- Receive temporary relocation assistance and return to a unit in the RAD project once it is complete; or
- Receive permanent relocation assistance and payments consistent with the URA instead of returning to the completed RAD project.

You must inform us of your choice within 30 days.

However, <u>you do not need to move now.</u> If you choose temporary relocation assistance, you will not be required to move sooner than 30 days after you receive notice that a temporary unit is available for you. If you choose permanent relocation assistance, you will not be required to move sooner than 90 days after you receive written notice that at least one comparable replacement unit is available to you in accordance with 49 CFR 24.204(a). [Note to PHA: These time periods may start running as of the date of this Notice if the notice of relocation includes such information on the temporary and/or comparable replacement dwelling options, as applicable. In such circumstance, add applicable sentences to adequately notify the resident. For example: This notice informs you that a temporary unit, listed below, has been made available to you and, if you choose this option, you will be required to move by [date no sooner than 30 days after notice]. This notice informs you

that a comparable unit, listed below, has been made available to you and, if you choose this option, you will be required to move by [date no sooner than 90 days after notice].]

If you choose temporary relocation, your relocation exceeds one year and you qualify as a "displaced person" under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (URA), you may become eligible for further relocation assistance and payments under URA.

NOTE: Aliens not lawfully present in the United States are not eligible for URA relocation assistance, unless such ineligibility would result in exceptional and extremely unusual hardship to a qualifying spouse, parent, or child as defined at 49 CFR 24.208(h). All persons seeking relocation assistance will be required to certify that they are a United States citizen or national, or an alien lawfully present in the United States.

If you choose to receive temporary relocation assistance, this assistance will include:

- Payment for Moving Expenses. You are entitled to be reimbursed for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with any temporary move. [PHA should list the form of payment for moving expenses selected in accordance with Appendix 1, Section 4 of this Notice.]
- The location of your temporary replacement unit is [address]. This temporary housing has been determined to be decent, safe and sanitary.
- [List appropriate relocation advisory services and any other services and assistance provided.]

If you elect to receive permanent relocation assistance, this assistance will include:

- <u>Relocation Advisory Services.</u> You are entitled to receive current and continuing information on available comparable replacement units and other assistance to help you find another home and prepare to move.
- Payment for Moving Expenses. [PHA should list the form of payment for moving expenses selected in accordance with Appendix 1, Section 5 of this Notice.]
- <u>Replacement Housing Payment.</u> You may be eligible for a replacement housing payment to rent or buy a replacement home. The payment is based on several factors including: (1) the monthly rent and cost of utility services for a comparable replacement unit, (2) the monthly rent and cost of utility services for your present unit, and (3) 30% of your average monthly gross household income. This payment is calculated on the difference between the old and new housing costs for a one-month period and multiplied by 42.
- [PHA: list here any permanent relocation assistance offered, such as a Housing Choice Voucher.]

	Listed below are three comparable replacement units that you may wish to consider for your replacement home. If you would like, we can arrange transportation for you to inspect these and other replacement units.						
1.	Address	Rent & Utility Costs	Contact Info				
2.							
3.							

We believe that the unit located at [address] is most representative of your original unit in the converting RAD project. The monthly rent and the estimated average monthly cost of utilities for this unit is [\$ amount] and it will be used to calculate your maximum replacement housing payment. Please contact us immediately if you believe this unit is not comparable to your original unit. We can explain our basis for selecting this unit as most representative of your original unit and discuss your concerns.

Based on the information you have provided about your income and the rent and utilities you now pay, you may be eligible for a maximum replacement housing payment of approximately [\$ (42 x monthly amount)], if you rent the unit identified above as the most comparable to your current home or rent another unit of equal cost.

Replacement housing payments are not adjusted to reflect future rent increases or changes in income. This is the maximum amount that you would be eligible to receive. If you rent a decent, safe and sanitary home where the monthly rent and average estimated utility costs are less than the comparable unit, your replacement housing payment will be based on the actual cost of that unit. All replacement housing payments must be paid in installments. Your payment will be paid in [#] installments.

You may choose to purchase (rather than rent) a decent, safe and sanitary replacement home. If you do, you would be eligible for a down-payment assistance payment which is equal to your maximum replacement housing payment, [\$amount.] [PHAs should note that, at the agency's discretion, a down-payment assistance payment that is less than \$5,250 may be increased to any amount not to exceed \$5,250. (See 49 CFR 24.402(c)(1)).] Let us know if you are interested in purchasing a replacement home and we will help you locate such housing.

Please note that all replacement housing must be inspected in order to ensure it is decent, safe and sanitary before any replacement housing payments are made.

If you have any questions about this notice and your eligibility for relocation assistance and payments, please contact [*Name, Title, Address, Phone, Email Address*] before you make any moving plans. He/she will assist you with your move to a new home and help ensure that you preserve your eligibility for all relocation payments to which you may be entitled.

Remember, do not move or commit to the purchase or lease of a replacement home before
we have a chance to further discuss your eligibility for relocation assistance. This letter is
important to you and should be retained.

Print name:	Sincerely,		
	Print name:		

Enclosure/s

NOTE: The case file must indicate the manner in which this notice was delivered (e.g., personally served or certified mail, return receipt requested) and the date of delivery. (See 49 CFR 24.5 and Paragraph 2-3(J) of Handbook 1378.)

# Appendix 5: SAMPLE NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR URA RELOCATION ASSISTANCE (For residents who have been temporarily relocated for more than a year)

## THIS IS A GUIDE FORM. IT SHOULD BE REVISED TO REFLECT THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

#### PHA Letterhead

(date)

Dear [Resident]:

The property you formerly occupied at [address] is participating in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. You have been temporarily relocated from that property since [date.] Your temporary relocation has exceeded one year.

It has been determined that you qualify as a "displaced person" according to the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (URA). You are eligible for relocation assistance and payments under the URA.

You may choose to remain temporarily relocated and return to a unit in the RAD project once it is completed. It is currently estimated that you may return to the RAD project by [date]. If you choose to remain temporarily relocated, you will stay at your current location until the RAD project is completed.

Alternatively, you may choose permanent relocation assistance and payments for which you are eligible, as listed below. If you choose permanent relocation assistance, you give up your right to return to the completed RAD project. However, you do not need to move now. If you choose permanent relocation assistance instead of exercising your right to return to the completed RAD project, you will not be required to move sooner than 90 days from the date that at least one comparable replacement unit has been made available to you. [Alternatively: You will not be required to move sooner than 90 days from the date of this notice, which informs you of a comparable replacement unit that has been made available for you].

This is your Notice of Eligibility for relocation assistance.

**The effective date of your eligibility is** [insert date that relocation exceeds one year.]

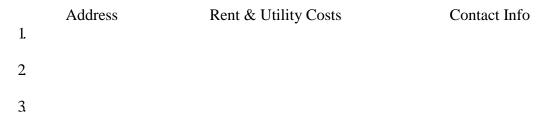
NOTE: Aliens not lawfully present in the United States are not eligible for URA relocation assistance, unless such ineligibility would result in exceptional and extremely unusual hardship to a qualifying spouse, parent, or child as defined at 49 CFR 24.208(h). All persons seeking relocation assistance will be required to certify that they are a United States citizen or national, or an alien lawfully present in the United States.

Enclosed is a brochure entitled, "Relocation Assistance to Tenants Displaced From Their Homes." Please read the brochure carefully. It explains your rights and provides additional information on eligibility for relocation payments and what you must do in order to receive these payments.

The relocation assistance to which you are entitled includes:

- Relocation Advisory Services. You are entitled to receive current and continuing information on available comparable replacement units and other assistance to help you find another home and prepare to move.
- Payment for Moving Expenses. [PHA should list the form of payment for moving expenses selected in accordance with Appendix 1, Section 5 of this Notice.] This is in addition to any amounts received to reimburse for any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the temporary move.
- Replacement Housing Payment. You may be eligible for a replacement housing payment to rent or buy a replacement home. The payment is based on several factors including: (1) the monthly rent and cost of utility services for a comparable replacement unit, (2) the monthly rent and cost of utility services for your present home, and (3) for low-income persons, 30 percent of your average monthly gross household income. This payment is calculated on the difference between the old and new housing costs for a one-month period and multiplied by 42.
- [PHA list here any other relocation assistance offered the resident, such as Housing Choice Voucher.]

Listed below are three comparable replacement units that you may wish to consider for your replacement home. If you would like, we can arrange transportation for you to inspect these and other replacement units.



We believe that the unit located at [address] is most representative of the original unit you occupied in the converting RAD project. The monthly rent and the estimated average monthly cost of utilities for this unit is \$[amount]\$ and it will be used to calculate your maximum replacement housing payment. Please contact us immediately if you believe this unit is not comparable to your original unit. We can explain our basis for selecting this unit as most representative of your original unit and discuss your concerns.

Based on the information you have provided about your income and the rent and utilities you now pay, you may be eligible for a maximum replacement housing payment of approximately \$ [42 x \$Amount], if you rent the unit identified above as the most comparable to your current home or rent another unit of equal cost.

Replacement housing payments are not adjusted to reflect future rent increases or changes in income. This is the maximum amount that you would be eligible to receive. If you rent a decent, safe and sanitary home where the monthly rent and average estimated utility costs are less than the comparable unit, your replacement housing payment will be based on the actual cost of that unit. All replacement housing payments must be paid in installments. Your payment will be paid in [#] installments.

Should you choose to purchase (rather than rent) a decent, safe and sanitary replacement home, you would be eligible for a downpayment assistance payment which is equal to your maximum replacement housing payment, [\$ amount] [PHAs should note that, at the agency's discretion, a downpayment assistance payment that is less than \$5,250 may be increased to any amount not to exceed \$5,250. (See 49 CFR 24.402(c)(1)).] Let us know if you are interested in purchasing a replacement home and we will help you locate such housing.

Please note that all replacement housing must be inspected in order to ensure it is decent, safe, and sanitary before any replacement housing payments are made.

If you have any questions about this notice and your eligibility for relocation assistance and payments, please contact [Name, Title, Address, Phone, Email Address] before you make any moving plans. He/she will assist you with your move to a new home and help ensure that you preserve your eligibility for any applicable relocation payments.

<u>Remember, do not move or commit to the purchase or lease of a replacement home</u> before we have a chance to further discuss your eligibility for relocation assistance. This letter is important to you and should be retained.

Sincerely,	
Print Name:	
Title	

Enclosure/s

NOTE: The case file must indicate the manner in which this notice was delivered (e.g., personally served or certified mail, return receipt requested) and the date of delivery. (See 49 CFR 24.5 and Paragraph 2-3(J) of Handbook 1378.)

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South Jersey Times 01/11/2019 following date(s):

My Commission Expires 03/28/2021 Comm. # 50035231 NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY **ЈОНИ Е. КАUL Ј**В.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of January 2019

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RAD Conversion

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on February 25, 2019. ecutive Director, no later than 4:30 pm tive Office Attn. Ms. Kimberly Gober, Ex-

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# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR COMPREHENSIVE AUTOMOBILE/VEHICLE INSURANCE APRIL 7, 2018 - APRIL 7, 2019

MARTIN AND COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Gloucester County has need for Comprehensive Automobile/Vehicle Insurance; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Gloucester County has solicited proposals for Comprehensive Automobile/Vehicle Insurance through public advertisement; and

**WHEREAS,** the Housing Authority of Gloucester County has received and reviewed the proposals received; and

WHEREAS, the most advantageous proposal for such services is from MARTIN AND COMPANY, at a premium of \$36,979.00 which is proper and responsive to the specifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Gloucester County that the contract proposal with MARTIN AND COMPANY be and is hereby approved; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract for Comprehensive Auto/Vehicle Insurance, in accordance with the proposal received and the bid tabulation attached hereto for the contract amount of \$36,979.00, subject to Counsel review and verification.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a brief notice stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract shall be published once in the Gloucester County Times pursuant to the requirements of the local Public Contracts Law and that this resolution and the contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Executive Director.

ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Housing Authority of Gloucester County, held on the 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY

BY:

WILLIAM W BAIN, JR CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY GOBER, SECRETARY

Dated: FEBRUARY 27, 2019



### **Bid Tabulation Sheet**

INSURANCE
IFB 18-023 AUTO

FEBRUARY 5, 2019 @ 2:30 PM

# Housing Authority of Gloucester County

Attended by:

EDWARD MALINAK, STELLA BARNES & ROBERT LANE (NATHAN LANE AGENCY)

Company	Base Bid	No.	Alternate Deducts	Comments
NATHAN LANE AGENCY		1		rlane@nathanlaneagency.com
545 GOFFLE ROAD				
WYCOFF NJ 07481				
W10011 N3 07401				
MARTIN AGENCY	36,979.00	1		jackie mcallister@spmartinco.com
500 JESSUP ROAD				
WEST DEPTFORD NJ 08066				
HARDENBERGH INSURANCE		1		heleng@hig.net
PO BOX 1000				
VOORHEES, NJ 08043				
THE BARCLAY GROUP		1		dwise@barclayinsurance.com
202 BROAD STREET				
RIVERTON, NJ 08077	THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF TH	12 201270		
	00.740.00			msylvester@housingcenter.com
HAI INSURANCE GROUP	32,749.00	1		gshpak@housingcenter.com
PO BOX 189				DID NOT BID ACCORDING TO SPECS
189 COMMERCE COURT				DID NOT BID ACCORDING TO 31 ECS
CHESHIRE, CT. 06410				
FAIRVIEW INSURANCE AGENCY, INC				cgraham@fairviewinsurance.com
1930 E. MARLTON PIKE SUITE 16				
CHERRY HILL, NJ 08003				
3.12.11.1	Experience and the second			
LEWIS CHESTER ASSOCIATES				lstadler@lewischester.com
19 SUMMIT AVENUE			10.400	loconnor@lewischester.com

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE APRIL 1, 2019 - APRIL 1, 2020

THE NATHAN LANE AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Gloucester County has need for Workers Compensation Insurance Coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Gloucester County has solicited proposals for Workers Compensation Insurance through public advertisement; and

**WHEREAS,** the Housing Authority of Gloucester County has received and reviewed the proposals received; and

WHEREAS, the most advantageous proposal for such services is from, <u>THE</u>

NATHAN LANE AGENCY at premium of \$119,655.00 and is proper and responsive to the specifications;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Gloucester County that the contract proposal with **THE NATHAN LANE AGENCY** be and is hereby approved; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract for Workers Compensation Insurance, in accordance with the proposal received and the bid tabulation attached hereto for the contract amount of \$ 119,655.00 subject to Counsel review and verification.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a brief notice stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract and that this resolution and the contract are on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Executive Director and shall be published once in the Gloucester County Times pursuant to the requirements of the local Public Contracts Law.

ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Housing Authority of Gloucester County, held on the 27<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 2019.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY

BY:

WILLIAM W. BAIN, JR., CHA<mark>IRMAN</mark>

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY GOBER, SECRETARY

Dated: FEBRUARY 27, 2019



### **Bid Tabulation Sheet**

INSURANCE IFB 18-022 WORKERS COMP FEBRUARY 5, 2019 @ 2:00 PM

# Housing Authority of Gloucester County

Attended by:
EDWARD MALINAK, STELLA BARNES & ROBERT LANE
(NATHAN LANE AGENCY)

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NATHAN LANE AGENCY	119,655.00	1		rlane@nathanlaneagency.com
545 GOFFLE ROAD				
WYCOFF NJ 07481				
MARTIN AGENCY		1		jackiemcallister@spmartinco.com
500 JESSUP ROAD				jackiemeanister & spiriar enco.com
WEST DEPTFORD NJ 08066				
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HARDENBERGH INSURANCE	20 0 - 10 0 7 7 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1	20 Hamilton Complete Company (1997)	heleng@hig.net
PO BOX 1000				
VOORHEES, NJ 08043				
THE BARCLAY GROUP		1		dwise@barclayinsurance.com
202 BROAD STREET				
RIVERTON, NJ 08077				
HAI INSURANCE GROUP	136,954.00	1		msylvester@housingcenter.com
PO BOX 189	100,304.00			gshpak@housingcenter.com
189 COMMERCE COURT				gstipane neastigeence near
CHESHIRE, CT. 06410				
FAIRVIEW INSURANCE AGENCY, INC				cgraham@fairviewinsurance.com
1930 E. MARLTON PIKE SUITE 16				
CHERRY HILL, NJ 08003	MATERIAL PROPERTY AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROPERT			71
LEWIS CHESTER ASSOCIATES				lstadler@lewischester.com
19 SUMMIT AVENUE				loconnor@lewischester.com

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR REPLACEMENT OF KITCHEN FLOORS (53) LOCATED AT DEPTFORD PARK APARTMENTS

#### A & J FLOORING OUTLET

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Gloucester County finds there is a necessity for the replacement of kitchen flooring in 53 units at Deptford Park Apartments located at 120 Pop Moylan Blvd., Deptford NJ 08096; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Gloucester County has solicited bids for the replacement of the flooring through public advertisement and the HAGC website; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Gloucester County has reviewed the bids and after careful thought and consideration has made a determination; and

'WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid for such services is with <u>A & J</u>

<u>FLOORING OUTLET</u> at a premium of <u>\$ 24,160.60</u> and is proper and responsive to the specifications provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Gloucester County that the contract with <u>A & J FLOORING</u>

OUTLET be and is hereby approved; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract for the replacement of the 53 kitchen floors in Deptford Park, in accordance with the bid received and the bid tabulation attached hereto for the contract amount of \$24,160.60 subject to receipt of required documentation and check of references

ADOPTED at the Regular Meeting of the Housing Authority of Gloucester County, held on the 27th day of February, 2019.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY

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WILLIAM W. BAIN, JR., CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY GOBER, SECRETARY

DATED: <u>FEBRUARY 27, 2019</u>

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# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED EMERGENCY PLUMBING REPAIR FOR PUBLIC HOUSING 204-4: DEPTFORD PARK APARTMENTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11 EMERGENCY REPAIRS

#### BLACK HORSE PIKE PLUMBING

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority of Gloucester County (HAGC) awarded a contract pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-1 et seq., to <u>Black</u> <u>Horse Pike Plumbing</u>; and

**WHEREAS,** a backed up sewer line in Deptford Park Apartments, a HAGC property, was entering an apartment through the kitchen sink. The maintenance staff was unable to clear the line; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Operations Director, Paul Letizia, deemed this an emergent repair suspecting the sewer line had failed; and

**WHEREAS**, the HAGC Executive Director was notified and was satisfied that an emergency did exist and *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-6(a) authorized the award of a contract for such purposes as may be necessary to respond to emergent needs; and

WHEREAS, the *amended final* bill after letting the area dry before finishing the concrete replacement is \$9631.25.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Commissioners of HAGC, that the emergency contract with <u>Black Horse Pike Plumbing</u> be approved in the amount of <u>\$9631.25</u>

ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Housing Authority of Gloucester County, held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY

WILLIAM W. BAIN, JR.

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY GOBER, SECRETARY

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2019

## Invoice

375.00

January 11, 2019

BLACK HORSE PIKE PLUMBING HEATING II INC. 4120 BLACK HORSE PIKE /SUITE C / TURNERSVILLE,NJ 08012 PHONE 856-875-6066/ FAX 856-875-6528 /LIC # 8538 WWW.BHPPLUMBINGHEATING.COM / BPRIEST@BHPPLUMBINGHEATING.COM

Bill To: GLOUCESTER COUNTY HOUSING AUTH 100 POP MOYLAN BLVD DEPTFORD, NJ 08096

Invoice #:

2472-24854

Due Date:

2/10/2019

Job Date:

1/11/2019

SP:

**BOB JR** 

Job Name:

3.00

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GLOUCESTER COUNTY HOUSING AUTH 100 POP MOYLAN BLVD DEPTFORD, NJ 08096

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#### NOTES:

**EQUIPMENT** 

**ELECTRIC JACK HAMMER** 

PRICE IS BASED ON SEWER LINE BEING NO DEEPER THEN 5FT

PRICE DOESN,T INCLUDE ANY DAMAGE TO UNDER GROUND UTILITY OTHER THAN THOSE MARKED OUT BE MARK OUT COMPANY

PRICE IS NOT INCLUDING DAMAGE TO SYSTEMS BE CAUSE OF AGE OR BAD VAVLES

PRICE DOESN,T INCLUDED OVER TIME OR WEEKEND HOURS

PRICE DOESN,T INCLUDED PERMITS OR TOWNSHIP FEES

PRICE INCLUDES 1 YEARS PARTS AND LABOR ON PRODUCTS PROVIDED BY BHP

PRICE DOESN,T INCLUDE ANY WATER REMOVAL OR SHORING

Material	Labor	Subtotal	Total
806.25	8825.00	9631.25	\$9,631.25

AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH ABOVE DIAGNOSIS/SOLUTION: the undersigned is owner/authorized representative/tenant of the tenant of the premises at which mentioned above is to done. I hereby authorize you to perform Diagnosis / Solution and to use such labor and materials as you deem advisable. A monthly service charge of 1.5%will be added after 30 days up to \$1,000.00. I agree to pay reasonable attorney's fees and court costs in the event of legal action. If my check bounces. I could be liable for 3 times the amount of the check or \$100.00. Whichever is more? Plus the face value of the check and court costs. I have and agree to all the terms and conditions set forth on the face and reverse side hereof and have received a copy of the contract.

Buyer acknowledges that Federal and State law provide for a three-day period during which the buyer has a right to cancel this transaction. The buyer deems the work described in this contract to be and emergency. They buyer hereby waives the three-day right of cancellation and authorizes the seller to perform the work described above for.

ACCEPTANCE OF WORK PERFORMED – I find the service and materials rendered and installed in connection with the above work mentioned, to have been completed in a satisfactory manner. I agree that the amount set forth on this contract in the space labeled "TOTAL" to be the total and complete flat rate / minimum charge. I agree to pay reasonable attorney's fees and court costs in the event of legal action. A monthly service charge of 1.5% will be added after 30 days. I acknowledge that I have read and received a legible copy of this contract.

Terms: COD	Signature	Date	
THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSIN	ESS		

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY PLUMBING REPAIR FOR PUBLIC HOUSING 204-4: DEPTFORD PARK APARTMENTS

#### PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:11 EMERGENCY REPAIRS

#### **ROOT 24 HOURS PLUMBING, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority of Gloucester County (HAGC) awarded a contract pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-1 et seq., to <u>Root 24</u> <u>Hours Plumbing, Inc.</u>; and

**WHEREAS,** a main sewer line in Deptford Park Apartments, a HAGC property, had been backing up into the building and had to be dug up and temporarily repaired on June 22<sup>nd</sup> of 2018 for the amount of \$2273.46; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Operations Director, Paul Letizia, deemed this an emergent repair needed to be fully repaired and functional; and

**WHEREAS**, the HAGC Executive Director was notified and was satisfied that an emergency did exist and *N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-6(a) authorized the award of a contract for such purposes as may be necessary to respond to emergent needs and then to fully repair the damage; and

**WHEREAS,** this bill, in the amount of \$2273.46 was paid by the Housing Authority of Gloucester County on June 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Root 24 Hours Plumbing, Inc. returned to the work site on July 10, 2018 to excavate and replace damage to existing piping for an additional amount of \$3466.69; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Commissioners of HAGC, that the emergency contract with <u>Root 24 Hours Plumbing, Inc.</u> be approved for the additional amount of <u>\$3466.69</u>

ADOPTED at a Regular Meeting of the Housing Authority of Gloucester County, held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY

WILLIAM W. BAIN, IR

ATTEST:

KIMBERLY GØBER, SECRETARY

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2019

### Root 24 Hrs. Plumbing, Inc.

130 Ferry Ave Suite B Camden, NJ 08104

Voice: 856-962-7124 Fax: 856-962-7128 INVOICE

Invoice Number: m32069P Invoice Date:

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## BILTO:

Housing Authority of Gloucester County 100 Pop Moylan Blvd Deptford, NJ 08095

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Deptford Park Apartments 120 Pop Moylan Blvd Work: Apt #101 Deptford, NJ 08096 WS

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1.00	repair with fernco's with to bands, pipe was		
	bent due to weight and no bands, the 2" 45	•	
	after femco had only primer and was not		
	glued had to have drain deaner		
1.00	come out and run line and video to make		
	sure main was good, pipe line from stack		
	Subtotal		Confine
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housing authority of	PO#		Due Date
Sales Rep ID	Shipping Method	Ship Date	9/2/18
			3/2/10
Quantity Item	Description	Unit Price	Amount
•	line in wall to 2" pipe under ground.		
	Backfilled hole and 22 bags of stone and		
1.00	and re concrete hallway and Unit 101 closet.		
	Cleaned up jobsite.		
1.00	Ran J Cable with spearhead from the 2"		
	pipe in the trench out to C/o outside 42ft.		
	Flushed line with water. Line flowing free.		
	Televised line from the OS		
1.00	C/o back to bldg 36ft to were pipe was		
	exposed. Used locater located area were		
	pipe was in trench.	275.00	275.0
1.00 KCO	Ran the Cable Machine from the C/O in the	215.00	2,0.0
	Basement to Clear the Drain Line. Line is		
	Clear, Open and Flowing.	250.00	250.0
1.00 Locator	Used locator to determine damages to line	1,560.00	1,560.0
1.00 LR2	Labor	550.00	550.0
1.00 Jackhammer	Jackhammer and Compressor		268.6
1.00 Materials	Misc. materials required for the replacement	200.00	
	or repair of services provided Concrete Mixer	75.00	75.0
1.00	<del>-</del> -	125.00	125.0
1.00	Disposal Fee		
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3,466.69 Subtotal Sales Tax 3,486.69 **Total Invoice Amount** Payment/Credit Applied

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### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

# IN ORDER TO DISCUSS MATTERS FALLING UNDER EXEPTIONS TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

NJSA 10:4-6et seq.) requires all meetings of the Housing Authority of Gloucester County to be held in public, NJSA 10:4-12(b) sets forth nine (9) types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in "Executive Session", i.e. without the public being permitted to attend and:  WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Gloucester County has determined that issues are permitted by NJSA 10:4-12 (b) to be discussed without the public in attendance shall be discussed during an Executive Session to be held on February 27, 2019 at 4:30 P.M. and;  WHEREAS, the nine (9) exceptions to public meetings set forth in NJSA 10:4-12(b) are listed below with the number of issues and any additional information shall be written:	
1) "Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law, State stature of rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from public discussion" the legal citation to the provision at issue is and the nature of the matter described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality  is	
2) "Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds	
from the federal government." The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is	
possible without undermining the need for confidentiality	
possible without undermining the need for confidentiality	
"Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, healthy, custodial, child protections, rehabilitation, legal defenses, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly." The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for	

4)	"Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are
	proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the
	negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of
	the public body." The collective bargaining contract(s) discussed are between the Board
	and
5)	"Any matter involving the purchase lease or acquisition of real property with public
	funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely
	affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed."The nature of the
	matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality
	is_
<b>(</b> )	"Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public
6)	•
	provide that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of
	violations or possible violations of the law." The nature of the matter, described as
	specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality
	is
7)	"Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public
()	body is or may become a party. Any matter falling within the attorney-client privilege
	to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his
	ethical duties as a lawyer." The parties to and docket number of each item of litigation
	and/or the parties to each contract discussed are
	and the nature of the discussion, described as specifically as possible without undermining the
	need for confidentiality is
8)	"Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment
	terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion o
	disciplining in of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public
	officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individua
	employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing
	that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting."
Su	bject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under Soutl
Ter	rsey Publishing Co. vs New Jersey Expressway Authority, 124 NJ 478, the employee(s) and

nature of the discussion, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for

co	nfidentiality				
9)	"Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in				
	the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension				
	or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of				
	omission for which the responding party bears responsibility." The nature of the matter				
	described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality.				
	is				
	WHEREAS, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be minute				
after v	which the public meeting of the Housing Authority of Gloucester County shall (circle one				
reconv	vene and immediately adjourn or reconvene and proceed with business.				
	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of				
the Ho	ousing Authority of Gloucester County will go into Executive Session for only the above state				
reason	as;				
	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary, at the present public meeting				
shall 1	read aloud enough of this resolution so that members of the public in attendance can				
under	stand, as precisely as possible, the nature of the matters that will privately discussed.				
	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary, on the next business da				
follow	ring this, shall furnish a copy of this resolution to any member of the public who requests on				
at the	fees allowed by NJSA 47:1A-1 et seq.				
THE	I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THI DLUTION APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HOUSING AUTHORITY OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY AT ITS PUBLIC TING HELD ON <u>FEBRUARY 27, 2019</u>				
	ADOPTED at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners held on th				
27 <sup>TH</sup>	DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.				
	THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF GLOUCESTER COUNTY				
	BY: WILLW BO				
	WILLIAM W BAIN, JR. , CHAIRMAN				
ATTI	EST:				
KIMI	BERLY GOBER, SECRETARY				
	ED: FEBRUARY 27, 2019				