

who reside in the immediate area, is 18.37 percent. The project is also located in the Allston Village Main Streets District as designated by the Department of Neighborhood Development in which \$15,876,857 has been invested for economic development, housing preservation, and rental housing development.

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- *Regulation:* Section II subpart E of the January 16, 2001, **Federal Register** Notice, Revisions to PHA PBA Program; Initial Guidance.

*Project/Activity:* Boston Housing Authority (BHA), Boston, MA; The BHA requested an exception to the initial guidance to permit it to attach 13 PBA units to the Metropolitan. The Metropolitan is a new construction project consisting of 251 units, with 133 rental units (53 market rent and 81 affordable), and 118 ownership units (84 market rent and 34 affordable) in the Chinatown neighborhood of Boston. The current poverty rate according to 1990 census data is 28.53 percent.

*Nature of Requirement:* Section II subpart E of the initial guidance requires that in order to meet the Department's goal of deconcentration and expanding housing and economic opportunities, the projects must be in census tracts with poverty rates of less than 20 percent.

*Granted By:* Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

*Date Granted:* December 9, 2002.

*Reason Waived:* Approval of the exception was granted because the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) has worked with the community of Chinatown to sponsor several projects and programs that have worked to deconcentrate poverty and improve the quality of life in this area. Projects include economic development, homebuyer assistance, and rental housing development with a total public assistance of \$5,732,250. In addition, within the Chinatown/Theatre District Neighborhood, several large-scale market residential and commercial projects have been completed or scheduled to be completed within the next five years.

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- *Regulation:* Section II subpart E of the January 16, 2001, **Federal Register** Notice, Revisions to PHA Project-Based Assistance (PBA) Program; Initial Guidance.

*Project/Activity:* St. Paul Public Housing Agency (SPPHA), St. Paul, MN; The SPPHA requested an exception to the initial guidance to permit it to attach PBA to a 71-unit single-room occupancy facility owned by Catholic Charities in a census tract with a poverty rate of 37 percent.

*Nature of Requirement:* Section II subpart E of the initial guidance requires that in order to meet the Department's goal of deconcentration and expanding housing and economic opportunities, the projects must be in census tracts with poverty rates of less than 20 percent.

*Granted By:* Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

*Date Granted:* December 30, 2002.

*Reason Waived:* Approval of the exception was granted because Guild Hall (also known as St. Christopher Place Apartments) is in a HUD-designated Enterprise Community whose goals of creating jobs, housing, and new educational and healthcare opportunities are consistent with the goal of deconcentration and expanding housing and economic opportunities.

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- *Regulation:* Section II subpart E and subpart F of the January 16, 2001, **Federal Register** Notice, Revisions to PHA PBA Program; Initial Guidance.

*Project/Activity:* St. Paul Public Housing Agency (SPHA), St. Paul, MN; The SPHA requested an exception to the initial guidance to permit it to attach PBA to the Oxford, a building that is in a census tract with a poverty rate that exceeds 20 percent. The SPPHA also requested an exception to waive the requirement that no more than 25 percent of the dwelling units in any building may be assisted under a housing assistance payments (HAP) contract for PBA for this project and a second project named the Lexington.

*Nature of Requirement:* Section II subpart E of the initial guidance requires that in order to meet the Department's goal of deconcentration and expanding housing and economic opportunities, the projects must be in census tracts with poverty rates of less than 20 percent. Section II subpart F requires that no more than 25 percent of the dwelling units in any building may be assisted under a housing assistance payments (HAP) contract for PBA except for dwelling units that are specifically made available for elderly families, disabled families, and families receiving supportive services. Until regulations are promulgated regarding the category of families receiving supportive services, HUD Headquarters is authorizing implementation of this aspect of the law on a case-by-case basis.

*Granted By:* Michael Liu, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

*Date Granted:* November 13, 2002.

*Reason Waived:* Approval of the exception for deconcentration was granted since the Oxford is in a HUD-designated Enterprise Community the goals of which are to open new businesses, create jobs, housing, and new educational and healthcare opportunities. These goals are consistent with the goal of deconcentration and expanding housing and economic opportunities. Approval of the exception for the number of units in a building that may be project-based was granted because the families living in the Oxford and Lexington will receive supportive services including job training, literacy life skills, childcare, and transportation. These supportive services are consistent with the statute.

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- *Regulation:* Section II subpart F of the January 16, 2001, **Federal Register** Notice, Revisions to PHA PBA Program; Initial Guidance.

*Project/Activity:* Housing Authority City of Elkhart (HACE), Elkhart, IN; The HACE requested an exception to waive the requirement that no more than 25 percent of the dwelling units in any building may be assisted under a housing assistance payments (HAP) contract for PBA for 12 units of housing that will be rehabilitated at 525 Middlebury Street.