

to applicants to the basic Colleges and Universities COPC program in the following order: New Grants; New Directions.

(C) *Negotiations.* After all selections have been made, HUD may require winning applicants to participate in negotiations to determine the specific terms of a program's Statement of Work and/or Grant Budget. In cases where HUD cannot successfully conclude negotiations, or an applicant fails to provide HUD with requested information, an award will not be made. In such instances, HUD may elect to offer an award to the next highest-ranking applicant, and proceed with negotiations with that applicant.

VII. Other Matters

The provisions of the HUD Reform Act of 1989 that apply to this NOFA are explained in the General Section of the SuperNOFA.

(A) *Debriefing.* The General Section of the SuperNOFA provides the procedures for requesting a debriefing. All requests for debriefings must be made in writing and submitted to Armand Carriere of HUD's Office of University Partnerships, Robert C. Weaver Building, 451 7th Street SW., Room 8106, Washington, DC 20410. Applicants may also write to Mr. Carriere via e-mail at Armand_W_Carriere@hud.gov.

(B) *Administrative.* Grants awarded under this NOFA will be governed by the provisions of 24 CFR part 84 (Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations), A-21 (Cost Principles for Education Institutions) and A-133 (Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations). Applicants can access the OMB circulars at the White House website at whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html.

(C) *Davis-Bacon Requirements.* Provided that no grant funds are used for construction or construction management of housing built as a result of this award, Davis-Bacon requirements do not apply, unless the funds used for construction are federal funds that carry their own Davis-Bacon requirements. Provision of architectural services, whether before or during construction, does not trigger Davis-Bacon requirements.

VIII. Corrections to Deficient Applications

The General Section of the SuperNOFA provides the procedures for corrections to deficient applications.

IX. Environmental Requirements

In accordance with 24 CFR 50.19(b) of the HUD regulations, activities assisted with Community Planning awards are categorically excluded from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and are not subject to environmental review under the related laws and authorities.

With regard to Housing Design awards, selection for award does not constitute approval of any proposed sites for construction of the housing designs. Following selection for award, HUD will perform an environmental review of sites proposed for construction of housing designs, in accordance with 24 CFR part 50. The results of the environmental review may require that the proposed activities be modified or that the proposed sites be rejected. Applicants are particularly cautioned not to undertake or commit funds for acquisition or development of proposed properties prior to HUD approval of specific properties or areas.

An application constitutes an assurance that the institution will assist HUD to comply with 24 CFR part 50; will supply HUD with all available and

relevant information to perform an environmental review for each proposed property; will carry out mitigating measures required by HUD or select an alternate property; and will not acquire, rehabilitate, convert, demolish, lease, repair or construct property and will not commit or expend HUD or local funds for these program activities with respect to any eligible property, until HUD approval of the property is received. In supplying HUD with environmental information, applicants should use the same guidance as provided in the HUD Notice CPD-99-01 entitled "Field Environmental Review Processing for HUD Colonias Initiative (HCI) Grants," issued January 27, 1999.

X. Authority

The COPC program is authorized under the Community Outreach Partnership Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 5307 note; the "COPC Act"). The COPC Act is contained in section 851 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-550, approved October 28, 1992 (HCD Act of 1992)). Section 801(c) of the HCD Act of 1992 authorized \$7.5 million for each year of the 5-year demonstration to create Community Outreach Partnership Centers as authorized in the COPC Act. Division K of the FY 2003 Consolidated Appropriations Resolution (Pub. L. 108-7, approved February 20, 2003) continued the program beyond the initial five-year demonstration by providing funding for Community Outreach Partnership Centers for FY 2003. Applicants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the provisions of the statute on HUD's SuperNOFA website at www.hud.gov.

XI. Appendix A

Appendix A, which follows, includes the non-standard forms required for this NOFA.