

Center or through the HUD Web site, <http://www.hud.gov>.

VI. Application Submission Requirements

(A) *BEDI Funding*. An application for a BEDI grant under this program section of the SuperNOFA must have the following items listed in this Section VI to be complete. The standard forms, certifications and assurances that are required for the BEDI application (and listed in paragraph (I) below) can be found in Appendix B to the General Section. The remaining application items that are forms (*i.e.*, excluding such items as narratives or letters, etc.), referred to as the “non-standard forms”, can be found in Appendix A to this program section of the SuperNOFA.

(B) *Transmittal Letter* signed by the authorized representative of the eligible applicant indicating that it is submitting the application for funding under the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative Program and is requesting funding consideration for a BEDI project.

(C) *Checklist and Submission Table of Contents* indicating the page numbers where the submission items can be found in the application (form HUD-40076-A EDI/BEDI).

(D) *BEDI Narrative Statement* (not to exceed 3 pages) describing BEDI-funded eligible activities within the proposed project and indicating that funding will not be used for a prohibited purpose and that the proposed site for the project is not ineligible under the BEDI program. (See Section V (B) of this program section.)

(E) *EDI/BEDI/Section 108 Funding Eligibility Statement*. A completed EDI/BEDI Section 108 Funding Eligibility Statement (form HUD-40076-E EDI/BEDI).

(F) *Request for Loan Guarantee Assistance*. A request for loan guarantee assistance under Section 108, as further described in Section IV (D) of this program section of the SuperNOFA. Full application guidelines for the Section 108 program are found at 24 CFR 570.704.

(G) *Narrative Responses to Factors for Award (not to exceed 15 pages overall)*:

(1) Rating Factor 1: Capacity and Relevant Organizational Experience. Provide a narrative indicating the capacity of the applicant's organization and staff and any third parties to perform the work for which it is requesting funding.

(2) Rating Factor 2: Need Statement. Identifying the level of Distress/Extent of the Problem. Provide a narrative statement including any documentation supporting the statement of need,

accompanied by a completed form HUD-40076-B EDI/BEDI.

(3) Rating Factor 3: Soundness of Approach. Include the activities, budget and time frame for conducting activities and providing project benefits in the narrative response, accompanied by form HUD 40076-C EDI/BEDI.

(4) Rating Factor 4: Leveraging Resources. The response must include a completed copy of form HUD-40076-D EDI/BEDI, “Rating Factor 4: Leveraging Resources—Sources and Uses Statement,” accompanied by any letters of firm commitment as defined in Section III (A)(1) of this program section.

(5) Rating Factor 5: Achieving Results and Program Evaluation: Provide a narrative response to this factor, accompanied by the logic model provided in the General Section of the SuperNOFA.

(H) *Request for Funds*. A single application must contain a request for funds for a single BEDI/108 project. An applicant may submit an additional application for each additional unrelated BEDI/108 project, but in no event will HUD rate and rank more than one BEDI project per application.

(I) *Additional Application Forms and Certifications*. In addition to any forms that have been submitted in response to Section VI (A) through (H) above (which may be found at Appendix A), the following forms and certifications must also be submitted in accordance with Section V (H) of the General Section of this SuperNOFA:

(1) Application for Federal Assistance (HUD-424);

(2) Federal Assistance Funding Matrix (HUD 424-M);

(3) Standard Form for Assurances—Non-Construction Programs (HUD 424-B) and/or Standard Form for Assurances—Construction Programs (SF 424-D); not required for BEDI applications since the “Leveraging Resources—Sources and Uses Statement” serves the same purpose as a budget form, but must be submitted with the Section 108 application. Since these forms contain assurances of compliance with civil rights and other regulatory requirements, BEDI applicants may elect to provide the signed assurances either with the BEDI or the Section 108 application, if the latter is submitted with the BEDI application.

(4) Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report, HUD-2880;

(5) Certification of Consistency With EZ/EC Strategic Plan, HUD-2990.

These forms are found in the Appendix B to the General Section of this SuperNOFA.

The non-standard forms for the BEDI applications are in Appendix A to this program section.

If an applicant wishes to receive an acknowledgment of HUD's receipt of its application, it should submit a completed Acknowledgment of Receipt of Application form.

VII. Corrections to Deficient Applications

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

VIII. Environmental Requirements

(A) *Environmental Reviews*. After the completion of this competition and after HUD's award of BEDI grant funds, pursuant to 24 CFR 570.604, each project or activity assisted under this program is subject to the provisions of 24 CFR part 58, including limitations on the BEDI grantee and Section 108 public entity's commitment of HUD and non-HUD funds prior to the completion of environmental review, notification and release of funds. No such assistance will be released by HUD until a request for release of funds is submitted and the requirements of 24 CFR part 58 have been met. All public entities, including non-entitlement public entities, shall submit the request for release of funds and related certification, required pursuant to 24 CFR part 58, to the appropriate HUD field office for each project to be assisted.

(B) *Environmental Justice*. (1) Executive Order 12898 (Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations) directs federal agencies to develop strategies to address environmental justice. Environmental justice seeks to rectify the disproportionately high burden of environmental pollution that is often borne by low-income, minority, and other disadvantaged communities, and to ensure community involvement in policies and programs addressing this issue.

(2) Brownfields are often located in distressed neighborhoods, contribute to neighborhood blight, and lower the quality of social, economic, and environmental health of communities. The BEDI program is intended to promote the clean up and redevelopment of brownfields sites and HUD expects that projects presented for BEDI funding will integrate environmental justice concerns and provide measurable economic benefits for affected communities and their current residents for the long term.