

(ii) Demolition followed only by filling in the site and establishing a lawn.

(2) Exclusions. Under section 12(b) of the 1937 Act, wage rate requirements do not apply to individuals who:

(a) Perform services for which they volunteered;

(b) Do not receive compensation for those services or are paid expenses, reasonable benefits, or a nominal fee for the services; and

(c) Are not otherwise employed in the work involved (24 CFR part 70).

(3) If other Federal programs are used in connection with your HOPE VI activities, labor standards requirements apply to the extent required by the other Federal programs on portions of the project that are not subject to Davis-Bacon rates under the 1937 Act.

(E) *Lead-Based Paint*. You must comply with lead-based paint evaluation and reduction requirements as provided for under the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4821, *et seq.*). You must also comply with regulations at 24 CFR part 35, 24 CFR 965.701, and 24 CFR 968.110(k), as they may be amended or revised from time to time. Unless otherwise provided, you will be responsible for lead-based paint evaluation and reduction activities. The National Lead Information Hotline is 1-800-424-5323.

(F) *Internet Access*. You must have access to the Internet and provide HUD with e-mail addresses of key staff and contact people.

#### VII. Environmental Review

(A) *Environmental Review*. HUD notification that you have been selected to receive a HOPE VI grant constitutes only preliminary approval. Grant funds may not be released until the responsible entity completes an environmental review and you submit and obtain HUD approval of a request for release of funds and the responsible entity's environmental certification in accordance with 24 CFR part 58 and Section VII of this NOFA (or HUD has completed an environmental review under 24 CFR part 50 where HUD has determined to do the environmental review). Revitalization grantees are subject to additional requirements found at Section XVII of the Revitalization Section of this NOFA.

(B) If you are selected for funding and an environmental review has not been conducted on the targeted site, the responsible entity, as defined in 24 CFR 58.2(a)(7), must assume the environmental review responsibilities for projects being funded by HOPE VI. If you object to the responsible entity

conducting the environmental review, on the basis of performance, timing, or compatibility of objectives, HUD will review the facts and determine who will perform the environmental review. At any time, HUD may reject the use of a responsible entity to conduct the environmental review in a particular case on the basis of performance, timing, or compatibility of objectives, or in accordance with 24 CFR 58.77(d)(1). If a responsible entity objects to performing an environmental review, or if HUD determines that the responsible entity should not perform the environmental review, HUD may designate another responsible entity to conduct the review or may itself conduct the environmental review in accordance with the provisions of 24 CFR part 50. You must provide any documentation to the responsible entity (or HUD, where applicable) that is needed to perform the environmental review.

(C) If you are selected for funding, you must have a Phase I environmental site assessment completed in accordance with the American Society for Testing and Material (ASTM) Standards E 1527-900, as amended, for each affected site. A Phase I assessment is required whether the environmental review is completed under 24 CFR part 50 or 24 CFR part 58. The results of the Phase I assessment must be included in the documents that must be provided to the responsible entity (or HUD) for the environmental review. If the Phase I assessment recognizes environmental concerns or if the results are inconclusive, a Phase II environmental site assessment will be required.

(D) You may not undertake any actions with respect to the project that are choice-limiting or could have environmentally adverse effects, including demolishing, acquiring, rehabilitating, converting, leasing, repairing, or constructing property proposed to be assisted under this NOFA, and you may not commit or expend HUD or local funds for these activities, until HUD has approved a Request for Release of Funds following a responsible entity's environmental review under 24 CFR part 58, or until HUD has completed an environmental review and given approval for the action under 24 CFR part 50. In addition, you must carry out any mitigating/remedial measures required by the Responsible Entity (or HUD). If a remediation plan, where required, is not approved by HUD and a fully-funded contract with a qualified contractor licensed to perform the required type of remediation is not executed, HUD reserves the right to determine that the grant is in default.

(E) The costs of environmental reviews and hazard remediation are eligible costs under the HOPE VI Program.

(F) HUD's Environmental Web site is located at <http://hudstage.hud.gov/offices/cpd/energyenviron/environment/index.cfm>

#### VIII. Additional Governmental Requirements

(A) The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for HOPE VI is 14.866. The CFDA is a government-wide compendium of Federal programs, projects, services, and activities that provide assistance or benefits to the public.

(B) *Environmental Impact*. A Finding of No Significant Impact with respect to the environment has been made in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 50 that implement section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332). The Finding of No Significant Impact is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Office of the General Counsel, Regulations Division, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-0500.

(C) *Federalism*. Executive Order 13132 prohibits, to the extent practicable and permitted by law, an agency from promulgating policies that have federalism implications and either impose substantial direct compliance costs on State and local governments and are not required by statute, or preempt State law, unless the relevant requirements of section 6 of the Executive Order are met. This NOFA does not have federalism implications and does not impose substantial direct compliance costs on State and local governments or preempt State law within the meaning of the Executive Order.

(D) *Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs*. Executive Order 12372 was issued to foster intergovernmental partnership and strengthen federalism by relying on State and local processes for the coordination and review of Federal financial assistance and direct Federal development. The Order allows each State to designate an entity to perform a State review function. The official listing of State Points of Contact (SPOC) for this review process can be found at: [www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html). States that are not listed on the Web site have chosen not to participate in the intergovernmental review process, and therefore do not have a SPOC. If you are located within