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Current utilization of HUD Procurement Handbook 7460.8 REV-2

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Dear Procurement Professionals,

I am receiving a lot of inquiries as to what affect the HUD-mandated transition* from **24 CFR §85.36 to 2 CFR §200.317 – §200.326** has on the current version of HUD Procurement Handbook 7460.8 REV 2.

Most folks ask if I am aware if HUD is going to soon issue a new version of the Handbook. Some folks have even shared with me that, due to the transition, they feel that the Handbook is no longer is valid.

First, I have heard that a revision or update of the Handbook is "in the works," though I have seen no notice from HUD stating that such may/will occur. Accordingly, I would not consider that issuance of a revised Handbook is imminent (though it would be great if would happen soon!).

Second, the thought that the Handbook is "no longer valid" because one or two things therein have to be updated is not a reasonable deduction! There are not very many requirements that change as the result of the aforementioned transition; to wit: the Micro Purchase Threshold increases from \$2,000 to \$3,000; and the Small Purchase Threshold increases from \$100,000 to \$150,000 (though State regulations or local laws/codes may set a lower limit to each). I recommend that housing agency staff again review the "Side-by-Side" comparison document posted within the following noted June 17, 2015 Notice on my website.

Also, please remember that it is not reasonable to expect that HUD will quickly revise Handbooks to keep up with regulation changes. Accordingly, in the interim we are expected to ensure that when we conduct our procurement and contracting activities in compliance with the requirements of the Handbook, we also integrate therein any changed conditions necessitated by the transition to the new CFR (NOTE: This only applies if the housing agency has revised their Procurement Policy to implement the requirements of the new CFR--again, please see the following identified Notices on my website!).

I hope that this information is of a help. Please do not hesitate to contact me by return email if you have any further questions or concerns pertaining to this matter.

Regards,
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[*You can access my previous outreach notices as to this "HUD-mandated transition" as follows:

- (1) Go to my mentoring website, procurementassistance.org;
- (2) Within the menu at the top of the home page, click on the "Notices Issued" link--this area is not password-protected, so there there is "open access" to the Notices;

(3) You may review the Notices issued on the following dates (the Notices are listed in chronological order, the most recent listed first--I recommend that you review these Notices in inverse order, the oldest first):

November 16, 2015; November 10, 2015; and June 17, 2015.]

I have a consulting practice providing procurement- and contracts-related mentoring, training, and technical assistance to housing agencies. I help housing agencies conduct procurement and contracts in a HUD-compliant and "best practice" manner. [Click here](#) to see my full resume. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns pertaining to procurement and contracts (initial answering of questions is "no charge"). As I am either on-the-road or on the phone a lot, an initial contact by e-mail is best; please be sure to include your return telephone number (office/cellular) so that I can call you back.

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