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## RE-DISTRIBUTION OF A HUD NOTICE: Public Trust and Integrity is Our Collective Responsibility

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It is my opinion that the following Notice issued earlier today by HUD is important enough for me to re-distribute nationwide. I am doing so to ensure that this Notice is available to those who did not receive it directly from HUD. Please be sure to direct any questions or concerns pertaining to this Notice directly to HUD.

Regards,  
**Michael S. Gifford, C.P.M., CPSD**  
*Housing Agency Procurement Assistance*

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### BEGINNING OF HUD NOTICE

#### A Message From:



Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
**Lourdes M. Castro Ramirez**  
Office of Public and Indian Housing



HUD Inspector General  
**David A. Montoya**

### Public Trust and Integrity is Our Collective Responsibility

Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) are managed by dedicated public servants that often go above and beyond to provide residents with safe, decent and affordable housing that strengthens communities. Similarly, the vast majority of families living in these communities, like so many Americans, are working towards improving their quality of life.

Efficient operations and effective accountability are essential to ensuring that the limited public housing resources are protected and used prudently, to better the lives of those we are charged with serving.

We have all likely seen the missteps of a few, impact the reputation and trust of others. Therefore, it is important that we continue to be proactive, vigilant, and responsive in addressing activities that may undermine the public trust. Developing internal controls, consistent monitoring and fostering an environment of transparency is critical to the mission of PHAs and HUD.

To assist in this effort, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) has developed a series of Program Integrity Bulletins that include the following topics:

- A Primer for Commissioners
- Hiring
- Embezzlements
- Procurement and Contracting
- Fraud Policy

These and future bulletins provide information to help all of us safeguard funds and assets, and ensure that the core mission of providing safe and affordable housing is achieved. We encourage you to read the bulletins and distribute them widely. Bulletins are posted at <http://www.hudoig.gov/fraud-prevention>.

PIH is also looking forward to developing a training module with OIG over the coming months to include in our **new** curriculum for PHA board members and executive staff, *Lead the Way: PHA Governance and Financial Management Training*, available on the HUD Exchange at [www.hudexchange.info/public-housing](http://www.hudexchange.info/public-housing).

We all know how precious public housing resources are, and together we can assure that each dollar is used to benefit the communities we are entrusted to serve.

**Lourdes M. Castro Ramírez**  
**END OF HUD NOTICE**

**David A Montoya**

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***About Michael S. Gifford and Housing Agency Procurement Assistance:***

***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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