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NOTICE: Extension of Deadline for Submitting 2013 and 2014 Section 3 Form HUD 60002 Reports

Dear Colleagues:

On August 24, 2015, HUD launched the Section 3 Performance Evaluation and Registration System (SPEARS) for the submission of Section 3 Annual Summary Reports (Form HUD 60002). Public Housing Authorities, entitlement communities, states, multifamily property owners and NOFA grantees that receive HUD funding covered by Section 3 and are responsible for submitting Form HUD 60002 were informed that 2013 and 2014 reports should be entered into SPEARS by October 30, 2015.

SPEARS incorporates a password protected security feature and is accessed through the HUD internet portal Web Access Secure System (WASS). WASS supports many other HUD applications for the purpose of securing sensitive data. Given the difficulty users have experienced with the WASS registration process, **the Department is extending the deadline for the submission of 2013 and 2014 reports to December 15, 2015.**

An updated version of SPEARS, version 1.1, was released Monday, October 26, 2015. SPEARS v. 1.1 will streamline the registration process for recipients with existing credentials in WASS as well as fix the problem users have experienced with leading zeros in their Tax ID number (TIN).

If you have any questions or concerns, please send a message to 60002Questions@hud.gov with the following in the subject line for expedited response: "Extension of Deadline for Submission of 2013 and 2014 reports". Please include your agency's name, Tax ID number and contact information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gustavo Velasquez".

Gustavo Velasquez
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