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**Housing Agency Procurement Assistance**

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Following is a Notice recently sent out of HUD that I believe is of interest and importance to each of you.

Regards,

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

BEGINNING OF HUD NOTICE**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL CONTRACTORS**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and BusinessUSA are collaborating to improve the flow of information about contract opportunities from federal grantees to businesses looking for opportunity. The businesses also receive information about supports and assistance that can help them qualify to bid and to grow. Simple online tools provided by BusinessUSA are making it faster and easier for project owners and contractors to secure the resources and capacity they need. City of St. Paul, Minneapolis Public Housing Authority, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, and a housing agency in Warren, Ohio are currently posting bids in the system. Federal grantees and local municipal governments are welcome to begin posting their bid notices immediately into the BusinessUSA system for public search.

Businesses: Using the BusinessUSA website and mobile applications provides a "no wrong door" approach for small businesses and exporters to quickly connect to relevant services and information, regardless of where the information is located or which federal agency's website, call center, or office can help. Bids posted by federal grantees will be available for public search at <http://business.usa.gov/federally-funded-construction/opportunity-search>.

By downloading the Google Android or Apple iOS mobile applications, you can also receive:

- Daily push notifications of bid opportunities meeting filter criteria such as location, size, trades required, whether HUD Section 3 requirements apply, and other specifics.
- Information on local training events, Federal Register notices, and business news in the same push notification.

For more information to help your business thrive:

- Explore the BusinessUSA website: www.businessusa.gov
- Download mobile applications: [Google Android](#) | [Apple iOS](#)
- Read about HUD Section 3 requirements and sign up for the Section 3 Business Registry: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/section3/section3

Federal grantees, subgrantees, and borrowers: BusinessUSA has created a simple online form that allows you to:

- Post a notice of your bid, with details on the location, type and size of job, trades needed, whether HUD Section 3 requirements apply, and other specifics.
- Automatically notify businesses using the system.
- Download records of the posting to document your outreach efforts.

To start posting bids:

- View a tutorial on how to post a bid: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTnECFJRpa8>
- The bid opportunity posting form: <http://business.usa.gov/federally-funded-construction/add-opportunity>

Please contact James Baltazar for more information.

Thank you.

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END OF HUD NOTICE

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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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