

If you prefer, you may deliver your written comments (one original and three copies) to one of the following addresses:

Room 309-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201, or Room C5-09-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

Because of staffing and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission. In commenting, please refer to file code BPD-854-NC. Comments received timely will be available for public inspection as they are received, generally beginning approximately 3 weeks after publication of a document, in Room 309-G of the Department's offices at 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, on Monday through Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (phone: (202) 690-7890).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark A. Horney, (410) 786-4554.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 1138 of the Social Security Act (the Act) provides that a hospital or rural primary care hospital that participates in the Medicare or Medicaid programs must establish written protocols for the identification of potential organ donors. Section 155 of the Social Security Amendments of 1994 (SSA '94) (Public Law 103-432) amended section 1138 of the Act to require that effective January 1, 1996, a hospital may have an agreement concerning organ procurement only with its designated Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) unless it obtains a waiver from the Secretary that would allow the hospital to have an agreement with a different OPO. This section also provides that any hospital that had an agreement with an out-of-area OPO on the date of enactment, October 31, 1994, must submit a waiver request to the Secretary by January 1, 1996, if it wishes to retain the agreement. The existing agreement would remain in effect pending the Secretary's determination.

The law further states that in granting a waiver for an out-of-area agreement, the Secretary must determine that such a waiver: (1) Would be expected to increase donation; and (2) will assure equitable treatment of patients referred for transplants within the service area served by the designated OPO and within the service area served by the out-of-area OPO. In making a waiver determination, the Secretary may consider, among other factors: (1) cost effectiveness; (2) improvements in

quality; (3) whether there has been any change in a hospital's designated OPO service area due to definition of metropolitan statistical areas (MSA); and (4) the length and continuity of a hospital's relationship with the out-of-area OPO. Under section 1138(a)(2)(D) of the Act, the Secretary is required to publish a notice of any waiver applications within 30 days of receiving the application and offer interested parties an opportunity to comment in writing within 60 days of the published notice.

II. Hospital Requests for Waiver

In October 1995, we issued a Program Memorandum (Transmittal No. A-95-11) that has been supplied to each hospital. This Program Memorandum detailed the waiver process and discussed the information that may be provided by hospitals requesting a waiver. As required by law, we indicated that upon receipt of the waiver requests, we would publish a notice to solicit comments.

Upon receipt of the comments, we will review the request and comments received. During the review process, we may consult on an as needed basis with parties other than those that submitted comments including the Public Health Service's Division of Transplantation, the United Network for Organ Sharing, and HCFA regional offices. If necessary, we may also request additional clarifying information from the applying hospital. It should be noted that there is no time limit upon which we must complete our review. We then will make a determination on the waiver requests and notify the affected hospitals and OPOs.

III. Hospitals Requesting Waivers

To date, we have received waiver applications from the following hospitals:

Hospital Name: West Florida Regional Medical Center
City & State: Pensacola, FL
Requested OPO: Alabama Organ Center
City & State: Birmingham, AL
Designated OPO: University of Florida
City & State: Gainesville, FL
Hospital Name: Singing River Hospital System
City & State: Pascagoula, MS
Requested OPO: Alabama Organ Center
City & State: Birmingham, AL
Designated OPO: Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency
City & State: Jackson, MS
Hospital Name: Jefferson Memorial Hospital
City & State: Ranson, WV
Requested OPO: Virginia's Organ Procurement Agency

City & State: Midlothian, VA
Designated OPO: Center Organ Recovery & Education
City & State: Pittsburgh, PA
Hospital Name: City Hospital
City & State: Martinsburg, WV
Requested OPO: Virginia's Organ Procurement Agency
City & State: Midlothian, VA
Designated OPO: Center Organ Recovery & Education
City & State: Pittsburgh, PA
Hospital Name: Princeton Community Hospital
City & State: Princeton, WV
Requested OPO: Virginia's Organ Procurement Agency
City & State: Midlothian, VA
Designated OPO: Center Organ Recovery & Education
City & State: Pittsburgh, PA
Hospital Name: Fort Walton Beach Medical Center
City & State: Ft. Walton Beach, FL
Requested OPO: Alabama Organ Center
City & State: Birmingham, AL
Designated OPO: University of Florida
City & State: Gainesville, FL
Hospital Name: Baylor Medical Center at Grapevine
City & State: Grapevine, TX
Requested OPO: Southwest Organ Bank
City & State: Dallas, TX
Designated OPO: Life Gift Organ Donation Center
City & State: Houston, TX
Hospital Name: St. Joseph Regional Health Center
City & State: Bryan, TX
Requested OPO: Southwest Organ Bank
City & State: Dallas, TX
Designated OPO: Life Gift Organ Donation Center
City & State: Houston, TX
Authority: Section 1138 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-8). (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.778, Medical Assistance Program; No. 93.773 Medicare—Hospital Insurance Program; and No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)
Dated: November 30, 1995.
Bruce C. Vladeck,
Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.
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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT****Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Community Planning and
Development**

[Docket No. FR-3778-N-68]

**Federal Property Suitable as Facilities
to Assist the Homeless**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant
Secretary for Community Planning and
Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies
unutilized, underutilized, excess, and
surplus Federal property reviewed by
HUD for suitability for possible use to
assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 19, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Johnston, Department of Housing
and Urban Development, Room 7256,
451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC
20410; telephone (202) 708-1226; TDD
number for the hearing- and speech-
impaired (202) 708-2565, (these
telephone numbers are not toll-free), or
call the toll-free Title V information line
at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In
accordance with the December 12, 1988
court order in *National Coalition for the
Homeless versus Veterans
Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG
(D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a
weekly basis, identifying unutilized,
underutilized, excess and surplus
Federal buildings and real property that
HUD has reviewed for suitability for use
to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is
for the purpose of announcing that no
additional properties have been
determined suitable or unsuitable this
week.

Note: Due to the government shutdown,
notices did not appear in the December 29,
1995, January 5, 1996, and January 12, 1996
Federal Registers.

Dated: January 12, 1996.

Jacquie M. Lawing,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic
Development.*

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**Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Policy Development and Research**

[Docket No. FR-3960-N-03]

**Notice of Extension of Application
Deadline and of Rescheduled Bidders
Conference on Cooperative Agreement
Applications for the Community
Renaissance Fellows Program**

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant
Secretary for Policy Development and
Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of extended application
deadline and of rescheduled bidders
conference.

SUMMARY: On November 30, 1995, HUD
published a notice in the Federal
Register seeking applications from
public and private universities in order
to provide funding to develop and
implement the educational component
of HUD's new Community Renaissance
Fellows Program. The notice also
announced that HUD would hold a
"bidders" conference in Washington
D.C. on January 11, 1996 and set a
February 15, 1996 application deadline.

On January 8, 1996 the Department
published a notice in the Federal
Register cancelling the January 11, 1996
conference due to the partial shutdown
of the Federal government. The purpose
of this notice is to reschedule the
conference for January 24, 1996. In
addition, the application deadline is
extended until February 29, 1996. No
other changes are made to the November
30, 1995 notice by this notice.

DATES: Extended application deadline.
The application deadline set forth in the
November 30, 1995 Federal Register
notice (60 FR 61634) is extended as
follows. Applications must be
physically received at the address
shown in the **ADDRESSES** section of this
notice by 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard
Time on February 29, 1996.
*Applications faxed to this address will
not be accepted.* The above-stated
deadline date is *firm* as to *date, hour*
and *place*. In the interest of fairness to
all competing applicants, the
Department will treat as *ineligible for
consideration* any application that is
received after the deadline. Applicants
should take this practice into account
and make early submission of their
materials to avoid any risk of loss of
eligibility brought about by
unanticipated delays or other delivery-
related problems.

Rescheduled bidder conference date.
HUD will be holding a "bidders"
conference to explain, in more detail,
the background behind this solicitation
and clarify application requirements.

The conference will be held on January
24, 1996 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in
Washington, D.C. All interested
applicants are encouraged to attend this
conference. For more information about
this conference, please call Jane
Karadibil at (202) 708-1537 (this is not
a toll free number), or for the hearing
impaired, TDD 1-800-877-TDDY.

ADDRESSES: To submit applications.
Applications must be physically
received by the Office of University
Partnerships, Office of Policy
Development and Research, U.S.
Department of Housing and Urban
Development, in care of the Division of
Budget, Contracts, and Program Control,
in Room 8230 by 4:30 pm. Eastern
Standard Time on February 29, 1996.
*Applications faxed to this address will
not be accepted.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane
Karadibil, Office of University
Partnerships in the Office of Policy
Development and Research, U.S.
Department of Housing and Urban
Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room
8110, Washington, DC 20410.
Telephone number (202) 708-1537
voice (this is not a toll free number); 1-
800-877-TDDY (TDD). Ms. Karadibil can
also be contacted via the Internet at
Jane_R_Karadibil@hud.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On November 30, 1995 (60 FR 61634),
HUD published a notice in the Federal
Register seeking applications from
public and private universities in order
to provide funding to develop and
implement the educational component
of HUD's new Community Renaissance
Fellows Program. The program will
place 20 Fellows in distressed public
housing developments undergoing
conversion, for example, to mixed-
income or mixed-use projects. HUD
hopes, with the assistance of private
foundations, to place additional Fellows
in comparable projects being
undertaken by community development
corporations.

The November 30, 1995 notice also
announced that HUD would hold a
"bidders" conference on January 11,
1996. The purpose of this conference
was to explain, in more detail, the
background behind this solicitation and
clarify application requirements.
Because of the partial shutdown of the
Federal government, the Department
cancelled the "bidders" conference
scheduled for January 11, 1996 in
Washington, D.C. by notice (61 FR 559),
but indicated that the conference may
be rescheduled. This notice reschedules
that conference and provides a two-