DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Statutorily Mandated Designation of Difficult Development Areas for Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986: Supplemental Designation Under the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HUD. **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: This document designates "Difficult Development Areas" (DDAs) for purposes of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code) (26 U.S.C. 42) as amended by the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-135; the GO Zone Act). The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) makes new Difficult Development Area designations annually and is making a supplemental designation at this time because of changes in the program enacted in the GO Zone Act. The designations of "Qualified Census Tracts" (QCTs) under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code published December 12, 2002, as supplemented on December 19, 2003, remain in effect.

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User at (800) 245–2691 for a small fee to cover duplication and mailing costs.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This Document

This notice designates DDAs for each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The designations of DDAs in this notice are based on final Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Fair Market Rents (FMRs), 2005 income limits, and 2000 Census population counts as explained below. HUD is making a supplemental designation at this time because of changes in the program enacted in the GO Zone Act. Specifically, the GO Zone Act provides that areas determined by the President to warrant individual or individual and public assistance from the Federal Government under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by reason of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, or Wilma shall be treated as DDAs designated under subclause (I) of Internal Revenue Code section 42(d)(5)(C)(iii) (i.e., areas designated by the Secretary of HUD as having high construction, land, and utility costs relative to area median gross income (AMGI)), and shall not be taken into account for purposes of applying the limitation under subclause (II) of such section (i.e., the 20 percent cap on the total population of designated areas). This notice lists the affected areas described in the GO Zone Act. Some of the areas made DDAs under the GO Zone Act were designated as DDAs for 2006 on the basis of having high housing cost relative to income. When their populations are exempted from the computation of total population in areas previously designated as DDAs for 2006, this population falls well below the statutory 20 percent cap. Therefore, this notice designates additional 2006 DDAs where the Secretary of HUD finds that construction, land, and utility costs are high relative to AMGI. The designations of QCTs under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code published December 12, 2002 (67 FR 76451), as supplemented on December 19, 2003 (68 FR 70982), remain in effect.

2000 Census

Data from the 2000 Census on total population of metropolitan areas and nonmetropolitan areas are used in the designation of DDAs. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

published new metropolitan area definitions incorporating 2000 Census data in OMB Bulletin No. 03–04 on June 6, 2003, as updated in OMB Bulletin No. 04-03 on February 18, 2004, and OMB Bulletin No. 05-02 on February 22. 2005. The FY2005 FMRs and 2005 income limits used to designate DDAs are based on the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) definitions established by OMB in OMB Bulletin No. 99-04 on June 30, 1999. Therefore, for the purposes of designating DDAs, "metropolitan areas" will continue to be defined according to the MSA/PMSA definitions established in OMB Bulletin No. 99-04 on June 30, 1999, until further notice.

Background

The U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) and its Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are authorized to interpret and enforce the provisions of the Code, including the LIHTC found at section 42 of the Code. The Secretary of HUD is required to designate DDAs and QCTs by section 42(d)(5)(C) of the Code. In order to assist in understanding HUD's mandated designation of DDAs and QCTs for use in administering section 42, a summary of the section is provided. The following summary does not purport to bind Treasury or the IRS in any way, nor does it purport to bind HUD, as HUD has authority to interpret or administer the Code only in instances where it receives explicit delegation.

Summary of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit

The LIHTC is a tax incentive intended to increase the availability of lowincome housing. Section 42 provides an income tax credit to owners of newly constructed or substantially rehabilitated low-income rental housing projects. The dollar amount of the LIHTC available for allocation by each state (credit ceiling) is limited by population. Each state is allowed a credit ceiling based on a statutory formula indicated at section 42(h)(3). States may carry forward unallocated credits derived from the credit ceiling for one year; however, to the extent these unallocated credits are not used by then, the credits go into a national pool to be redistributed to states as additional credit. State and local housing agencies allocate the state's credit ceiling among low-income housing buildings whose owners have applied for the credit. Besides section 42 credits derived from the credit ceiling, states may also provide section 42 credits to owners of buildings based on the percentage of certain building

costs financed by tax-exempt bond proceeds. Credits provided under the tax-exempt bond "volume cap" do not reduce the credits available from the credit ceiling.

The credits allocated to a building are based on the cost of units placed in service as low-income units under certain minimum occupancy and maximum rent criteria. In general, a building must meet one of two thresholds to be eligible for the LIHTC: either 20 percent of the units must be rent-restricted and occupied by tenants with incomes no higher than 50 percent of the AMGI or 40 percent of the units must be rent restricted and occupied by tenants with incomes no higher than 60 percent of AMGI. The term "rentrestricted" means that gross rent, including an allowance for utilities, cannot exceed 30 percent of the tenant's imputed income limitation (i.e., 50 percent or 60 percent of AMGI). The rent and occupancy thresholds remain in effect for at least 15 years, and building owners are required to enter into agreements to maintain the lowincome character of the building for at least an additional 15 years.

The LIHTC reduces income tax liability dollar for dollar. It is taken annually for a term of ten years and is intended to yield a present value of either: (1) 70 percent of the "qualified basis" for new construction or substantial rehabilitation expenditures that are not federally subsidized (i.e., financed with tax-exempt bonds or below-market federal loans), or (2) 30 percent of the qualified basis for the cost of acquiring certain existing buildings or projects that are federally subsidized. The actual credit rates are adjusted monthly for projects placed in service after 1987 under procedures specified in section 42. Individuals can use the credits up to a deduction equivalent of \$25,000 (the actual maximum amount of credit that an individual can claim depends on the individual's marginal tax rate). Individuals cannot use the credits against the alternative minimum tax. Corporations, other than S or personal service corporations, can use the credits against ordinary income tax. They cannot use the credits against the alternative minimum tax. These corporations can also deduct losses from

The qualified basis represents the product of the building's "applicable fraction" and its "eligible basis." The applicable fraction is based on the number of low-income units in the building as a percentage of the total number of units, or based on the floor space of low income-units as a percentage of the total floor space of

residential units in the building. The eligible basis is the adjusted basis attributable to acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction costs (depending on the type of LIHTC involved). These costs include amounts chargeable to a capital account that are incurred prior to the end of the first taxable year in which the qualified lowincome building is placed in service or, at the election of the taxpayer, the end of the succeeding taxable year. In the case of buildings located in designated DDAs or designated QCTs, eligible basis can be increased by up to 130 percent from what it would otherwise be. This means that the available credits also can be increased by up to 30 percent. For example, if a 70 percent credit is available, it effectively could be increased to as much as 91 percent.

Section 42 of the Code defines a DDA as any area designated by the Secretary of HUD as an area that has high construction, land, and utility costs relative to the AMGI. All designated DDAs in metropolitan areas (taken together) may not contain more than 20 percent of the aggregate population of all metropolitan areas, and all designated areas not in metropolitan areas may not contain more than 20 percent of the aggregate population of all nonmetropolitan areas

all nonmetropolitan areas.

The GO Zone Act provides that areas determined by the President to warrant individual or individual and public assistance from the Federal Government under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by reason of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, or Wilma shall be treated as DDAs designated under subclause (I) of Internal Revenue Code section 42(d)(5)(C)(iii) (*i.e.*, areas designated by the Secretary of HUD as having high construction, land, and utility costs relative to AMGI), and shall not be taken into account for purposes of applying the limitation under subclause (II) of such section (i.e., the 20 percent cap on the total population of designated areas). This notice lists the affected areas described in the GO Zone Act. Some of the areas designated DDAs under the GO Zone Act were designated 2006 DDAs in a notice published August 22, 2005 on the basis of having high construction, land, and utility costs relative to AMGI. When GO Zone Act DDAs' populations are exempted from the computation of total population in areas previously designated as DDAs for 2006, this population falls well below the statutory 20 percent cap. Therefore, this notice designates additional 2006 DDAs where the Secretary of HUD finds that construction, land, and utility costs are high relative to AMGI.

Explanation of HUD Designation Methodology

A. Difficult Development Areas

This notice lists all areas determined by the President to warrant individual or individual and public assistance from the Federal Government under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by reason of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, or Wilma as DDAs according to lists of counties and parishes from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Web site (http://www.fema.gov/) as of January 27, 2006. Affected metropolitan areas and nonmetropolitan areas are assigned the indicator "[GO Zone]" in the lists of DDAs.

In developing the list of the remaining DDAs, HUD compared housing costs with incomes. HUD used 2000 Census population data and the metropolitan area (MSA/PMSA) definitions as published in OMB Bulletin No. 99–04 on June 30, 1999. In keeping with past practice of basing the coming year's DDA designations on data from the preceding year, the basis for these comparisons was the 2005 HUD income limits for Very Low-Income households (Very Low Income Limits, or VLILs) and final FY2005 FMRs used for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. The procedure used in making the DDA calculations follows:

1. For each MSA/PMSA and each nonmetropolitan area, a ratio was calculated. This calculation used the final FY2005 two-bedroom FMR and the

2005 four-person VLIL.

a. The numerator of the ratio was the area's final FY2005 FMR. In general, the FMR is based on the 40th percentile rent paid by recent movers for a two-bedroom apartment. In metropolitan areas granted a FMR based on the 50th percentile rent for purposes of improving the administration of HUD's Housing Choice Voucher program (see 66 FR 162), the 40th percentile rent was used for nationwide consistency of comparisons.

b. The denominator of the ratio was the monthly LIHTC income-based rent limit calculated as ½12 of 30 percent of 120 percent of the area's VLIL (where the VLIL was rounded to the nearest \$50 and not allowed to exceed 80 percent of the AMGI in areas where the VLIL is adjusted upward from its 50 percent of AMGI base).

2. The ratios of the FMR to the LIHTC income-based rent limit were arrayed in descending order, separately, for MSAs/PMSAs and for nonmetropolitan areas.

3. The DDAs are those metropolitan areas and nonmetropolitan areas *not* in areas determined by the President to

warrant individual or individual and public assistance from the Federal Government under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by reason of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, or Wilma with the highest ratios cumulative to 20 percent of the 2000 population of all metropolitan areas and of all nonmetropolitan areas, respectively.

B. Application of Population Caps to Difficult Development Area Determinations

In identifying DDAs, HUD applied caps, or limitations, as noted above. The cumulative population of metropolitan DDAs not in areas determined by the President to warrant individual or individual and public assistance from the Federal Government under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by reason of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, or Wilma cannot exceed 20 percent of the cumulative population of all metropolitan areas and the cumulative population of nonmetropolitan DDAs not in areas determined by the President to warrant individual or individual and public assistance from the Federal Government under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by reason of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, or Wilma cannot exceed 20 percent of the cumulative population of all nonmetropolitan areas.

In applying these caps, HUD established procedures to deal with how to treat small overruns of the caps. The remainder of this section explains the procedure. In general, HUD stops selecting areas when it is impossible to choose another area without exceeding the applicable cap. The only exceptions to this policy are when the next eligible excluded area contains either a large absolute population or a large percentage of the total population, or the next excluded area's ranking ratio as described above was identical (to four decimal places) to the last area selected, and its inclusion resulted in only a minor overrun of the cap. Thus, for both the designated metropolitan and nonmetropolitan DDAs, there may be minimal overruns of the cap. HUD believes the designation of these additional areas is consistent with the intent of the legislation. As long as the apparent excess is small due to measurement errors, some latitude is justifiable because it is impossible to determine whether the 20 percent cap has been exceeded. Despite the care and effort involved in a decennial census, the Census Bureau and all users of the data recognize that the population counts for a given area and for the entire country are not precise. The extent of the measurement error is unknown. Thus, there can be errors in both the numerator and denominator of the ratio of populations used in applying a 20 percent cap. In circumstances where a strict application of a 20 percent cap results in an anomalous situation, recognition of the unavoidable imprecision in the census data justifies accepting small variances above the 20 percent limit.

C. Exceptions to OMB Definitions of MSAs/PMSAs and Other Geographic Matters

As stated in OMB Bulletin 99–04 defining metropolitan areas: "OMB establishes and maintains the definitions of the [Metropolitan Areas] solely for statistical purposes * * * OMB does not take into account or attempt to anticipate any nonstatistical uses that may be made of the definitions * * *. We recognize that some legislation specifies the use of metropolitan areas for programmatic purposes, including allocating Federal funds."

HUD makes exceptions to OMB definitions in calculating FMRs by deleting counties from metropolitan areas whose OMB definitions are determined by HUD to be larger than their housing market areas.

The following counties are assigned their own FMRs and VLILs and evaluated as if they were separate metropolitan areas for purposes of designating DDAs.

Metropolitan Area and Counties Deleted Chicago, Illinois: DeKalb, Grundy, and Kendall Counties.

Cincinnati-Hamilton, Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana: Brown County, Ohio; Gallatin, Grant, and Pendleton Counties, Kentucky; and Ohio County, Indiana.

Dallas, Texas: Henderson County. Flagstaff, Arizona-Utah: Kane County, Utah.

New Orleans, Louisiana: St. James Parish.

Washington, DC-Maryland-Virginia-West Virginia: Clarke, Culpeper, King George, and Warren Counties, Virginia; and Berkely and Jefferson Counties, West Virginia.

In addition, Waller County, TX, part of the Houston, TX PMSA, is not an area determined by the President to warrant individual or individual and public assistance from the Federal Government under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by reason of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, or Wilma. It is therefore excluded from the definition of the Houston, TX PMSA

and is assigned the FMR and VLIL of the Houston, TX PMSA and evaluated as if it were a separate metropolitan area for purposes of designating DDAs.

MSAs/PMSAs affected by geographic definition changes are assigned the indicator "(part)" in the list of Metropolitan DDAs. Any of the excluded counties designated as DDAs separately from their metropolitan areas are designated by the county name.

In the New England states (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont), OMB defined MSAs/PMSAs according to county subdivisions or minor civil divisions (MCDs), rather than county boundaries. Thus, when a New England county is designated as a Nonmetropolitan DDA, only that part of the county (the group of MCDs) not included in any MSA/PMSA is the Nonmetropolitan DDA. Affected counties are assigned the indicator "(part)" in the list of Nonmetropolitan DDAs.

For the convenience of readers of this notice, the geographical definitions of designated Metropolitan DDAs and the MCDs included in partial-county Nonmetropolitan DDAs in the New England states are included in the list of DDAs.

Future Designations

DDAs are designated annually as updated income and FMR data become available.

Effective Date

For DDAs designated by reason of being in areas determined by the President to warrant individual or individual and public assistance from the Federal Government under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by reason of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, or Wilma (the GO Zone Designation), the designation is effective: (1) For housing credit dollar amounts allocated and buildings placed in service during the period beginning on January 1, 2006, and ending on December 31, 2008; or (2) for purposes of section 42(h)(4)(B) of the Code, for buildings placed in service during the period beginning on January 1, 2006, and ending on December 31, 2008, but only with respect to bonds issued after December 31, 2005.

The 2006 lists of DDAs that are not part of the GO Zone Designation are effective: (1) For allocations of credit after December 31, 2005; or (2) for purposes of section 42(h)(4)(B) of the Code, if the bonds are issued and the building is placed in service after December 31, 2005. If an area is not on a subsequent list of DDAs, the 2006 lists

are effective for the area if (1) the allocation of credit to an applicant is made no later than the end of the 365day period after the submission to the credit-allocating agency of a complete application by the applicant, and the submission is made before the effective date of the subsequent lists; or (2) for purposes of section 42(h)(4)(B) of the Code, the bonds are issued or the building is placed in service no later than the end of the 365-day period after the applicant submits a complete application to the bond-issuing agency, and the submission is made before the effective date of the subsequent lists, provided that both the issuance of the bonds and the placement in service of the building occur after the application is submitted.

An application is deemed to be submitted on the date it is filed if the application is determined to be complete as certified in writing by the credit-allocating agency or bond-issuing agency. A "complete application" means that no more than de minimis clarification of the application is required for the agency to make a decision about the allocation of tax credits or issuance of bonds requested in the application.

The designations of QCTs under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code published December 12, 2002 (67 FR 76451), as supplemented on December 19, 2003 (68 FR 70982), remain in effect. The above language regarding calendar year 2006 and subsequent designations of DDAs also applies to the designations of QCTs published December 12, 2002 (67 FR 76451), as supplemented on December 19, 2003 (68 FR 70982), and subsequent designations of QCTs.

Interpretive Examples of Effective Date

For the convenience of readers of this notice, interpretive examples are provided below to illustrate the consequences of the effective date in areas that gain or lose DDA status. The term "regular DDA" as used below refers to DDAs that are designated by the Secretary of HUD as having high construction, land, and utility costs relative to AMGI. The term "GO Zone DDA" refers to areas determined by the President to warrant individual or individual and public assistance from the Federal Government under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act by reason of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, or Wilma. The examples covering "regular DDAs" are equally applicable to future QCT designations.

(Case A) Project "A" is located in a 2006 regular DDA that is NOT a designated regular DDA in 2007. An

application for tax credits for Project 'A'' is filed with the allocating agency November 15, 2006, which the creditallocating agency certifies in writing as complete. Credits are allocated to Project "A" on October 30, 2007. Project "A" IS eligible for the increase in basis accorded a project in a 2006 regular DDA because the application was filed BEFORE January 1, 2007 (the assumed effective date for the 2007 regular DDA lists), and tax credits were allocated no later than the end of the 365-day period after the filing of the complete application for an allocation of tax credits.

(Case B) Project "B" is located in a 2006 regular DDA that is NOT a designated regular DDA in 2007. An application for tax credits for Project "B" is filed with the allocating agency December 1, 2006, which the creditallocating agency certifies in writing as complete. Credits are allocated to Project "B" on March 30, 2008. Project "B" IS NOT eligible for the increase in basis accorded a project in a 2006 regular DDA because, although the application for an allocation of tax credits was filed BEFORE January 1, 2007 (the assumed effective date of the 2007 regular DDA lists), the tax credits were allocated later than the end of the 365-day period after the filing of the complete application.

(Case C) Project "C" is located in a 2006 regular DDA that was not a DDA in 2005. Project "C" was placed in service November 15, 2005. An application for tax-exempt bond financing for Project "C" is filed with the bond-issuing agency on January 15, 2006, which the bond-issuing agency certifies in writing as complete. The bonds that will support the permanent financing of Project "C" are issued September 30, 2006. Project "C" IS NOT eligible for the increase in basis otherwise accorded a project in a 2006 DDA because the project was placed in service BEFORE January 1, 2006.

(Case D) Project "D" is located in an area that is a regular DDA in 2006, but IS NOT a regular DDA in 2007. An application for tax-exempt bond financing for Project "D" is filed with the bond-issuing agency on October 30, 2006, which the bond-issuing agency certifies in writing as complete. Bonds are issued for Project "D" on April 30, 2007, but Project "D" is not placed in service until January 30, 2008. Project "D" is eligible for the increase in basis available to projects located in 2006 regular DDAs because the first of the two events necessary for triggering the effective date for buildings described in section 42(h)(4)(B) of the Code (the two events being bonds issued and buildings placed in service) took place on April 30, 2007, within the 365-day period after a complete application for tax-exempt bond financing was filed, and the application was filed during a time when the location of Project "D" was in a regular DDA.

(Case E) Project "E" is located in a GO Zone DDA. The bonds used to finance project "E" are issued July 1, 2008, and project "E" is placed in service July 1, 2009. Project "E" is NOT eligible for the increase in basis available to projects in GO Zone DDAs because it was not placed in service during the period beginning on January 1, 2006, and ending on December 31, 2008.

(Case F) Project "F" is located in a GO Zone DDA. The bonds used to finance project "F" were issued July 1, 2005, and project "F" is placed in service July 1, 2006. Project "F" is NOT eligible for the increase in basis available to projects in GO Zone DDAs because the bonds used to finance project "F" were issued BEFORE December 31, 2005.

Findings and Certifications

Environmental Impact

In accordance with 40 CFR 1508.4 of the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality and 24 CFR 50.19(c)(6) of HUD's regulations, the policies and procedures contained in this notice provide for the establishment of fiscal requirements or procedures that do not constitute a development decision affecting the physical condition of specific project areas or building sites and, therefore, are categorically excluded from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, except for extraordinary circumstances, and no Finding of No Significant Impact is required.

Federalism Impact

Executive Order 13132 (entitled "Federalism") prohibits an agency from publishing any policy document that has federalism implications if the document either imposes substantial direct compliance costs on state and local governments and is not required by statute, or the document preempts state law, unless the agency meets the consultation and funding requirements of section 6 of the executive order. This notice merely designates "Difficult Development Areas" as required under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, for the use by political subdivisions of the states in allocating the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit. This notice also details the technical methodology used in making such

designations. As a result, this notice is not subject to review under the order.

Dated: February 16, 2006.

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State	Metropolitan Area	Metropolitan Area Components	components		
Alabama	Mobile, AL MSA [GO Zone]	Baldwin County	Mobile County		
	Tuscaloosa, AL MSA [GO Zone]	Tuscaloosa County			
Arizona	Flagstaff, AZ-UT MSA (part)	Coconino County			
	Las Vegas, NV-AZ MSA	Mohave County			
	Yuma, AZ MSA	Yuma County			
California	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA PMSA	Los Angeles County			
	Oakland, CA PMSA	Alameda County	Contra Costa County		
	Orange County, CA PMSA	Orange County	-		
	Sacramento, CA PMSA	El Dorado County	Placer County	Sacramento County	
	Salinas, CA MSA	Monterey County			
	San Diego, CA MSA	San Diego County			
	San Luis Obispo-Atascadero-Paso Robles, CA	-			
	MSA	San Luis Obispo County			
	Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA MSA	Santa Barbara County			
	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA PMSA	Santa Cruz County			
	Santa Rosa, CA PMSA	Sonoma County			
	Ventura, CA PMSA	Ventura County			
	Yolo, CA PMSA	Yolo County			
Florida	Daytona Beach, FL MSA	Flagler County	Volusia County		
	Fort Lauderdale, FL PMSA [GO Zone]	Broward County			
	Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL MSA [GO Zone]	Lee County			
	Fort Pierce-Port St. Lucie, FL MSA [GO Zone]	Martin County	St. Lucie County		
	Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL MSA [GO Zone] Brevard County	Brevard County			
•	Miami, FL PMSA [GO Zone]	Miami-Dade County			
	Naples, FL MSA [GO Zone]	Collier County			
	Orlando, FL MSA	Lake County	Orange County	Osceola County	Seminole County
	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL. MSA	Hernando County	Hillsborough County	Pasco County	Pinellas County
	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL MSA [GO Zone]	Palm Beach County			
Hawaii	Honolulu. H! MSA	Honolulu County			

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State	Metropolitan Area	Metropolitan Area Components	omponents		
Louisiana	Baton Rouge, LA MSA [GO Zone]	Ascension Parish	East Baton Rouge Parish	Livingston Parish	West Baton Rouge Parish
	Houma, LA MSA [GO Zone]	Lafourche Parish	Terrebonne Parish		
	Lafayette, LA MSA [GO Zone]	Acadia Parish	Lafayette Parish	St. Landry Parish	St. Martin Parish
	Lake Charles, LA MSA [GO Zone]	Calcasieu Parish			
	New Orleans, LA MSA [GO Zone]	Jefferson Parish	Orleans Parish	Plaquemines Parish	St. Bernard Parish
		St. Charles Parish	St. James Parish	St. John the Baptist Parish St. Tammany Parish	St. Tammany Parish
Maine	Portland, ME MSA	Buxton town	Cape Elizabeth town	Casco town	Cumberland town
		Falmouth town	Freeport town	Gorham town	Gray town
į		Hollis town	Limington town	Long Island town	North Yarmouth town
		Old Orchard Beach town	Portland city	Raymond town	Scarborough town
		South Portland city	Standish town	Westbrook city	Windham town
		Yarmouth town			
Massachuse	Massachusetts Barnstable-Yarmouth, MA MSA	Barnstable city	Brewster town	Chatham town	Dennis town
		Eastham town	Harwich town	Mashpee town	Orleans town
		Sandwich town	Yarmouth town		

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2006 IRS SECTION 42(d)(5)(C) METROPOLITAN DIFFICULT DEVELOPMENT AREAS (MSA/PMSA DEFINITIONS June 30, 1999)

Metropolitan Area

State

Massachusetts Boston, MA-NH PMSA

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Metropolitan Ar	Metropolitan Area Components		
Acton town	Amesbury town	Arlington town	Ashiand town
Ayer town	Bedford town	Bellingham town	Belmont town
Berkley town	Berlin town	Beverly city	Blackstone town
Bolton fown	Boston city	Boxborough town	Braintree town
Brookline town	Burlington town	Cambridge city	Canton town
Carlisle town	Carver town	Chelsea city	Cohasset town
Concord town	Danvers town	Dedham town	Dighton town
Dover town	Duxbury town	Essex town	Everett city
Foxborough town	Framingham town	Franklin city	Gloucester city
Hamilton town	Hanover town	Harvard town	Hingham town
Holbrook town	Holliston town	Hopedale town	Hopkinton town
Hudson town	Hull town	Ipswich town	Kingston town
Lancaster town	Lexington town	Lincoln town	Littleton town
Lynn city	Lynnfield town	Malden city	Manchester-by-the-Sea town
Mansfield town	Marbiehead town	Marlborough city	Marshfield town
Maynard town	Medfield town	Medford city	Medway town
Melrose city	Mendon town	Middleton town	Milford town
Millis town	Millville town	Milton town	Nahant town
Natick town	Needham town	Newbury town	Newburyport city
Newton city	Norfolk town	North Reading town	Norton town
Norwell town	Norwood town	Peabody city	Pembroke town
Plainville town	Plymouth town	Quincy city	Randolph town
Reading town	Revere city	Rockland town	Rockport town
Rowley town	Salem city	Salisbury town	Saugus town
Scituate town	Sharon town	Sherborn town	Shirley town
Somerville city	Southborough town	Stoneham town	Stoughton town
Stow town	Sudbury town	Swampscott town	Taunton city
Topsfield town	Townsend town	Upton town	Wakefield town
Walpole town	Waltham city	Wareham town	Watertown city
Wayland town	Wellesley town	Wenham town	Weston town
Westwood town	Weymouth town	Wilmington town	Winchester town
Winthrop town	Woburn city	Wrentham town	

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West Bridgewater town Whitm	Whitman town		
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Hinds County Madis	Madison County	Rankin County	
Clark County Nye C	Nye County		
Seabrook town South	South Hampton town		
Hudson County			
Cumberland County			
Bronx County Kings	Kings County	New York County	Putnam County
Queens County Richm	Richmond County	Rockland County	Westchester County
Orange County			:
Pike County			
Hardin County Jeffer	Jefferson County	Orange County	
Brazoria County			
Nueces County San F	San Patricio County		
Galveston County			
Chambers County Fort E	Fort Bend County	Harris County	Liberty County
Montgomery County			
Hidalgo County			
Clarke County			
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San Lorenzo Municipio			
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State	Nonmetropolitan Counties or County Equivalents	ounty Equivalents		
Alabama	Choctaw County [GO Zone]	Clarke County [GO Zone]	Greene County [GO Zone]	Hale County [GO Zone]
	Marengo County [GO Zone]	Pickens County [GO Zone]	Sumter County [GO Zone]	Washington County [GO Zone]
Alaska	Aleutians East Borough	Aleutians West Census Area	Bethel Census Area	Bristol Bay Borough
	Dillingham Census Area	Fairbanks North Star Borough	Haines Borough	Juneau City and Borough
	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	Kodiak Island Borough	Lake and Peninsula Borough	Nome Census Area
	North Slope Borough	Northwest Arctic Borough	Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Census Area	Sitka City and Borough
	Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area	Southeast Fairbanks Census Area	Valdez-Cordova Census Area	Wade Hampton Census Area
	Wrangell-Petersburg Census Area	Yakutat City and Borough	Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area	
Arizona	Apache County	Cochise County	Gila County	Graham County
	Greenlee County	La Paz County	Navajo County	Santa Cruz County
	Yavapai County			
Arkansas	Baxter County	Carroll County	Cleburne County	Drew County
	Garland County	Hempstead County	Lafayette County	Mississippi County
	Montgomery County	Nevada County	Pike County	St. Francis County
California	Amador County	Colusa County	Del Norte County	Glenn County
	Humboldt County	Imperial County	Kings County	Lake County
	Lassen County	Mariposa County	Mendocino County	Modoc County
	Mono County	Nevada County	Plumas County	San Benito County
	Sierra County	Siskiyou County	Tehama County	Trinity County
	Tuolumne County			
Colorado	Archuleta County	Clear Creek County	Custer County	Dolores County
	Eagle County	Garfield County	Gunnison County	Hinsdale County
	Jackson County	La Plata County	Lake County	Mineral County
	Ouray County	Park County	Pitkin County	Rio Blanco County
	Routt County	San Juan County	San Miguel County	Summit County
	Teller County			
Florida	Citrus County	Columbia County	DeSoto County	Glades County [GO Zone]
	Hardee County	Hendry County [GO Zone]	Highlands County	Indian River County [GO Zone]
	Monroe County [GO Zone]	Okeechobee County [GO Zone]	Walton County	
Georgia	Gilmer County	Hall County	Towns County	
Hawaii	Hawaii County	Kalawao County	Kauai County	Maui County
Idaho	Benewah County	Bonner County	Boundary County	Camas County
	Cassia County	Gem County	Gooding County	Idaho County
	Jerome County	Kootenai County	Lincoln County	Twin Falls County

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State		Carried makes from		
Kentucky	Butler County	Carlisle County	Fulton County	Lincoln County
	McLean County	Montgomery County	Nicholas County	Owen County
	Powell County	Rowan County	Simpson County	
Louislana	Allen Parish [GO Zone]	Assumption Parish [GO Zone]	Beauregard Parish [GO Zone]	Bienville Parish
	Cameron Parish [GO Zone]	East Feliciana Parish [GO Zone]	Evangeline Parish [GO Zone]	lberia Parish [GO Zone]
	[berville Parish [GO Zone]	Jefferson Davis Parish [GO Zone]	Natchitoches Parish	Pointe Coupee Parish [GO Zone]
	Red River Parish	Sabine Parish [GO Zone]	St. Helena Parish [GO Zone]	St. Mary Parish [GO Zone]
	Tangipahoa Parish [GO Zone]	Vermilion Parish [GO Zone]	Vernon Parish [GO Zone]	Washington Parish [GO Zone]
	West Feliciana Parish [GO Zone]			
Maine	CUMBERLAND COUNTY (part) towns of	Baldwin town	Bridgton town	Brunswick town
	Harpswell town	Harrison town	Naples town	New Gloucester town
	Pownal town	Sebago town		
	Hancock County	Knox County	Lincoln County	Piscataquis County
	Sagadahoc County			
	WALDO COUNTY (part) towns of	Belfast city	Belmont town	Brooks town
	Burnham town	Frankfort town	Freedom town	Islesboro town
	Jackson town	Knox town	Liberty town	Lincolnville town
	Monroe town	Montville town	Morrill town	Northport town
	Palermo town	Prospect town	Searsmont town	Searsport town
	Stockton Springs town	Swanville town	Thorndike town	Troy town
	Unity town	Waldo town		
	YORK COUNTY (part) towns of	Acton town	Alfred town	Arundel town
	Biddeford city	Cornish town	Dayton town	Kennebunk town
	Kennebunkport town	Lebanon town	Limerick town	Lyman town
	Newfield town	North Berwick town	Ogunquit town	Parsonsfield town
	Saco city	Sanford town	Shapleigh town	Waterboro town
	Wells town			
Massachusetts	BARNSTABLE COUNTY (part) towns of	Bourne town	Falmouth town	Provincetown town
	Truro town	Wellfleet town		
	Dukes County			
	HAMPSHIRE COUNTY (part) towns of	Chesterfield town	Cummington town	Goshen town
	Middlefield town	Petham town	Plainfield town	Westhampton town
	Worthington town			

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Michigan	Benzie County	Grand Traverse County	Otsego County	
Mississippi	Adams County [GO Zone]	Amite County [GO Zone]	Attala County [GO Zone]	Benton County
	Bolivar County	Chickasaw County	Choctaw County [GO Zone]	Claiborne County [GO Zone]
	Clarke County [GO Zone]	Coahoma County	Copiah County [GO Zone]	Covington County [GO Zone]
	Franklin County [GO Zone]	George County [GO Zone]	Greene County [GO Zone]	Holmes County [GO Zone]
	Humphreys County [GO Zone]	Issaquena County	Jasper County [GO Zone]	Jefferson County [GO Zone]
	Jefferson Davis County [GO Zone]	Jones County [GO Zone]	Kemper County [GO Zone]	Lafayette County
	Lauderdale County [GO Zone]	Lawrence County [GO Zone]	Leake County [GO Zone]	Leffore County
	Lincoln County [GO Zone]	Lowndes County [GO Zone]	Marion County [GO Zone]	Marshall County
	Neshoba County [GO Zone]	Newton County [GO Zone]	Noxubee County [GO Zone]	Oktibbeha County [GO Zone]
	Panola County	Pearl River County [GO Zone]	Perry County [GO Zone]	Pike County [GO Zone]
	Quitman County	Scott County [GO Zone]	Sharkey County	Simpson County [GO Zone]
	Smith County [GO Zone]	Stone County [GO Zone]	Tallahatchie County	Tunica County
	Walthall County [GO Zone]	Warren County [GO Zone]	Washington County	Wayne County [GO Zone]
	Wilkinson County [GO Zone]	Winston County [GO Zone]	Yazoo County [GO Zone]	
Missouri	Stone County	Taney County		
Montana	Beaverhead County	Flathead County	Gallatin County	Lincoln County
	Madison County	Meagher County	Mineral County	Park County
	Ravalli County	Sanders County		
Nevada	Carson City	Churchill County	Douglas County	Lyon County
	Storey County			
New Hampshire	Belknap County	Carroll County	Cheshire County	Grafton County
	HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY (part) towns of	Antrim town	Bennington town	Deering town
	Francestown town	Greenfield town	Hancock town	Hillsborough town
	Lyndeborough town	New Boston town	Peterborough town	Sharon town
	Temple town	Windsor town		
	MERRIMACK COUNTY (part) towns of	Andover town	Boscawen town	Bow town
	Bradford town	Canterbury town	Chichester town	Concord city
	Danbury town	Dunbarton town	Epsom town	Franklin city
	Henniker town	Hill town	Hopkinton town	Loudon town
	Newbury town	New London town	Northfield town	Pembroke town
	Pittsfield town	Salisbury town	Sutton town	Warner town
	Webster town	Wilmot town		
	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY (part) towns of	Deerfield town	Northwood town	Nottingham town

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State	Nonlinetropolitari counties or c	unites of county Equivalents		
New Mexico	Chaves County	Grant County	Guadalupe County	Lincoln County
	McKinley County	Mora County	Rio Arriba County	San Juan County
	San Miguel County	Taos County		
New York	Cortland County	Greene County	Jefferson County	Sullivan County
	Tompkins County	Ulster County		
North Carolina	Avery County	Chowan County	Cleveland County	Dare County
	Gates County	Haywood County	Hoke County	Hyde County
	Jackson County	Jones County	Macon County	McDowell County
:	Mitchell County	Pasquotank County	Perquimans County	Rutherford County
	Scotland County	Tyrrell County	Washington County	Watauga County
Oklahoma	Hughes County	Muskogee County	Okfuskee County	
Oregon	Clatsop County	Coos County	Crook County	Curry County
	Deschutes County	Douglas County	Gilliam County	Grant County
	Hood River County	Josephine County	Lincoln County	Linn County
	Morrow County	Tillamook County	Union County	Wheeler County
Pennsylvania	Monroe County	Wayne County		
Rhode Island	NEWPORT COUNTY (part) towns of	Middleton town	Newport city	Portsmouth town
South Carolina	Beaufort County			
lennessee .	Bedford County	Haywood County	Polk County	
Texas	Anderson County	Angelina County [GO Zone]	Aransas County	Brown County
	Camp County	Coke County	Coleman County	Comanche County
	Dallam County	Eastland County	Erath County	Frio County
	Gillespie County	Houston County	Jasper County [GO Zone]	Kendall County
	Kerr County	Kleberg County	Lamar County	Leon County
	Llano County	Madison County	Marion County	Medina County
	Mills County	Montague County	Morris County	Nacogdoches County [GO Zone]
	Navarro County	Newton County [GO Zone]	Palo Pinto County	Polk County [GO Zone]
	Red River County	Robertson County	Sabine County [GO Zone]	San Augustine County [GO Zone]
	San Jacinto County [GO Zone]	San Saba County	Shelby County [GO Zone]	Titus County
	Trinity County [GO Zone]	Tyler County [GO Zone]	Walker County [GO Zone]	
Utah	Beaver County	Cache County	Garfield County	Juab County
	Millard County	Piute County	Rich County	Sanpete County
	Sevier County	Summit County	Wasatch County	Washington County

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State	Nonmetropolitan Counties or County Equivalents	unty Equivalents		
Vermont	Addison County	Bennington County		
	FRANKLIN COUNTY (part) towns of	Bakersfield town	Berkshire town	Enosburg town
	Fairfield town	Fletcher town	Franklin town	Highgate town
	Montgomery town	Richford town	Sheldon town	
	GRAND ISLE COUNTY (part) towns of	Alburg town	Isle La Motte town	North Hero town
	Windham County			
Virginia	Louisa County	Northampton County	Westmoreland County	
Washington	Clallam County	Douglas County	Grays Harbor County	Jefferson County
	Kittitas County	Klickitat County	Lewis County	Mason County
	San Juan County	Skagit County	Skamania County	
West Virginia	Calhoun County	Clay County	Doddridge County	Grant County
	Pendleton County	Preston County	Roane County	Taylor County
	Wirt County			
Wyoming	Teton County			
American Samoa	Eastern District	Manu'a District	Swains Island	Western District
Guam	Guam			
Northern Mariana Islands	Northern Mariana Islands Northern Islands Municipality	Rota Municipality	Saipan Municipality	Tinian Municipality
Puerto Rico	Adjuntas Municipio	Albonito Município	Arroyo Municipio	Barranquitas Municipio
	Ciales Município	Coamo Municipio	Culebra Municipio	Guanica Municipio
	Guayama Município	Isabela Municipio	Jayuya Municipio	Lajas Municipio
	Lares Município	Las Marias Municipio	Maricao Municipio	Maunabo Municipio
	Orocovis Municipio	Patillas Municipio	Quebradillas Municipio	Rincon Municipio
	Salinas Municipio	San Sebastian Municipio	Santa Isabel Municipio	Utuado Municipio
	Vieques Municipio			
Virgin Islands	St. Croix	St. John	St. Thomas	

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