

(m) *Occupancy and operation policies.* Statement of all PHA policies and practices that will be used in occupancy and operation that contribute to an overall objective of ending the social and economic isolation of low income people and promoting their economic independence;

(n) *New construction certification.* If a PHA's proposal involves new construction, evidence of compliance with section 6(h) of the Act in one of the following two ways:

(1) Submission of a PHA comparison of the cost of new construction in the neighborhood where the PHA proposes to construct the housing and the cost of acquisition of existing housing (with or without rehabilitation) in the same neighborhood; or

(2) Certification by the PHA, accompanied by supporting documentation, that there is insufficient existing housing in the neighborhood to develop public housing through acquisition; and

(o) *Additional HUD-requested information.* Any additional information that may be needed for HUD to determine whether it can approve the proposal pursuant to § 941.305.

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 61 FR 38018, July 22, 1996, § 941.304 was added. This section contains information collection and record-keeping requirements and will not become effective until approval has been given by the Office of Management and Budget. When approval is obtained, HUD will publish notice of the effective date in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

§ 941.305 Technical processing and approval.

(a) *Standards.* HUD shall review the full proposal, submitted in accordance with § 941.304, and the site acquisition proposal, submitted in accordance with § 941.303, to determine whether each proposal complies with all statutory, executive order, and regulatory requirements applicable to public housing development including, if applicable, the comments received as a result of Intergovernmental Review. In addition, HUD shall carry out any necessary statutory and executive order reviews with respect to the proposal under review. If HUD determines that the proposal under review is acceptable, it shall notify the PHA in writing and shall forward to it for execution an

ACC (or ACC amendment). If the PHA already has executed an ACC (or ACC amendment) for the entire reserved amount, HUD shall notify the PHA that it is authorized to draw down funds in accordance with § 941.302.

(b) *Approved proposal.* Units developed under this part shall be developed only in accordance with an approved proposal.

(c) *Approved amendments.* Material changes in the approved proposal, including any increase in the budget or any change in the payment schedule, require an amendment to the proposal, which must be approved by HUD. The determination of what constitutes a material change will be made by HUD.

§ 941.306 Maximum development cost.

(a) *Limit on approved HUD funds to Total Development Cost.* No funds provided by HUD pursuant to the Act may be used to pay costs in excess of the TDC without the written approval of HUD. Approval of a higher project cost will only be given upon the following demonstration by the PHA:

(1) That the excess costs are reasonable and necessary to develop a modest non-luxury project consistent with the standards set forth in this part, providing for efficient project design, durability, energy conservation, safety, security, economical maintenance, and healthy family life in a neighborhood environment; and

(2) That the PHA has the funds available to pay for such excess costs.

(b) *Determination of maximum TDC.* HUD will determine the maximum total development cost (TDC) in accordance with section 6 of the Act. The maximum TDC for a development is calculated by multiplying the number of units for each bedroom size and structure type in the project times the applicable unit TDC limit for the bedroom size and structure type and adding the resulting amounts for all units in the project.

(c) *Donations.* Donations from other funding sources may be obtained by the PHA to supplement project costs which otherwise could not be included, provided that the added funds are not used for items that would result in substantially increased operating, maintenance or replacement costs, and the

HUD certification required under section 102 of the HUD Reform Act (42 U.S.C. 3545) can be made in accordance with 24 CFR part 12 (subpart D). Although donations are not subject to the TDC limitations set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, donations must be included in the project development cost budget, and legally acceptable written commitments for such donations must be provided by the PHA for HUD approval.

Subpart D—Project Development

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§ 941.401 Site and property acquisition.

(a) *Applicability.* The provisions of this section apply to projects being developed under the conventional, acquisition, and force account methods, and may apply to other development methods, as deemed appropriate by HUD.

(b) *Purchase agreement.* The purchase agreement shall reflect any conditions established by HUD, such as the site engineering studies that must be completed to determine whether the site is suitable for development of the project.

(c) *Title.*—(1) *General.* After HUD approves the site or property acquisition contract and notifies the PHA that it is authorized to take title, the PHA shall obtain title in accordance with the following certification. The PHA shall certify to HUD that it obtained a title insurance policy that guaranteed that the title was good and marketable before taking title and that it promptly recorded the deed and declaration of trust in the form prescribed by HUD.

(2) *Limitation.* After HUD notifies a PHA that has been determined to be troubled or modernization troubled in accordance with part 901 of this chapter, or a PHA that has for other reasons been notified in writing that it may not use the procedure specified in paragraph (c)(1) of this section, that the site or property acquisition contract has been approved, the PHA shall submit to HUD evidence that title to the site or property is good and marketable. If HUD approves the title evidence, it will inform the PHA that it is authorized to acquire title to the site

or property. The PHA shall record promptly the deed and declaration of trust in the form prescribed by HUD, and HUD may require the PHA to submit evidence of such recordation.

§ 941.402 Project design and construction.

(a) *Compliance with HUD construction standards and Federal procurement requirements.*

(1) *General.* A PHA may certify that its proposed design and construction plans for the development are in accordance with HUD's design and construction standards at § 941.203, and that its bidding procedures are in accordance with Federal procurement requirements.

(2) *Limitation.* In the case of a PHA determined to be troubled or modernization troubled in accordance with part 901 of this chapter or a PHA that has for other reasons been notified in writing that it may not use the procedure specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, the PHA must submit the proposed design and construction plans and its bidding procedures (unless HUD notifies the PHA that it may use the certification procedure specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section).

(b) *Contract administration.* The PHA shall be responsible for contract administration and shall contract for the services of an architect, or other person licensed under State law, to assist and advise the PHA in contract administration and inspections to assure that the work is done in accordance with HUD requirements. A HUD representative may periodically visit the project site to monitor PHA contract administration.

(c) *Prevailing wage rates.* See § 965.101 of this chapter.

§ 941.403 Acceptance of work and contract settlement.

(a) *Notification of completion.* The contractor or developer shall notify the PHA in writing when the contract work, including any approved off-site work, will be completed and ready for inspection.

(b) *Acceptance.* (1) *General.* A PHA may carry out the final inspection of the work and may accept the completed work. If, upon inspection, the