

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4432-N-17]

**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:** April 30, 1999.

**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; TTY 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 v. 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.

Dated: April 22, 1999.

**Fred Karnas, Jr.,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4434-N-02]

**Quality Housing and Work  
Responsibility Act of 1998; Update on  
Initial Guidance and Clarification and  
Technical Corrections**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On February 18, 1999, HUD published a Notice of Initial Guidance on the Quality Housing and Work

Responsibility Act of 1998. This new statute, part of HUD's fiscal year 1999 HUD Appropriations Act, embodies many of the reforms of the HUD 2020 Management Reform Plan that are directed at revitalizing and improving HUD's public housing and Section 8 assistance programs. The February 18, 1999 Notice advised the public of those public and assisted housing statutory provisions that are effective immediately and action that may or should be taken immediately. The February 18, 1999 Notice also provided guidance on certain other provisions in the FY 1999 HUD Appropriations Act that impact public housing programs and Section 8 assistance.

This second Notice provides clarification and corrections for certain guidance provided in the February 18, 1999 Notice, and provides guidance on a statutory provision not addressed in the February 18, 1999 Notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding public housing and the Section 8 certificate, voucher and moderate rehabilitation programs contact Rod Solomon, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Program and Legislative Initiatives, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 4116, Washington, DC, 20410; telephone (202) 708-0713 (this is not a toll-free number). For further information regarding other Section 8 programs contact Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Multifamily Business Products; telephone (202) 708-3000. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access that number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Program specialists for more specific HUD program areas are listed on the HUD web page at <http://hudweb.hud.gov/offices.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (title V of the FY 1999 HUD Appropriations Act; Pub. L. 105-276, 112 Stat. 2461, approved October 21, 1999) (QHWRA) enacts landmark measures that include transforming public housing, deconcentrating poverty, creating additional housing assistance vouchers, merging the Section 8 certificate and voucher programs, and enabling more families to obtain FHA mortgages to become homeowners. Although the QHWRA makes significant and numerous amendments to the United States Housing Act of 1937 (USHA), the USHA remains in effect except as amended by the QHWRA.

On February 18, 1999 (64 FR 8192), HUD published a Notice of Initial Guidance on the QHWRA. The purpose of the February 18, 1999 Notice was to advise HUD's public housing and Section 8 program partners, as well as members of the public, of certain provisions of the QHWRA that are effective immediately and to provide guidance with respect to actions that may now be taken or should be taken by PHAs and owners of Section 8 assisted projects. The February 18, 1999 Notice, however, did not provide guidance on all QHWRA sections. The February 18, 1999 Notice addressed those key statutory sections that are effective immediately, and which HUD believed would be helpful to PHAs and others to receive early guidance.

This second Notice provides clarification on and corrections to certain provisions in the February 18, 1999 Notice, and provides guidance on a QHWRA statutory provision not addressed in the February 18, 1999 Notice.

**Section I. Corrections and  
Clarifications to the February 18, 1999  
Notice**

*Section 507—Minimum Rent for Public  
Housing and Section 8 Assistance*

Section 507 amends section 3(a) of the USHA which addresses minimum rents for public housing and section 8 assistance. In the guidance provided for section 507 at page 8197 (last column), HUD advised that as soon as practicable, the PHA must notify all families of the right to request a minimum rent hardship exemption under the law, and that determinations are subject to the grievance procedure.

**Clarification.** This Notice clarifies that the notification to be provided to families regarding hardship exemptions (which should have occurred already) can be to families subject to minimum rents or subject to minimum rents at some time since enactment of the QHWRA, but not literally to "all" families as stated in the February 18, 1999 Notice. Families who become subject to minimum rents also must receive this notification. In addition, the title "Action Guidance for Section 8 Certificate, Voucher and Moderate Rehabilitation Programs" is revised to read: "Action Guidance for the Section 8 Programs" to correct an inadvertent error. The minimum rent guidance applicable to the tenant-based and moderate rehabilitation programs also applies to all the other Section 8 programs.