

Washington

Bldg. 1707

102 Hwy Heights

Mesa Co: Franklin WA 99343–

Landholding Agency: Interior

Property Number: 61200320002

Status: Unutilized

Reason: Extensive deterioration

Bldg. 1702

102 Hwy Heights

Mesa Co: Franklin WA 99343–

Landholding Agency: Interior

Property Number: 61200320003

Status: Unutilized

Reason: Extensive deterioration

Bldg. 1806

Mesa Pumping Plant

Mesa Co: Franklin WA 99343–

Landholding Agency: Interior

Property Number: 61200320004

Status: Unutilized

Reason: Extensive deterioration

Bldg. 1202

508 S. Mample

Warden Co: Grant WA 98857–

Landholding Agency: Interior

Property Number: 61200320005

Status: Unutilized

Reason: Extensive deterioration

Bldg. 1203

512 S. Mample

Warden Co: Grant WA 98857–

Landholding Agency: Interior

Property Number: 61200320006

Status: Unutilized

Reason: Extensive deterioration

West Virginia

Thompson/Tract 112–23

New River Gorge

Meadow Creek Co: Summers WV 25977–

Landholding Agency: Interior

Property Number: 61200320010

Status: Excess

Reason: Extensive deterioration

Bowles/Tract 128–01

New River Gorge National River

Prince Co: Fayette WV 25907–

Landholding Agency: Interior

Property Number: 61200320011

Status: Excess

Reason: Extensive deterioration

Kessler/Tract 128–01

New River Gorge National River

Prince Co: Fayette WV 25907–

Landholding Agency: Interior

Property Number: 61200320012

Status: Excess

Reason: Extensive deterioration

Plumley/Tract 128–01

New River Gorge National River

Prince Co: Fayette WV 25907–

Landholding Agency: Interior

Property Number: 61200320013

Status: Excess

Reason: Extensive deterioration

Willis/Tract 128–01

New River Gorge National River

Prince Co: Fayette WV 25907–

Landholding Agency: Interior

Property Number: 61200320014

Status: Excess

Reason: Extensive deterioration

Land (by State)

Puerto Rico

Site 1

Naval Station Roosevelt Roads

Ceiba Co: PR 00735–

Landholding Agency: Navy

Property Number: 77200320029

Status: Unutilized

Reason: Secured Area

Site 2

Naval Station Roosevelt Roads

Ceiba Co: PR 00735–

Landholding Agency: Navy

Property Number: 772003230030

Status: Unutilized

Reason: Secured Area

Site 3

Naval Station Roosevelt Roads

Ceiba Co: PR 00735–

Landholding Agency: Navy

Property Number: 77200320031

Status: Unutilized

Reason: Secured Area

Site 4

Naval Station Roosevelt Roads

Ceiba Co: PR 00735–

Landholding Agency: Navy

Property Number: 77200320032

Status: Unutilized

Reason: Secured Area

Tennessee

Tract 2321

J. Percy Priest Dam and Reservoir

Murfreesboro Co: Rutherford TN 37130–

Location: South of Old Jefferson Pike

Landholding Agency: COE

Property Number: 31199010935

Status: Excess

Reason: landlocked

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4732–N–05]

Modification of the Statutory and
Regulatory Waivers Granted to New
York State for Recovery From the
September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant
Secretary for Community Planning and
Development, HUD.**ACTION:** Notice of waivers granted.**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public of modifications of the waivers of regulations and statutory provisions granted to the State of New York for the purpose of assisting in the recovery from the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York City. This notice describes an eligibility waiver and a change to alternative requirements related to public benefit documentation for the Empire State Development Corporation's bridge loan program; describes an eligibility waiver related to special entities under the Community

Development Block Grant program; describes a waiver of a regulatory application fee provision; and applies the waivers and alternate requirements to a third grant.

DATES: *Effective Date:* May 21, 2003.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jan C. Opper, Senior Program Officer, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7286, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone number (202) 708–3587. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. FAX inquiries may be sent to Mr. Opper at (202) 401–2044. (Except for the “800” number, these telephone numbers are not toll-free.)**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Authority to Grant Waivers**

Section 434 of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002 (Pub. L. 107–73, approved November 26, 2001) provides for the use of the disaster recovery supplemental appropriations of CDBG funds for grants to New York State for properties and businesses damaged by, and economic revitalization related to, the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on New York City.

The 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act For Further Recovery From And Response To Terrorist Attacks On The United States (Pub. L. 107–206, approved August 2, 2002) provides for the use of the disaster recovery funds appropriated under it for assistance for properties and businesses (including the restoration of utility infrastructure) damaged by, and for economic revitalization directly related to, the terrorist attacks on the United States that occurred on September 11, 2001, in New York City and for reimbursement to the State and City of New York for expenditures incurred from the regular Community Development Block Grant formula allocation used to achieve these same purposes.

The third proviso of section 434 of Pub. L. 107–73 and Pub. L. 107–206 under the title of “COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND” authorizes the Secretary to “waive, or specify alternative requirements for, any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with the obligation by the Secretary or the use by the recipient of these funds (except for requirements related to fair housing,

nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment)."

The Department finds that the following waivers and alternative requirements (together with previously granted waivers and alternative requirements) are necessary to facilitate the use of the \$700 million awarded to New York State's Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) and the \$2.0 billion awarded and \$783 million awaiting award to New York State's Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) (collectively, the grantees).

The Department also finds that such uses of funds, as described below, are not inconsistent with the overall purpose of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 *et seq.*), or the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12701 *et seq.*).

Except as noted by published waivers and alternative requirements, statutory and regulatory provisions governing the Community Development Block Grant program for states, including those at 24 CFR part 570, subpart I, shall apply to the use of these funds.

In **Federal Register** notices of March 18, 2002, at 67 FR 12042 (effective March 25, 2002) and May 22, 2002, at 67 FR 36017 (effective May 28, 2002), the Department promulgated waivers and alternative requirements necessary to facilitate the use of both \$700 million in disaster recovery funds awarded to New York State's Empire State Development Corporation and \$2.0 billion awarded to New York State's Lower Manhattan Development Corporation.

This notice waives requirements at 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(15) to the extent necessary to allow a national for-profit community development institution that otherwise meets CDBG eligibility requirements to qualify as a local development corporation. The entity seeking to participate in the ESDC business recovery loan program does not qualify because it is both national and for-profit. This waiver is necessary to support the unique circumstances of this grant: ESDC is a state grantee carrying out activities in an entitlement jurisdiction. The law permits states to select national nonprofits to carry out activities under this provision. The CDBG entitlement regulation, which serves as a guide for state grantees, permits either non- or for-profit local development corporations and neighborhood based organizations to qualify, if they otherwise meet regulatory qualification requirements. ESDC competitively selected several organizations to carry out community

development lending activities under this provision. All but one of the organizations qualify under either the state approach or the entitlement approach. This waiver permits ESDC to fund one organization that is similar in purpose and function to the other groups and has a similar scope of activities.

This notice also modifies the published alternate requirements related to reports and documentation for the bridge loan program implemented by ESDC in the immediate wake of the disaster. The bridge loan program is unlike the other activities because ESDC is not providing assistance directly to affected businesses; lending institutions are. What ESDC provides is a loss reserve account, designed to support private sector lenders that wished to take more risks in the wake of the disaster than would otherwise be permitted such institutions by oversight regulatory agencies. These lenders collected information sufficient to meet core CDBG requirements related to a special economic development activity undertaken under the urgent need national objective, but the program was implemented so rapidly that it predated the additional requirements of the referenced notices related to documentation of salary ranges and job types. HUD approved the action plan containing the bridge loan activity and is now clarifying in this notice what documentation requirements apply.

This notice also waives the CDBG regulations at 24 CFR 570.489(a)(2) to allow the grantees to charge registration fees where such fees are nominal and intended to discourage frivolous applications. The provision in the regulations banning fees for applications is intended to keep states from charging fees to units of general local government seeking to participate in the CDBG program. Such local governments carry out activities directly and may charge application fees. A previously granted waiver allows the state to carry out activities directly under these grants. This waiver is a companion to the previously granted waiver and it allows the state the same opportunity to charge application fees allowed other entities carrying out state CDBG activities directly.

Finally, this notice makes the waivers and requirements of this notice and of the previous notices cited above applicable to funds appropriated under the 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States (Pub. L. 107-206, approved August 2, 2002). This law provides an additional \$783 million to

the state of New York through the LMDC for the same uses as the previous CDBG disaster appropriations to New York, including restoration of utility infrastructure, of which \$33 million is directed by the relevant conference report to assist World Trade Center firms that suffered a disproportionate loss of their workforce and that intend to reestablish operations in New York City.

The text below indicates the paragraph being updated.

Description of Modifications

1. Paragraph 12 of the notice published at FR 67 FR 36017 (May 22, 2002) is amended to read as follows:

12. Public benefit standards for economic development activities. Currently, grantees are limited in the amount of CDBG assistance they may spend per job retained or created (or per low- and moderate-income person to whom goods or services are provided by the activity) that will be considered to meet public benefit standards. Public benefit standards at 42 U.S.C. 5305(e)(3) and 24 CFR 570.482(f)(1), (2), (3), (4)(i), (5), and (6) are waived, except that, the grantee shall report and maintain documentation on the creation and retention of (a) total jobs, (b) number of jobs within certain salary ranges, and (c) types of jobs. For the bridge loan program included in the Empire State Development Corporation's January 30, 2002, Action Plan, the grantee shall report and maintain public benefit documentation only on the total number of jobs created and retained. Paragraph (g) of 24 CFR 570.482, regarding amendments to economic development projects after review determinations, is also waived to the extent its provisions are related to public benefit.

Paragraph 16 of the notice published at 67 FR 36017 (May 22, 2002) is amended to read as follows:

16. Performance reports. Generally, grantees submit an annual performance report ninety days after the jurisdiction's program year. The conferees for Pub. L. 107-73 directed that HUD submit reports to the Committees on Appropriations quarterly on the obligation and expenditure of the CDBG funds appropriated under the Emergency Response Fund. Therefore, 42 U.S.C. 12708(a)(1) and 24 CFR 91.520 are waived with respect to these funds, and HUD is establishing an alternative requirement that the State must submit a quarterly report, as HUD prescribes, no later than 30 days following each calendar quarter, beginning after the first full calendar quarter after grant award and continuing until all funds have been expended and the

expenditures reported. Each quarterly report will include information on the project name, activity, location, national objective, funds budgeted and expended, Federal source and funds (other than CDBG disaster funds), numbers and North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes of businesses assisted by activity, total number of jobs created and retained by activity, numbers of such jobs by salary ranges (to be defined by HUD), and number of properties and housing units assisted; for activities benefiting low- and moderate income persons, the number of jobs taken by persons of low- and moderate-income, and the number of low- and moderate-income households benefiting. For the bridge loan program included in the Empire State Development Corporation's January 30, 2002, Action Plan, the grantee is not required to report by salary ranges on the number of created and retained jobs. Quarterly reports must be submitted using HUD's web-based Disaster Recovery Grant Reporting system. Annually (*i.e.*, with every fourth submission), the report shall include a financial reconciliation of funds budgeted and expended, and calculation of the status of administrative costs.

3. Provisions of 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(15) are hereby waived solely to allow a national for-profit community development institution that otherwise meets eligibility requirements under that provision and is participating in Empire State Development Corporation's business recovery loan fund program to qualify as an eligible local development corporation under that provision.

4. The regulation at 24 CFR 570.489(a)(2) is waived to allow the grantees to charge registration or application fees to entities seeking to participate in grant-funded activities where such fees are nominal and intended to discourage frivolous applications.

5. The requirements of this notice and previous **Federal Register** notices at 67 FR 12042 (March 18, 2002) and at 67 FR 36017 (May 22, 2002) apply to the \$783 million grant funded under the 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act for Further Recovery From and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States (Pub. L. 107-206, approved August 2, 2002).

Section 434 of Public Law 107-73 requires HUD to publish these waivers in the **Federal Register** no later than five days before their effective date. The effective date of these waivers is May 21, 2003.

Dated: May 12, 2003.

Roy A. Bernardi,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Draft Environmental Assessment on the Proposal To Establish Operational/ Experimental General Swan Hunting Seasons in the Pacific Flyway

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that a Draft Environmental Assessment on the Continuation of General Swan Hunting Seasons in Portions of the Pacific Flyway is available for public review. Comments and suggestions are requested.

DATES: You must submit comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment by June 16, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) can be obtained by writing to Robert Trost, Pacific Flyway Representative, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Migratory Bird Management, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181. The DEA may also be viewed via the Fish and Wildlife Service Home Page at <http://migratorybirds.fws.gov>. Written comments can be sent to the address above. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the public record. You may inspect comments during normal business hours at the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Trost, Pacific Flyway Representative, (503) 231-6162.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DEA includes a review of the 5-year experimental general swan hunting seasons that took place from 1995 to 2000, as well as a summary of the results of subsequent 2000-02 hunting seasons. Information from the most recent breeding and wintering populations surveys is also included in the new DEA. Three alternatives are proposed to address the future of operational swan hunting seasons in Utah, Nevada, and the Pacific Flyway portion of Montana. The issuance of a new DEA fulfills the Service commitment to assess the Pacific Flyway swan seasons at the end of the 2002-03 hunting season as established

in the most recent DEA on the issue, the availability of which was announced in the April 25, 2001, **Federal Register** (66 FR 20828). The DEA focuses on the issue of whether or not to establish an operational approach for swan hunting. Related efforts to address population status and distributional concerns regarding the Rocky Mountain Population of trumpeter swans are also discussed. Three alternatives, including the proposed action, are considered.

Dated: April 30, 2003.

Matt Hogan,

Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Ivanpah Energy Center

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Ivanpah Energy Center (Ivanpah); and to announce locations where copies of the FEIS can be obtained for reading.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, a FEIS has been prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Las Vegas Field Office for Ivanpah. Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) is a cooperating agency. The FEIS was prepared to analyze the impacts of issuing rights-of-way for a gas-fired electric power plant and ancillary facilities (including, electric transmission lines, interconnection at WAPA's Mead substation, electric substations, water pipeline, access roads, and telecommunication facilities).

DATES: A 30-day availability period will start when the Environmental Protection Agency publishes their NOA and filing of the FEIS in the **Federal Register**. Upon completion of the 30-day availability period, the BLM will respond to all comments received on the FEIS and then will issue a Record of Decision (ROD). The local media will announce the ROD. Copies of the ROD will be sent to those who requested a copy, made substantive comments, or those known to have expressed a strong interest in the project.