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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional technical information may be obtained from Rene Sterling, HIV/AIDS Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 7-36, Rockville, MD 20857. The telephone number is (301) 443-7778, the fax number is (301) 594-2835, and the e-mail address is Rsterling@hrsa.gov.

Dated: June 20, 2000.

Claude Earl Fox,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4601-N-01]

Notice of Opportunity To Apply To Serve on the U.S.-Israel Bi-National Commission on Housing and Community Development

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the opportunity for individuals to apply to serve on a U.S.-Israel Bi-National Commission on Housing and Community Development and announces the selection and eligibility requirements.

DATES: In order to receive full consideration, requests must be received by HUD no later than July 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please send your requests for consideration to U.S.-Israel Bi-National Commission, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of International Affairs, Room 8118, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410. You may fax your request to (202) 708-5536 (this is not a toll-free number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Geraghty, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of International Affairs, Room 8118, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, (202) 708-0770 (telephone), (202) 708-5536 (fax) (these are not toll-free numbers). Hearing or speech-impaired persons may access the above telephone number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 19, 2000, President Clinton signed a Memorandum recognizing affordable housing and related community development as one of our most pressing domestic problems and seeking to enlarge the framework for policy research studies in this area and to strengthen relations with the State of Israel for the mutual benefit of the citizens of the United States and Israel. To that end, the President directed the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to initiate discussions with the Government of Israel on issues of affordable housing and community development, with the aim of establishing a binational commission to structure a cooperative exchange program in this field.

Accordingly, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is seeking individuals who would like to serve on the U.S.-Israel Bi-National Commission. Applicants may represent U.S. companies, associations or non-governmental organizations actively engaged in housing and community development. The Commission will be made up of U.S. and Israeli representatives from the housing, real estate, community development, finance, and construction sectors.

Members will serve on the Commission for a two-year term at the discretion of the appointing officials. Members are expected to participate fully in defining the agenda for the Commission and in implementing its work programs. It is expected that individuals chosen for the Commission will attend at least 75 percent of Commission meetings, which will be held in the United States and Israel. Members are fully responsible for travel, accommodation, and personal expenses associated with their participation in the Bi-National Commission. The members will serve in a representative capacity presenting the views and interests of the particular housing sector in which they operate.

Selection and Eligibility Requirements

There are up to ten (10) available positions on the U.S. side of the Bi-National Commission. This notice is seeking individuals to fill these positions.

1. Applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen residing in the United States or a permanent United States resident;
- Be a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or other senior management employee or representative of a U.S. company, association, or nonprofit organization

involved in residential housing construction, housing finance, real estate, community/economic development, or urban planning sectors; and

- Not be a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938.

2. In reviewing eligible applicants, HUD will consider:

- The applicant's expertise in construction building materials (especially concrete applications), innovative residential housing programs (including voucher programs), housing finance (including primary and secondary mortgage market programs and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)), urban planning, community development, and urban revitalization strategies (such as HUD's Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC) and HOPE VI programs);
- Particular experience or interest in Israel;
- Readiness to initiate and be responsible for the activities the Commission proposes to take on;
- An ability to contribute in light of overall Commission composition; and
- Diversity of company or organization size, type, location, and demographics.

3. To be considered for membership, please provide the following:

- Name and title of the individual requesting consideration;
- Name and address of the company or association that the individual will represent;
- The company or organization's specific expertise or service area;
- Size of the company or organization; and
- The company or organization's international expertise and major countries of operation.

4. Please also provide:

- A brief statement on why the individual should be considered for membership on the Commission;
- The individual's international expertise and major countries of operation;
- The particular segment of the housing industry the individual would represent;
- A personal resume;
- A statement that the applicant is not a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act; and
- A brief statement of experience or interest in Israel.

5. Additional members and replacements:

- The number of Commission positions may be expanded, should the need

arise. Additional members or replacements for any individual selected to serve on the Commission, may only be made by HUD after a review by HUD of the qualifications of the individuals.

Dated: June 21, 2000.

Susan Wachter,

Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Review of Interior Board of Indian Appeals Decisions

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior has decided to review *Hopi Indian Tribe v. Director, Office of Trust and Economic Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs*, 22 IBIA 10 (1992), and *Hopi Tribe v. Director, Office of Trust Responsibilities, Bureau of Indian Affairs*, 24 IBIA 65 (1993). These decisions concern the method for reimbursing Indian Tribes for legal fees from the United States Treasury. To allow for full airing of all issues in this review, we are inviting interested parties in addition to the three Tribes most directly affected by these decisions to submit briefs on the issues set forth in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section according to the schedule and instructions in that section of this Notice.

DATES: See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for the brief submission schedule.

ADDRESSES: Three copies of all briefs and motions should be sent to the Office of the Solicitor, U. S. Department of the Interior, Attn: Stephen Simpson, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 6352-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. You should also provide copies of all documents filed in this case to the participants listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Simpson, 202-219-1659.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of the Interior has decided to review two decisions of the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA), *Hopi Indian Tribe v. Director, Office of Trust and Economic Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs*, 22 IBIA 10 (1992) (Hopi I), and *Hopi Tribe v. Director, Office of Trust Responsibilities, Bureau of Indian*

Affairs, 24 IBIA 65 (1993) (Hopi II). Both Hopi I and Hopi II concern the payment of Tribal legal fees for litigation under the Navajo-Hopi Settlement Act from the United States Treasury. Under the Settlement Act (25 U.S.C. 640d-7(e)), the Secretary "is authorized to pay any or all appropriate legal fees, court costs, and other related expenses arising out of, or in connection with, the commencing of, or defending against, any action brought by the Navajo, San Juan Southern Paiute, or Hopi Tribe" concerning boundaries of a reservation established under the Settlement Act.

In 1989, the Hopi Tribe submitted a request to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for reimbursement of legal fees under this provision. The Director of the Bureau's Office of Trust and Economic Development requested that the Tribe submit further information under 25 CFR 89.40-89.43, the general regulations for reimbursement of legal fees. He noted that any requests for legal fees by the Tribe, unless mandated by Congress, should be applied for using the same process as other Tribes. He stated that 25 U.S.C. 640d-7(e) is discretionary and puts the Hopi Tribe in the same position as other Indian Tribes competing for reimbursement from the legal fees account in the Treasury. In Hopi I, the IBIA vacated the Director's decision and remanded it for further consideration because he had not explained how he reached that conclusion, or why the prior administrative practice of not requiring such applications was incorrect. On remand, the Director of the Office of Trust Responsibilities (the same office with a different name) ruled again that the Hopi Tribe had to file an application under 25 CFR 89.40-89.43 to provide a rational basis for the exercise of the BIA's discretion under 25 U.S.C. 640d-7(e). The Tribe again appealed, and, in Hopi II, the IBIA found that 25 CFR 89.40-89.43 applies when a Tribe determines to undertake litigation to protect its rights. The IBIA found, that in the case of the Hopi Tribe, the determination that the reservation litigation was necessary was made by Congress, not the Tribe. The IBIA therefore ruled that the BIA was required to reimburse all appropriate legal fees for the three Tribes and could not subject them to the same process and competition for funds as other Tribes.

Recognizing the importance of the IBIA decisions to the disbursement of federal funds for Tribal legal fees, the Secretary has decided to review the IBIA decisions in Hopi I and Hopi II under regulations which provide that:

The authority reserved to the Secretary includes, but is not limited to:

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(2) The authority to review any decision of any employee or employees of the Department, including any administrative law judge or board of the Office [of Hearings and Appeals], or to direct any such employee or employees to reconsider a decision. 43 CFR 4.5 (Bracketed material added.)

To assist him in rendering a decision on this matter, the Secretary will accept briefs from the BIA, the three Tribes named in the Settlement Act (the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe, and the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe), and other interested parties. Briefs should only address the Department's interpretation of 25 U.S.C. 640d-7(e) as evidenced in the IBIA decisions. The Secretary will not re-adjudicate the Hopi Tribe's appeal of the decisions. Further, the Secretary's review will not affect the pending settlement between the Hopi Tribe and the BIA of 1990 fees at issue in the decisions. Briefs must be submitted according to the following schedule:

1. Briefs opposed to the Board's decisions must be received by July 14, 2000;
2. Response briefs supporting the Board's decisions must be received by August 18, 2000; and
3. Reply briefs opposing the Board's decisions must be received by September 8, 2000.

Briefs are not to exceed fifty pages (except the reply briefs, which are not to exceed twenty-five pages), double spaced, with all margins not less than one inch. No oral argument will be heard on these issues.

Three copies of all motions and briefs being submitted are to be sent to the following address: Office of the Solicitor, U. S. Department of the Interior, Attn: Stephen Simpson, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS 6352-MIB, Washington, D. C. 20240.

Please also provide copies of all documents filed in this case to the participants listed below.

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BIA, as a party in this matter, will be
represented by the Division of Indian