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SBA Announces RFA

Agency: Small Business Administration. **Date:** April 5, 2004. **Activities:** Request for Applications for eligible non-profit organizations to conduct Women's Business Center projects. Successful applicants will receive a cooperative agreement award to provide counseling, training, and other technical assistance to women and others who want to start or expand businesses. **Info:** www.onlinewbc.gov/grants.html, call Sally Murrell, Office of Procurement and Grants Management or Sharon Gurley, OPGM at 202-205-6622.

SBA FY 2004 PRIME Awards

Agency: Small Business Administration. **Deadline:** May 11, 2004. **Activities:** Grants will be provided to organizations seeking federal funding for technical assistance or capacity building aimed at assisting low-income and very-low income individuals pursuing self-employment. The states that can receive funding are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia. **Info:** <http://sba.gov/finacing/sbapartner/prime.html>, contact Michelle Levy-Benitez at mlbenitez@assoceo.org or call 703-841-7760 x 23, or Siobhan Sanders at ssanders@assoceo.org or call 703-841-7760 x 34.

Economic Development Administration's Satellite-television Broadcast

Agency: Economic Development Information Coalition. **Date:** May 4, 2004. **Activities:** The telecast will focus on issues raised in EDA-funded study, "Competitiveness in Rural U.S. Regions: Learning and Research Agenda." These sessions are great opportunities to get your strong projects in front of the very busy EDA officers in the field. **Info:** www.narc.org, tadeu@narc.org, call 202-986-1032 x 224 or fax 202-986-1038.

Multifamily Inventory of Units for Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Available.

Agency: Housing of Urban Development. **Date:** April 4, 2004. **Activities:** The HUD inventory is designed to assist prospective applicants with finding available units to fit their needs. **Info:** Contact Kimberly Munson at 202-708-1320, or *Federal Register*, 4/2/04, pg. 17440.

Funding Available for Rural Housing Demonstration Program

Agency: Rural Housing Service. **Date:** April 6, 2004. **Activities:** Announces \$2 million in FY2004 for low-income borrowers to purchase innovative housing units that are affordable and energy efficient. **Info:** Contact Gloria Denson at 202-720-1474 or *Federal Register*, 4/6/04, pgs. 18046-18049.

HUD Website and Call Center on Senior Housing Information Announced

Agency: Housing of Urban Development. **Date:** April 9, 2004. **Activities:** The new resources emphasize service-enriched housing that allows seniors to live in their own homes. **Info:** www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pihcc/ or call 1-888-245-8938.

Applications Available for Award for Smart Growth Achievement

Agency: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). **Date:** June 1, 2004. **Activities:** Award recognizes local or state governments and other public sector entities that have successfully created smart growth. **Info:** www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/awards.htm or contact Lynn Richards, EPA, 202-566-2858.

Funding Availability for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004 Rural Housing and Econ. Dev.

Agency: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development Program, HUD. **Deadline:** May 24, 2004. **Activities:** To build capacity at the state and local level for rural housing and economic development and to support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas. The funds made available under this program will be awarded competitively through a selection process conducted by HUD in accordance with the HUD Reform Act. **Info:** www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/egrants/egrants.cfm, or *FR*, 4/23/04, pgs. 22319-22376.

Funds Availability for Section 514 Farm Labor Housing Loans; Section 516 Grants for Off-Farm Housing

Agency: Rural Housing Service, USDA. **Deadline:** May 6, 2004. **Activities:** For new construction and acquisition of off-farm units for farmworker households. Applications may also include requests for section 521 rental assistance. **Info:** Doug MacDowell, 202-720-1627, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division, Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Stop 0781, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250, or *FR*, 3/19/04, pgs. 12637-12638.

Requirements for Designating Housing Projects

Agency: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD. **Deadline:** June 28, 2004. **Activities:** Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The information collection burden associated with designated housing is required by statute. In this plan, PHAs must document why the designation is needed and what additional housing resources will be available to the non-designated group.

All comments are welcomed. **Info:** Contact Sherry F. McCown, 202-708-0713 x 7651 or *FR*, 3/27/04, pg. 22864.

Minimum Property Standards for Housing

Agency: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD. **Deadline:** June 21, 2004. **Activities:** Information on local property standards for assisted multifamily housing and care-type facilities is collected from State and local governments to assess the equivalent, HUD assisted properties need only comply with such equivalent codes. **Info:** Elizabeth A. Cocke, Deputy Administrator, Office of Manufactured Housing Programs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410, call 202-708-6423, or *FR*, 3/20/04, pg. 21150.

Announcement of Funding Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 Urban Scholars Fellowship Award Program

Agency: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, Housing and Urban Development, HUD. **Date:** October 10, 2003. **Activities:** The purpose of the HUD Urban Scholar Fellowship Program is to provide encouragement to new scholars to undertake research now, and throughout their careers, on topics of interest to HUD. **Info:** Susan Brunson, Office University Partnerships, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 8106, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-6000, call (202) 708-3061, *FR*, 3/12/04, pgs. 19210-19211.

Community Services Block Grant Community Economic Development Discretionary Grant Program

Agency: Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services. **Deadline:** June 29, 2004. **Activities:** Make grants provide technical and financial assistance for economic needs of low-income individuals and families by creating employment and business development opportunities. **Info:** www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs, Barbara Ziegler Johnson, Office of Grants Management, Division of Discretionary Grants, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, Aerospace Building, 202-401-2344.

Servicing of Delinquent Community and Business Programs Loans—Workout Agreements

Agency: Rural Housing Service, USDA. **Date:** June 29, 2004. **Activities:** Proposes to amend the regulations utilized to service the Community Facilities and Business Program loan program by adding requirements for servicing delinquent Community Facilities in conformance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996. **Info:** <http://rdinit.usda.gov/regs/>, Branch Chief, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0742 or *FR*, 3/30/04, pgs.23697-23699.

The HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence: Best in American Living Award

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD. **Deadline:** July 15, 2004. **Activities:** HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson, in partnership with Professional Builder magazine and NAHB, announces the eighth annual HUD Secretary Award for Excellence competition as part of the annual Best in American Living Award.

Recognizes design excellence produced through cooperative public/private efforts that expand homeownership opportunities for underserved American families. **Info:** www.hud.gov/groups/fairhousing.cfm, contact Andrea Vrankar, HUD Cleveland Office, or call 216-522-4158 x 7128.

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