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Dear Community Partner:

The City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) has initiated its 2011 HUD - Annual Action Plan (Plan) process for HUD entitlement grants (CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG). Each year, after soliciting input from the community through the public hearing process, HCDD proposes to fund certain activities and projects, which are then presented in the Plan to HUD for review and approval.

Over the past several years, HCDD has mailed letters in the month of October to solicit interest. However, this year the letters were not mailed because the Department is revising its solicitation and procurement process to address outstanding compliance issues with HUD. HCDD will introduce a revised Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)/ Request for Proposal (RFP) Process during our upcoming public hearings for the City Fiscal Year 2012/ HUD Action Plan Year 2011.

The intent is to establish a process that communicates program and service priorities based on a community needs assessment and public input; and meets the Department's mission of community development within the regulatory guidelines which govern entitlement programs.

The Department's goal is to submit an Annual Action Plan which benefits the maximum number of low and moderate-income residents, satisfies federal regulations, and meet compliance with HUD's guidelines. By working in partnership with other City departments, non-profits, community groups, the general public, and current sub-recipients, HCDD is confident it can revise the procurement, solicitation, and award selection processes that best reflect these expectations.

Please contact Andrea Roberts or Andrea Jones if you have questions or comments regarding the 2011 HUD Annual Action Plan process and opportunities for public hearing input. Andrea Roberts can be reached at 713-865-9314, andrea.roberts@houstontx.gov. Andrea Jones can be reached at 713-868-8439, andrea.jones@houstontx.gov.

Sincerely,

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