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November 19, 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR: Write Your Own (WYO) Principal Coordinators and the
National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Servicing Agent

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Kuhns".

FROM: Dennis Kuhns
Director, Risk Insurance Division
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

SUBJECT: NFIP Reform Public Meetings

FEMA has been engaged in an effort to identify options for reforming the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). After more than a decade of seeking input, identifying issues, and undergoing studies, FEMA believes that the time has come to undertake a critical review of the NFIP. With Congress considering reform of the program, FEMA is prepared to assist decision-makers by providing a comprehensive analysis that will both address issues of immediate concern and establish a solid foundation for the NFIP's future.

The first part of this effort began with the *NFIP Listening Session*, held in Washington, D.C., in November 2009. On Wednesday, November 10, 2010, FEMA announced via the Federal Register (attached) two public meetings designed to describe, update, and explain options being presented for public consideration and to hear comments from interested stakeholders. The following two public meetings are designed to further engage FEMA's stakeholders:

December 2, 2010 – Washington, D.C.: Washington Marriott at Metro Center

December 9, 2010 – Denver, CO: Denver Federal Center, Building 810 – Entrance W-5

Additional information is available on the NFIP Reform website at:

http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/nfip_reform.shtm

Thank you for your interest in the NFIP. We look forward to your input on this important effort.

Attachment

cc: Vendors, IBHS, FIPNC, Government Technical Representative

Suggested Routing: All Departments

Number of respondents	Form name/form No.	Average burden per response (in hours)
280,000	Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status—For Academic and Language Students/ICE Form I-20 (Students).	0.5
90,000	Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (M-1) Student Status—For Academic and Language Students/ICE Form I-20 (Spouse/Dependents).	0.5
280,000	Optional Practical Training 12 Month Request/No Form	0.083
12,000	Optional Practical Training 17 Month Extension Request/No Form	0.083
5,525	Maintenance of SEVP Certification/ICE Form I-17	4

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 557,816 annual burden hours.

Comments and/or questions; requests for a copy of the proposed information collection instrument, with instructions; or inquiries for additional information should be directed to: Office of the Chief Financial Officer/OAM/Records Branch, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 500 12th Street, SW., STOP 5705, Washington, DC 20536-5705.

Dated: November 4, 2010.

Katherine H. Westerlund,

Acting Branch Chief, Policy Branch, Student and Exchange Visitor Program, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2010-0065]

Public Meetings of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Reform Effort

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Announcement of public meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces two public meetings of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Reform Effort. In performing its mission, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) believes it is important to continually update stakeholders on its programs and answer any questions and listen to comments from them on how its programs can be more efficient and effective at meeting the needs of the public. To this end, FEMA has engaged in a comprehensive reform effort to address the concerns of the wide array of stakeholders involved in the ongoing debate about the NFIP. FEMA chose a

participatory policy analysis framework to guide the NFIP Reform effort. Policy analysis employs systematic inquiry and evaluation to assess policy alternatives. The participatory policy analysis process allows public decisions to be made in a structured, defensible, and collaborative manner.

The effort is comprised of three phases designed to engage the greatest number of stakeholders and consider the largest breadth of public policy options. Phase I focused on the capture and analysis of stakeholder concerns and recommendations. During Phase II, FEMA performed additional analysis of existing data and identified a set of evaluation criteria. In Phase III, a portfolio of public policy alternatives is being developed and will be analyzed using the evaluation criteria. The resulting recommendations will be reported to FEMA leadership. The purpose of the public meetings is to describe, update, and explain straw man policy alternatives and to answer questions and listen to comments from interested stakeholders. Additional information on the straw man policy alternatives will be made available prior to the meeting via the NFIP Reform Web site and will be posted to Docket ID: FEMA-2010-0065.

In addition, through these public meetings, FEMA will accept stakeholder input of the policy evaluation process through the use of a pair-wise comparison method. The pair-wise tool is also available via the NFIP Reform Web site at http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/nfip_reform.shtm.

DATES:

Meeting Date: The first public meeting will be held on December 2, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST. This meeting will be held in Washington, DC. The second public meeting will be held on December 9, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST. This meeting will be held in Denver, CO.

Comment Date: Written comments must be received by December 31, 2010.

ADDRESSES: All written comments must be received by Friday, December 31, 2010. All submissions received must

include the Docket ID: FEMA-2010-0065 and may be submitted by any one of the following methods:

Federal Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the Web site.

E-mail: FEMA-RULES@dhs.gov.

Include Docket ID: FEMA-2010-0065 in the subject line of the message.

Facsimile: (703) 483-2999.

Mail: FEMA, Office of Chief Counsel, 500 C Street, SW., Room 840, Washington, DC 20472-3100.

Hand Delivery/Courier: FEMA, Office of Chief Counsel, 500 C Street, SW., Room 840, Washington, DC 20472-3100.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID: FEMA-2010-0065. Comments received will also be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may want to read the Privacy Act Notice located on the Privacy and Use Notice link on the Administration Navigation Bar of the Web site <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read documents or comments received by FEMA, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. The straw man policy alternatives will be posted to Docket ID: FEMA-2010-0065.

Special Accommodations: For anyone attending the meeting who is hearing or visually impaired, or who requires special assistance or accommodations, please contact Jason "Tommy" Kennedy by November 15, 2010 for the first meeting and by November 22, 2010 for the second meeting. For further information, please contact Mr. Kennedy by telephone at 202-646-3779.

Meeting Locations: The first public meeting will be held in Washington, DC, at the Washington Marriott at Metro Center, 775 12th Street, NW., Washington, DC. The second public meeting will be held in Denver, Colorado at the Denver Federal Center, Building 810—Entrance W-5, Denver, CO.

Meeting Accessibility: Due to space constraints of the facilities, seating will

be limited to 200 participants. To reserve a seat in advance, please provide a request via email or mail with the contact information of the participant (including name, mailing address, and e-mail address), the meeting(s) to be attended, and include the subject/attention line (or on the envelope if by mail): **Reservation Request for NFIP Reform Meeting.** Advance reservations must be received 3 business days prior to the meeting to ensure processing. Unregistered participants will be accepted after all participants with reservations have been accommodated and will be admitted on a first-come, first-serve basis, provided the 200 person capacity is not exceeded. To submit reservations, please e-mail: nfip_reform@dhs.gov or send by mail to the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** caption.

Web Site: http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/nfip_reform.shtm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Grimm, by telephone at 202-646-2878 or by e-mail at nfip_reform@dhs.gov. Mailing Address: NFIP Reform, 1800 South Bell Street, Room 970, Arlington, VA 20598-3030.

Meeting Topics: Background information about these topics is available on the NFIP Reform Web site. The straw man policy alternatives will also be posted to Docket ID: FEMA-2010-0065.

Procedure: This meeting is open to the public.

W. Craig Fugate,
Administrator, Federal Emergency
Management Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5452-N-01]

Allocations and Common Application and Reporting Waivers Granted to and Alternative Requirements for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Grantees Under the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111- 212)

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HUD.
ACTION: Notice of allocations, waivers,
and alternative requirements.

SUMMARY: This Notice advises the public of the allocation of CDBG disaster recovery funds for the purpose of assisting the recovery efforts in areas declared a major disaster under title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief

and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*) as a result of the severe storms and flooding that occurred from March through May, 2010. As described in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice, HUD is authorized by statute and regulations to waive statutory and regulatory requirements and specify alternative requirements upon the request of a grantee. Therefore, this Notice describes applicable waivers and alternative requirements, as well as the application process, eligibility requirements, and relevant statutory provisions for grants provided under this Notice.

DATES: *Effective Date:* November 15, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Davis, Director, Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 7286, 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. Facsimile inquiries may be sent to Mr. Davis at 202-401-2044. (Except for the "800" number, these telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority To Grant Waivers

The Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111-212, approved July 29, 2010) appropriates \$100 million, to remain available until expended, in CDBG funds for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure, housing, and economic revitalization in areas affected by severe storms and flooding from March 2010 through May 2010 for which the President declared a major disaster covering an entire State, or States with more than 20 counties declared major disasters, under title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*).

The Supplemental Appropriations Act 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 use by the recipient, of these funds and guarantees, except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment (including requirements concerning lead-based paint), upon: (1) A request by the

grantee explaining why such a waiver is required to facilitate the use of such funds or guarantees, and (2) a finding by the Secretary that such a waiver would not be inconsistent with the overall purpose of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (HCD Act). Regulatory waiver authority is also provided by 24 CFR 5.110, 91.600, and 570.5.

The Secretary finds that the following waivers and alternative requirements, as described below, are necessary to facilitate the use of these funds for the statutory purposes, and are not inconsistent with the overall purpose of Title I of the HCD Act or the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended. Under the requirements of the Supplemental Appropriations Act and the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (the HUD Reform Act), regulatory waivers must be justified and published in the **Federal Register**.

Allocations

This Notice makes available \$50 million of the \$100 million appropriation for the CDBG program for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, and restoration of infrastructure, housing, and economic revitalization in areas affected by severe storms and flooding that occurred from March 2010 through May 2010, for which the President declared a major disaster covering an entire State, or States with more than 20 counties declared major disasters, under title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5121 *et seq.*).

The Supplemental Appropriations Act further notes:

That funds shall be awarded directly to the State or unit of general local government at the discretion of the Secretary * * * *Provided further*, that funds allocated under this heading shall not adversely affect the amount of any formula assistance received by a State or subdivision thereof under the Community Development Fund: *Provided further*, that a State or subdivision thereof may use up to 5 percent of its allocation for administrative costs * * *

Almost all of the prior appropriations to the CDBG disaster recovery program have required funds to be administered through an entity or entities designated by the Governor of each State. In contrast, the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010, states that funds may be awarded directly to a State or unit of general local government, at the discretion of the Secretary. Based on the eligible date range specified by Congress,