APPENDIX G:
AMENDED TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS

following contact person. Such comments should be received by the office of the contact person and all comments so received will be considered prior to the preparation and distribution of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Particularly solicited is information on reports or other environmental studies planned or completed in the project area, major issues and date which the EIS should consider and recommended mitigating measures and alternatives associated with the proposed project. Federal agencies having jurisdiction by law, special expertise or other special interest should report their interests and indicate their readiness to aid the EIS effort as a "cooperating agency".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis J. Johnson, Contract Manager, City of Hartford, Division of Management & Budget, Office of Grants Management, Room 108, 550 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, 06103. Telephone: (860) 543–8650.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The City of Hartford, acting on behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, in cooperation with the Capital City Economic Development Authority, the Federal Highway Administration, and other interested agencies will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze potential impacts of constructing a 40-acre mixed use development complex including: (1) An entertainment/retail venue of approximately 426,000 square feet, (2) an approximately 68,000 person capacity open air stadium, (3) an approximately 200,000 square feet convention center, (4) an approximately 700-room convention center hotel, (5) an NFL pavilion for theme dining, interactive entertainment and other non-football business, (6) an interactive Connecticut River Discovery Center (aquarium/history museum, (7) approximately 350 residential apartments with some retail frontage, (8) an approximately 350-room business hotel, (9) parking facilities representing approximately 7,500 spaces, (10) relocation and modification of sewer, water, and other utility infrastructure and vehicular and pedestrian traffic access modifications. Adriaen's Landing will be located in downtown Hartford along the Connecticut River. The estimated cost for this project is 1.3 billion dollars.

The City of Hartford has been awarded a Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grant from the DHUD which will help with the costs associated with site preparation activities. The grant funds will be combined with up to $13 million in the Section 108 loan authority, $5 million of which will be specifically used in conjunction with the BEDI funds on the entertainment/retail component of the project.

The remaining $8 million will be used for eligible activities associated with the project. DHUD funds will not be used to support the stadium. Seven acres of the 40-acre development are air rights over Interstate 91 and the Whitehead Highway. The Federal Highway Administration would need to approve the use of this air space and will, therefore, be a cooperating agency.

To ensure that a full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties.

An information open house followed by a scoping meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15, 1999 at Betances School, 42 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford, CT 06103. The open house will be held from 5–7 p.m. followed by the scoping meeting from 7–9 p.m. The scoping is for determining the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS and for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed Adriaen's Landing project.

Need For the EIS

It has been determined that the project may constitute an action significantly effecting the quality of the human environment, and an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared by the City of Hartford in cooperation with the Capital City Economic Development Authority in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91–190) on such project.

Responses to this notice will be used to:

1. Determine significant environmental issues;
2. Identify data which the EIS should address; and
3. Identify agencies and other parties which will participate in the EIS process and the basis for their involvement.

This notice is in accordance with the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality under its rule (40 CFR part 1500).

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be published and distributed about August 9, 1999 and a copy will be on file at the City of Hartford, Division of Management and Budget, Room 108, 550 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06103 and available for public inspection, or copies may be attained at the same address, upon request.

Scoping

This notice is part of the process used for scoping the EIS. Responses will help determine significant environmental issues, identify data which the EIS should address, and help identify cooperating agencies.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be published upon completion and will be on file, and available for public inspection at the address listed above. Copies may also be obtained upon request, at the same address.

This Notice shall be in effect for one year. If one year after the publication of the Notice in the **Federal Register** a draft EIS has not been filed on the project, then the Notice for that project shall be cancelled. If a draft EIS is expected more than one year after the publication of this Notice, a new and updated Notice must be published.

Dated: March 26, 1999.

Richard H. Broun,

Director, Office of Community Viability.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4170–N–19]

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Indian Housing Block Grant Program: Notice of Revision to Transition Requirements—Proceeds of Sales of Former 1937 Act Homeownership Units

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of revised transition requirements—proceeds of sales of former 1937 Act homeownership units.

SUMMARY: This notice provides additional and updated guidance relating to the sale of homeownership units and to cash management and investment policies and procedures. The purpose of this guidance is to facilitate the smooth transition from procedures and resources under the United States Housing Act of 1937 (1937 Act) to those under the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program.

DATES: These transition requirements are effective upon publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah M. Lalancette, National Office of Native American Programs, Department of Housing and Urban

Development, 1999 Broadway, Suite 3390, Denver, CO; telephone (303) 675-1600 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 *et seq.*) (NAHASDA) was enacted on October 26, 1996, and took effect on October 1, 1997. NAHASDA requires HUD to make grants on behalf of Indian tribes to carry out affordable housing activities. A final rule to implement NAHASDA and establish the IHBG Program was published on March 12, 1998, (63 FR 12334), with an effective date of April 13, 1998.

NAHASDA also required the publication of a notice in the **Federal Register** to establish any requirements necessary for the transition from the provision of assistance for Indian tribes and Indian housing authorities under the 1937 Act and other related provisions of law to the provision of assistance in accordance with NAHASDA. An initial transition notice was published on January 27, 1997 (62 FR 3972), with revisions published on February 24, 1997 (62 FR 8258), January 27, 1998 (63 FR 4076), April 15, 1998 (63 FR 18804), and October 2, 1998 (63 FR 53084).

This revision to the transition notice requirements addresses the treatment of proceeds from the sale of homeownership units. Question 42 in the transition notice revision published on January 27, 1998 treated proceeds from the sale of homeownership units the same as rental and homeownership operating reserves, mutual help equity accounts under the Mutual Help Homeownership Opportunity Program, and earned home payment accounts under the Turnkey III programs for purposes of section 210 of NAHASDA. Section 210 states that any funds for programs for low-income housing under the United States Housing Act of 1937 that, on the date of the applicability of NAHASDA, are owned by, or in the possession or under the control of, the IHA for the tribe, including all reserves not otherwise obligated, shall be considered assistance under NAHASDA and subject to the NAHASDA provisions relating to use of such assistance.

In response to inquiries, HUD has reconsidered Question 42 and determined that section 210 of NAHASDA does not apply to the proceeds from the sale of homeownership units. The purpose of the statutory requirement for the transition notice is to facilitate the transition from the 1937 Act programs to the IHBG program. Proceeds of sale of homeownership units under the 1937 Act are not characterized as program income under the IHBG regulation. By providing that the proceeds can be used for any housing activity, community facility, or economic development activity and are not subject to other Federal requirements, HUD is seeking to expedite the smooth transition to the IHBG program. Accordingly, Question 42 is amended by this notice to remove the reference to homeownership unit sales proceeds, and Questions 42A and 42B are added to provide guidance on the treatment of these proceeds.

In addition to addressing homeownership unit sales proceeds, this notice also revises Question 46 to extend and clarify the applicability of PIH Notice 96-33 to cash management and investment policies and procedures.

II. Revisions to the January 27, 1998 Transition Notice

Accordingly, FR Doc. 98-1939, the Indian Housing Block Grant Program—Revised Notice of Transition Requirements, published in the **Federal Register** January 27, 1998, 63 FR 4076, is amended as follows:

1. On page 4085, in column 3, Question 42 and Answer 42 are revised to read as follows:

Question 42. What happens to rental and homeownership operating reserves, mutual help equity accounts under the Mutual Help Homeownership Opportunity Program, and earned home payment accounts under the Turnkey III program?

Answer 42. Section 210 of NAHASDA states that any funds for programs for low-income housing under the United States Housing Act of 1937 that, on the date of the applicability of the Act, are owned by, or in the possession or under the control of, the IHA for the tribe, including all reserves not otherwise obligated, shall be considered assistance under the Act and subject to the provisions of this Act relating to use of such assistance. In other words, the funds are considered assistance under NAHASDA and are subject to NAHASDA requirements. The funds in the accounts are also subject to existing agreements with the homebuyers.

2. On page 4085, in column 3, a new Question 42A and Answer 42A are added to read as follows:

Question 42A. Can proceeds from the sale of homeownership units be used for purposes other than eligible NAHASDA activities?

Answer 42A. Yes. We have determined that section 210 of NAHASDA addresses only the 1937 Act funds provided by HUD and not the proceeds from the sale of homeownership units. Proceeds can be used for any housing activity, community facility or economic development activity that benefits the community. If the use of these funds is currently outlined in an Administrative Use Agreement, the Agreement can be terminated at the request of the Indian Housing Authority (or successor entity). The funds can then be used for any housing activity, community facility or economic development activity.

3. On page 4085, in column 3, a new Question 42B and Answer 42B are added to read as follows:

Question 42B. What Federal requirements would apply to the proceeds from the sale of homeownership units?

Answer 42B. The use of proceeds are not subject to any Federal requirements, except that the funds must be used for the activities set forth in Answer 42A.

4. On page 4086, in column 1, Answer 46 is revised to read as follows (Question 46 is republished for the convenience of readers):

Question 46. What cash management and investment policies and procedures are in effect as of October 1, 1997?

Answer 46. Current procedures outlined in PIH Notice 96-33 (HA) dated June 4, 1996, extended by Notice 98-46 (HA) dated September 1, 1998, titled "Required HA Cash Management and Investment Policies and Procedures" will continue to apply to 1937 Act funds which are held in reserve accounts until further notice. Please note, however, that sections 7(c) and 8 of Notice 98-46 do not apply to 1937 Act funds. Also, the limit on maturity dates outlined in section 6 of Notice 96-33 does not apply.

Authority: 25 U.S.C. 4116(a).

Dated: March 26, 1999.

Harold Lucas,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain