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§ 102–83.115 What is a central city?

Central cities are those central cities defined by OMB in OMB Bulletin No. 99–04, or succeeding OMB Bulletin.

§ 102–83.120 What happens if an agency has a need to be in a specific urban area that is not a central city in a metropolitan area?

If an agency has a need to be in a specific urban area that is not a central city in a metropolitan area, then the agency must give first consideration to locating in a historic building in a historic district in the CBA of the appropriate metropolitan area. If no such space is available, agencies must give consideration to locating in a non-historic building in a historic district in the CBA of the appropriate metropolitan area. If no such space is available, agencies must give consideration to locating in a historic building outside of a historic district in the CBA of the appropriate metropolitan area. If no such space is available, agencies should give consideration to locating in a non-historic building outside of a historic district in the CBA of the appropriate metropolitan area.

PREFERENCE TO HISTORIC PROPERTIES

§ 102–83.125 Are Executive agencies required to give preference to historic properties when acquiring leased space?

Yes, Federal agencies must give a price preference when acquiring space using either the lowest price technically acceptable or the best value tradeoff source selection process. See part 102–73 of this chapter for additional guidance.

APPLICATION OF SOCIOECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

§ 102–83.130 When must agencies consider the impact of location decisions on low- and moderate-income employees?

Federal agencies proposing locations for Federal construction or major lease actions involving the relocation of a major work force must consider the impact on employees with low and moderate incomes.

§ 102–83.135 With whom must agencies consult in determining the availability of low- and moderate-income housing?

Federal agencies must consult with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between HUD and GSA. The text of the HUD-GSA MOU is located in the appendix to this part.

APPENDIX TO PART 102–83—MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION CONCERNING LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING

Purpose. The purpose of the memorandum of understanding is to provide an effective, systematic arrangement under which the Federal Government, acting through HUD and GSA, will fulfill its responsibilities under law, and as a major employer, in accordance with the concepts of good management, to assure for its employees the availability of low- and moderate-income housing without discrimination because of race, color, religion, or national origin, and to consider the need for development and redevelopment of areas and the development of new communities and the impact on improving social and economic conditions in the area, whenever Federal Government facilities locate or relocate at new sites, and to use its resources and authority to aid in the achievement of these objectives.

1. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601) states, in section 801, that ''It is the policy of the United States to provide, within constitutional limitations, for fair housing throughout the United States.'' Section 808(a) places the authority and responsibility for administering the Act in the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Section 808(d) requires all Executive departments and agencies to administer their programs and activities relating to housing and urban development in a manner affirmatively to further the purposes of title VIII (fair housing) and to cooperate with the Secretary to further such purposes. Section 808(e)(5) provides that the Secretary of HUD shall administer the programs and activities relating to housing and urban development in a manner affirmatively to further the policies of title VIII.

2. Section 2 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1441) declares the national policy of ''* * * the realization as soon as feasible of the goal of a decent home and a suitable living environment for every American family