DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
[Docket No. FR–5500–N–07]

Notice of Availability: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for HUD’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program

AGENCY: Office of the Chief of the Human Capital Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD announces the availability on its website of the applicant information, submission deadlines, funding criteria, and other requirements for HUD’s FY2011 Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program NOFA.

Specifically, this NOFA announces the availability of approximately $59.88 million made available under the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, Public Law 112–10, approved April 15, 2011 for the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency (HCV FSS) Program.

The purpose of the HCV FSS program is to promote the development of local strategies to coordinate the use of assistance under the HCV program with public and private resources to enable participating families to increase earned income and financial literacy, reduce or eliminate the need for welfare assistance, and make progress toward economic independence and self-sufficiency.

The notice providing information regarding the application process, funding criteria and eligibility requirements, application and instructions can be found using the Department of Housing and Urban Development agency link on the Grants.gov/find web site at http://www.grants.gov/search/agency.do. A link to the funding opportunity is also available on the HUD Web site at http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail.

The link from the funds available page will take you to the agency link on Grants.gov.

The Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this program is 14.870. Applications must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding specific program requirements should be directed to the agency contact identified in the program NOFA. Program staff will not be available to provide guidance on how to prepare the application. Questions regarding the 2011 General Section requirements should be directed to the Office of Grants Management and Oversight at (202) 708–0667 or the NOFA Information Center at 800–HUD–8929 (toll free). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access these numbers via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 800–877–8339.

Dated: April 26, 2011.

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Director, Office of Departmental Grants Management and Oversight, Office of the Chief of the Human Capital Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
[Docket No. FR–5527–N–01]

Notice of HUD-Held Multifamily Loan Sale (MLS 2011–1)

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of sale of mortgage loans.

SUMMARY: This notice announces HUD’s intention to sell certain unsubsidized multifamily mortgage loans, without Federal Housing Administration (FHA) insurance, in a competitive, sealed bid sale (MLS 2011–1). This notice also describes generally the bidding process for the sale and certain persons who are ineligible to bid.

DATES: The Bidder’s Information Package (BIP) was made available to qualified bidders on March 30, 2011. Submissions of bids for the loans were required by the bid date, which was April 27, 2011. Awards were made no later than April 28, 2011. Closings are expected to take place by May 6, 2011.

ADDRESSES: To become a qualified bidder and receive the BIP, prospective bidders must have completed, executed, and submitted a Confidentiality Agreement and a Qualification Statement acceptable to HUD. Both documents were available on the HUD Web site at http://www.hud.gov/fhaloansales. Executed documents were mailed and faxed documents to KDX Ventures: KDX Ventures, c/o The Debt Exchange, 133 Federal Street, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02111, Attention: HCLS 2011–1 Sale Coordinator, Fax: 1–617–531–3499.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Lucey, Deputy Director, Asset Sales Office, Room 3136, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HUD announces its intention to sell in MLS 2011–1 certain unsubsidized mortgage loans (Mortgage Loans) secured by multifamily properties located throughout the United States. The Mortgage Loans were comprised of non-performing mortgage loans. A final listing of the Mortgage Loans was included in the BIP, The Mortgage Loans were sold without FHA insurance and with servicing released. HUD offered qualified bidders an opportunity to bid competitively on the Mortgage Loans.

The Mortgage Loans may be stratified for bidding purposes into several mortgage loan pools. Each pool contained Mortgage Loans that generally had similar performance, property type, geographic location, lien position and other characteristics. Qualified bidders could submit bids on one or more pools of Mortgage Loans or could bid on individual loans. A mortgagor who was a qualified bidder was permitted to submit an individual bid on its own Mortgage Loan. Interested Mortgagors were able to review the Qualification Statement to determine whether they were eligible to qualify to submit bids on one or more pools of Mortgage Loans or on individual loans in MLS 2011–1.

The Bidding Process

The BIP described in detail the procedure for bidding in MLS 2011–1. The BIP also included a standardized non-negotiable loan sale agreement (Loan Sale Agreement).

As part of its bid, each bidder was required to submit a deposit equal to the greater of $100,000 or 10% of the bid price. In the event the bidder’s aggregate bid was less than $100,000, the minimum deposit was not less than fifty percent (50%) of the bidder’s aggregate bid. HUD evaluated the bids submitted and determined the successful bids in its sole and absolute discretion. If a bidder was successful, the bidder’s deposit was non-refundable and was applied toward the purchase price. Deposits were returned to unsuccessful bidders. Closings are scheduled to occur by May 6, 2011.

These were the essential terms of sale. The Loan Sale Agreement, which was included in the BIP, contained additional terms and details. To ensure a competitive bidding process, the terms of the bidding process and the Loan Sale Agreement were not subject to negotiation.

Due Diligence Review

The BIP described the due diligence process for reviewing loan files in MLS 2011–1. Qualified bidders were able to access loan information remotely via a high-speed Internet connection.

Mortgage Loan Sale Policy

HUD reserved the right to add Mortgage Loans to or delete Mortgage Loans from MLS 2011–1 at any time prior to the Award Date. HUD also reserved the right to reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, without prejudice to HUD’s right to include any Mortgage Loans in a later sale. Mortgage Loans will not be withdrawn after the Award Date except as is specifically provided in the Loan Sale Agreement. This was a sale of unsubsidized mortgage loans, pursuant to Section 204(a) of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 1997, 12 U.S.C. 1715z–11a(a).

Mortgage Loan Sale Procedure

HUD selected a competitive sale as the method to sell the Mortgage Loans. This method of sale optimizes HUD’s return on the sale of these Mortgage Loans, affords the greatest opportunity for all qualified bidders to bid on the Mortgage Loans, and provides the quickest and most efficient vehicle for HUD to dispose of the Mortgage Loans.

Bidder Eligibility

In order to bid in the sale, a prospective bidder was required to complete, execute and submit both a Confidentiality Agreement and a Qualification Statement acceptable to HUD. The following individuals and entities were ineligible to bid on any of the Mortgage Loans included in MLS 2011–1:

1. Any employee of HUD, a member of such employee’s household, or an entity owned or controlled by any such employee’s household, or an employee’s household;

2. Any individual or entity that is in violation of any regulatory or healthcare housing programs and that is in default under such mortgage loan or is in violation of any regulatory or healthcare housing programs with HUD, unless such default or violation is cured on or before January 31, 2011.
Prospective bidders were encouraged to carefully review the Qualification Statement to determine whether they were eligible to submit bids on the Mortgage Loans in MLS 2011–1.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

HUD reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to disclose information regarding MLS 2011–1, including, but not limited to, the identity of any successful bidder and its bid price or bid percentage for any pool of loans or individual loan, upon the closing of the sale of all the Mortgage Loans. Even if HUD elects not to publicly disclose any information relating to MLS 2011–1, HUD will have the right to disclose any information that HUD is obligated to disclose pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and all regulations promulgated thereunder.

Scope of Notice

This notice applies to MLS 2011–1 and does not establish HUD’s policy for the sale of other mortgage loans.

DATED: April 22, 2011.

Robert C. Ryan,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Housing - Federal Housing—Commissioner.


DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Palmyra Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Pacific Island Territory; Nonnative Rat Eradication Project, Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of the Palmyra Atoll National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) nonnative rat eradication project final environmental impact statement (FEIS). In the FEIS we describe a range of alternatives for eliminating nonnative rats from Palmyra Atoll (Atoll). We are publishing this notice to inform the public of the proposed action and to announce the availability of the FEIS.

DATES: A Record of Decision will be signed no sooner than 30 days after the publication of the Environmental Protection Agency notice announcing the same FEIS.

ADDRESSES: The FEIS is available on our Web site: http://www.fws.gov/palmyraatoll/rainforestrestoration.html. A limited number of CD–ROM and printed copies are also available. You may request a copy by any of the following methods.

E-mail: pacific.reefs@fws.gov. Include “Palmyra rat project” in the subject line.
Fax: Attn: Susan White, 808–792–9586.
U.S. Mail: Pacific Reefs National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 5–231, Honolulu, HI 96850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan White, (808) 792–9553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

With this notice we continue the public involvement process in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), as amended, and implementing regulations. We prepared the FEIS in accordance with NEPA and the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee) (Refuge Administration Act); and Service regulations and policies. The Refuge Administration Act requires each unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System to be managed to achieve its establishing purposes.

The Atoll is located in the Pacific Ocean, approximately halfway between Hawai‘i and American Samoa. It consists of a circular string of 50 islets nestled among several lagoons and encircled by 15,000 acres of shallow reefs and submerged reefs. Nonnative invasive rats are damaging the Atoll’s environment. Through our FEIS we are proposing to restore and protect native species and habitats by eradicating rats. In the FEIS we recommend applying a lethal dose of rodenticide to every rat on the Atoll, in a manner that minimizes harm to the ecosystem and upholds a high probability of success.

Public Involvement

We conducted public scoping for the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) from January 14 to March 1, 2010. During that time we requested public comments through the Federal Register (75 FR 2158; January 14, 2010) and on our Web site (see ADDRESSES). The comments we received covered topics such as threats to nontarget species, our proposed selection of the rodenticide brodifacoum over diphacinone, and effects to other Refuge operations. We considered and evaluated these comments, and incorporated them into the various alternatives identified in the DEIS.

We distributed copies of the DEIS, posted it on our Web site (see ADDRESSES), and held a public comment period from February 25 to April 11, 2011 (76 FR 10621; February 25, 2011). During the public comment period, we received comments regarding strong support for and strong opposition to rat eradication, threats to nontarget species, our proposed selection of the rodenticide brodifacoum over diphacinone, effects to other Refuge operations, and implementation strategies. The comments we received and our responses are presented in the FEIS.

FEIS Alternatives

We present four alternatives in the FEIS. Alternative A is our no action alternative, and Alternatives B, C, and D, are our action alternatives. In all of the action alternatives, we propose using rodenticide bait pellets containing the anticoagulant brodifacoum (0.0025 percent active ingredient) to eradicate rats from the Atoll. In Alternative B, we propose broadcasting brodifacoum annually; in Alternative C, our preferred alternative, we propose broadcasting brodifacoum annually and mitigating risks to vulnerable shorebirds; and in Alternative D, we propose using brodifacoum bait stations and canopy baiting. In order to be retained for consideration, our action alternatives had to: (1) Have a high likelihood of success; (2) have an acceptably low probability for adverse effects on populations of nontarget species and the environment; and (3) be allowed under regulations governing the Refuge. The potential impacts of each alternative were assessed, and, where appropriate, mitigation measures were applied to avoid impacts or reduce their magnitude and intensity.

Under Alternative A, no new actions to eradicate rats would be implemented and they would continue to harm the Atoll’s environment.

Under Alternatives B and C we would use a helicopter with a specialized bucket to broadcast brodifacoum bait pellets aerially. The bucket would deliver the bait at the appropriate rate and in a directional manner to all potential rat territories within a short operational period. Special measures to prevent the bait from entering the water would include hand broadcasting on narrow strands of land and tiny islands, and installing bait packets in canopy trees overhanging the water. In addition, under Alternative C, we would manage