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## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

## OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

March 12, 2018

SUBJECT: SECTION 184 INDIAN HOUSING LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has prioritized developing regulations for the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee (Section 184) program and is seeking to consult with Tribal Nations and Tribal Leaders at the beginning of the regulation drafting process in accordance with the HUD Government-to-Government Consultation Policy. HUD held consultation sessions at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 2018 Executive Council Winter Session and the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) 2018 Legislative Conference.

HUD will hold an informational call on **March 15, 2018 from 2:00 pm – 2:30pm EDT** to present HUD's plans for additional tribal consultation on Section 184 regulations. The call-in number is 1-877-369-5243 or 1-617-668-3633. The access code is 0763902##. To join the conference by computer, please go to <a href="http://ems8.intellor.com/login/804303">http://ems8.intellor.com/login/804303</a>. Details on the call are also available on the Office of Native American Program's (ONAP) website (www.hud.gov/codetalk).

In accordance with HUD's Government-to-Government Tribal Consultation Policy, the Department, with this letter, invites Tribal Leaders or their designee to express their comments on Section 184 regulations to HUD at several upcoming listening sessions:

- The Nevada/California Indian Housing Association Annual Business Meeting at Thunder Valley Casino and Resort in Lincoln, CA, March 22, 2018
- The Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Impact Week at Holiday Inn Capitol in Washington, DC, March 26, 2018
- The United Native American Housing Association (UNAHA) Annual Meeting at Holiday Inn Lakewood in Lakewood, CO, April 9, 2018
- An Association of Alaska Housing Authorities' (AAHA) meeting and webinar at AAHA
  offices in Anchorage, AK, April 9, 2018
- The Northwest Indian Housing Association (NWIHA) Quarterly Meeting at Coeur d'Alene Resort Casino in Worley, ID, April 17, 2018
- The Southern Plains Indian Housing Association (SPIHA) Spring Meeting at the Hard Rock Hotel in Catoosa, OK, April 19, 2018

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• The Tribal Self-Governance Annual Consultation Conference at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, NM, April 22-26, 2018

The confirmed date and time of each consultation session will be posted on the <u>ONAP</u> <u>Section 184 Consultation website</u>. At each session, HUD officials will provide a brief overview of the Section 184 program, and then accept comments from Tribal Leaders or their designees, as well as other attendees.

HUD has prepared a "<u>read-ahead</u>" document for those interested in participating in the consultation sessions. This document is enclosed with this letter, is posted on the ONAP website, and will be available on-site at each session. The read-ahead provides background on the Section 184 program and highlights topic areas that HUD is considering addressing in regulations, and on which HUD is specifically interested in hearing from Tribal Leaders.

In addition, Tribal Leaders are encouraged to submit comments on developing Section 184 regulations to 184consultation@hud.gov.

Input from Tribal Leaders is essential to developing regulations for the Section 184 program. Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in the effective delivery of HUD's programs.

Sincerely,

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