



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-5000

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

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RE: TRIBAL CONSULTATION – COORDINATED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW INITIATIVE

Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the lead agency in a new federal effort to develop a single, coordinated environmental review process for housing and community development in Indian Country. To simplify and streamline federal environmental review requirements, HUD is working with the Council on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Energy, the Department of Health and Human Services (Indian Health Service), the Department of Interior (Bureau of Indian Affairs), and other federal agencies. A single process that would satisfy all relevant federal environmental review requirements could potentially save time and money for developers of affordable housing and its related infrastructure.

HUD is beginning this effort by interviewing its partner agencies and federal funding recipients. HUD will also hold briefings, listening sessions, and consult with tribal officials as this process moves forward.

Toward this end, you are invited to attend consultation sessions on May 13 or May 14 at the AMERIND Risk/National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) convention in Scottsdale, Arizona. On May 12, 2015, at the morning plenary session, HUD will provide a briefing on the project, and consultation sessions will follow on May 13 and May 14 during the convention afternoon breakout sessions.

Before the convention, NAIHC will provide a draft status report with information collected from the agencies and some funding recipients. Please review that information before the consultation sessions. Your input will be considered along with the data collected from recipient and agency interviews to develop a report providing findings and recommendations to the U.S. Congress.

Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in the effective delivery of HUD's housing programs. The Office of Native American Programs team looks forward to the discussion during our consultation sessions at the convention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodger J. Boyd".

Rodger J. Boyd
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Native American Programs

cc: Executive Director, Tribally Designated Housing Entity