

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of:

DAWN O'HALLORAN,

Respondent.

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Docket No. 10-3618-DB

DEBARRING OFFICIAL'S DETERMINATION

Introduction and Background

By Notice of Suspension and Proposed Debarment dated October 20, 2009, ("Notice"), the Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") notified Respondent DAWN O'HALLORAN of her immediate suspension along with proposing her debarment from future participation in procurement and nonprocurement transactions as a participant or principal with HUD and throughout the Executive Branch of the Federal Government for a period of five years from the date of the final determination of this action. The Notice further advised Respondent that her suspension and proposed debarment were in accordance with the procedures set forth in 2 CFR parts 180 and 2424 and were "based upon information indicating alleged irregularities in [Respondent's] dealings with the Government." The alleged irregularities were described in detail in the Notice.

In a letter dated November 18, 2009, from her attorney, Respondent requested a hearing in accordance with the Notice. Pursuant to Respondent's request, the Debarring Official's Designee on January 15, 2010, issued an Order Setting Hearing Date and Submission Deadline. In the interim, the parties had filed a Joint Motion for Referral to an Administrative Law Judge for Fact Finding, asserting, *inter alia*, that "there will be many issues of disputed facts in these proceedings." The Debarring Official granted the motion in an Order issued February 4, 2010. Subsequently, the Debarring Official issued the Referral Order on February 26, 2010, which, pursuant to 2 C.F.R § 180.245(c), allows the "debaring official to refer disputed material facts to another official for findings of fact." In an Initial Decision and Order issued November 3, 2011, Administrative Judge H. Alexander Manuel recommended that Respondent be debarred "for two years, beginning from the date of the Notice of Suspension," i.e., October 20, 2009.

Determination and Conclusion

I have carefully considered the Initial Decision and the Recommended Order and incorporate the Initial Decision by reference herein. In doing so, I have determined specifically that the Administrative Judge's "resultant findings" are not "arbitrary, capricious, or clearly erroneous." 2 C.F.R § 180.245(c). Accordingly, Respondent is debarred for a period of two years from the date of Respondent's suspension, as recommended in the November 3, 2011, Initial Decision and Order.*

Dated: 12/1/11



Craig T. Clemmensen
Debarring Official

*As a practical matter, because Respondent's suspension commenced on October 20, 2009, her two-year period of exclusion has expired.