

Part II of the Housing Assistance Payments Contract

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By and between _____ (CA)

and _____ (Owner).

Type of Project: ☐ **Private-Owner / HUD** or ☐ **PHA-Owner / HUD**
(HUD is the Contract Administrator or "CA.")

or ☐ **Private-Owner / PHA**
(The PHA is the CA.)

New Construction

☐ Part 880

☐ Part 885

or Substantial Rehabilitation

☐ Part 881

☐ Part 885

or Previously HUD-Owned

☐ Part 886, Subpart C

Section 8 Project Number :

HUD Project Number (if applicable) :

2.1 Owner's Warranties; Amendments.

(a) **Legal Capacity.** The Owner warrants that it has the legal right to execute this Contract and to lease dwelling units covered by this Contract.

(b) **Completion of Work.** The Owner warrants that the project as described in section 1.1 is in good and tenable condition and that the project has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement to Enter into Housing Assistance Payments Contract (Agreement) or will be completed in accordance with the Special Conditions for Acceptance (see attached exhibit, where applicable). The Owner further warrants that it will remedy any defects or omissions covered by this warranty if called to its attention within 12 months of the effective date of this Contract. The Owner and the CA agree that the continuation of this Contract shall be subject to the Owner meeting any Special Conditions for Acceptance.

2.2 Families To Be Housed; Contract Administrator (CA) Assistance.

(a) **Families To Be Housed.** The Contract Units are to be leased by the Owner to eligible Very Low-Income Families (Families) for occupancy by such Families solely as private dwellings and as their principal place of residence. (See also section 2.10.)

(b) CA Assistance.

- (1) The CA hereby agrees to make housing assistance payments on behalf of Families for the Contract Units, to enable the Families to lease decent, safe, and sanitary housing pursuant to section 8 of the Act.
- (2) If there is a Utility Allowance and if the Allowance exceeds the total Family contribution, the Owner shall pay the Family the amount of the excess. The CA will pay funds to the Owner in trust solely for the purpose of

making this payment. Any pledge by the Owner of payments properly payable under this Contract shall not be construed to include payments covered by this paragraph (b)(2). (See 24 CFR section 880.501(e), 881.501(e), or 886.309 (a).)

2.3 Maximum Housing Assistance Commitment; Project Account.

(a) **Maximum Annual Contract Commitment.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Contract (other than paragraph (b)(2) of this section) or any provisions of any other contract between the CA and the Owner, the CA shall not be obligated to make and shall not make any housing assistance payments (or pay any fees where a PHA is a party to this Contract for the purpose of authorizing terminations in the case of previously HUD-owned projects) under this Contract in excess of the amount identified in section 1.1(c). However, this amount may be reduced commensurately with any reduction in the number of Contract Units or in the Contract Rents or pursuant to any other provisions of this Contract.

(b) Project Account.

- (1) A project account will be established and maintained by HUD, consistent with its responsibilities under section 8(c)(6) of the Act, as a specifically identified and segregated account for the project. The account will be established and maintained, in an amount determined by HUD, out of the amounts by which the Maximum Annual Contract Commitment under section 1.1(c) (for Private-Owner/HUD or PHA-Owner/HUD Projects) or Maximum ACC Commitment (for Private-Owner/PHA Projects) exceeds the amount actually paid out under the Contract or ACC each fiscal year. Payments will be made from the account for housing assistance payments (and fees for PHA administration) when needed to cover

increases in Contract Rents or decreases in tenant rents and for other costs specifically approved by the Secretary.

- (2) If funds are available in the project account, the maximum annual contribution payable for any fiscal year will be increased by the amount, if any, as may be required for housing assistance payments (and fees where the CA is a PHA) to cover increases in Contract Rents or decreases in rents payable by Families and other costs approved by HUD.
- (3) Whenever a HUD-approved estimate of the required annual contribution for a fiscal year exceeds the maximum annual commitment and would cause the amount in the project account to be less than 40 percent of the maximum annual commitment, HUD will, within a reasonable period of time, take such additional steps authorized by section 8(c)(6) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 as may be necessary to ensure that payments under the Contract and ACC (if applicable) will be adequate to cover increases in Contract Rents and decreases in rents payable by Families, including (as provided in that section of the Act) "the reservation of annual contributions authority for the purpose of amending housing assistance contracts, or the allocation of a portion of new authorizations for the purpose of amending housing assistance contracts."
- (4) Any amount remaining in the account after payment of the last annual contribution with respect to the project shall be applied by HUD in accordance with law.

2.4 Housing Assistance Payments To Owners.

(a) Housing Assistance Payments on Behalf of Families.

- (1) Housing assistance payments shall be paid to the Owner for units under lease for occupancy by Families in accordance with the Contract. The housing assistance payment will cover the difference between the Contract Rent and that portion of the rent payable by the Family as determined in accordance with the HUD-established schedules and criteria.
- (2) The amount of housing assistance payment payable on behalf of a Family and the amount of rent payable by the Family shall be subject to change by reason of changes in Family Income, Family composition, extent of exceptional medical or other unusual expenses or program rules in accordance with the HUD-established schedules and criteria; or by reason of a change in any applicable Utility Allowance approved or required by the CA. Any such change shall be effective as of the date stated in a notification of the change to the Family, which need not be at the end of the Lease term.

(b) Vacancies During Rent-Up. If a Contract Unit is not leased as of the effective date of the Contract (or within 15 days of the effective date of this Contract in the case of previously HUD-owned projects), the Owner is entitled to housing assistance payments in the amount of 80 percent of the Contract Rent for the unit for a vacancy period not exceeding 60 days from the effective date of the Contract, provided that the Owner (1) commenced marketing and otherwise complied with section 2.2(d) of the Agreement, (2) has taken

and continues to take all feasible actions to fill the vacancy, including, but not limited to, contacting applicants on its waiting list, if any, requesting the PHA and other appropriate sources to refer eligible applicants, and advertising the availability of the unit in a manner specifically designed to reach eligible Families, and (3) has not rejected any eligible applicant, except for good cause acceptable to the CA.

(c) Vacancies after Rent-Up. If an eligible Family vacates a unit, the Owner is entitled to housing assistance payments in the amount (except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section) of 80 percent of the Contract Rent for the first 60 days of vacancy if the Owner:

- (1) Certifies that it did not cause the vacancy by violating the lease, the Contract or any applicable law or by moving a Family to another unit;
- (2) Notified the CA of the vacancy or prospective vacancy and the reasons for it immediately upon learning of the vacancy or prospective vacancy;
- (3) Has fulfilled and continues to fulfill the requirements specified in paragraphs (b)(1), (2), and (3) of this section; and
- (4) Certifies that any eviction resulting in a vacancy was carried out in compliance with section 2.9.

(d) Payments for Vacancies after Initial Occupancy in Previously HUD-Owned Projects. In the case of previously HUD-owned projects, the Owner may receive housing assistance payments for so much of the month in which the Family vacates the unit as the unit remains vacant. Should the unit remain vacant, the Owner may receive from HUD a housing assistance payment in the amount of 80 percent of the Contract Rent for a vacancy period not exceeding an additional month. However, if the Owner collects any of the Family's share of the rent for this period, the payment for the vacancy period must be reduced to an amount which, when added to the Family's payments, does not exceed 80 percent of the Contract Rent. Any such excess shall be reimbursed by the Owner to HUD or as HUD may direct. Paragraphs (c)(1) through (4) apply.

(e) Vacancies for Longer than 60 Days. Except for previously HUD-owned projects not requiring substantial rehabilitation, if an assisted unit continues to be vacant after the period specified in paragraph (b), (c) or (d) of this section, the Owner may apply to receive additional payments for the vacancy period in an amount equal to the principal and interest payments required to amortize that portion of the debt service attributable to the vacant unit (see Exhibit 2) for up to 12 additional months for the unit if:

- (1) The unit was in decent, safe and sanitary condition during the vacancy period for which payments are claimed;
- (2) The Owner has fulfilled and continues to fulfill the requirements specified in paragraph (b), (c) or (d) of this section, as appropriate; and
- (3) The Owner has demonstrated to the satisfaction of HUD that:

- (i) For the period of vacancy, the project is not providing the Owner with revenues at least equal to project expenses (exclusive of depreciation), and the amount of payments requested is not more than the portion of the deficiency attributable to the vacant unit, and
 - (ii) The project can achieve financial soundness within a reasonable time.
- (f) Prohibition of Double Compensation for Vacancies.** The Owner is not entitled to payments for vacant units to the extent it can collect for the vacancy from other sources (such as security deposits, other amounts collected from the Family, payments from the CA under section 2.8(b), and governmental payments under other programs). If the Owner collects any of the Family's share of the rent for a vacancy period in an amount which, when added to the vacancy payment, results in more than the Contract Rent, the excess must be reimbursed as HUD directs.
- (g) CA Not Obligated for Family Rent.** The CA has not assumed any obligation for the amount of rent payable by any Family or the satisfaction of any claim by the Owner against any Family other than in accordance with section 2.8(b) of this Contract. The financial obligation of the CA is limited to making housing assistance payments on behalf of Families in accordance with this Contract.
- (h) Owner's Monthly Requests for Payments.**
- (1) The Owner shall submit monthly requests to the CA or as directed by the CA for housing assistance payments. Each request shall set forth: (i) the name of each Family and the address and/or number of the unit leased by the Family; (ii) the address and/or the number of each unit, if any, not leased to Families for which the Owner is claiming payments; (iii) the Contract Rent as set forth in Exhibit 1 for each unit for which the Owner is claiming payments; (iv) the amount of rent payable by the Family leasing the unit (or, where applicable, the amount to be paid the Family in accordance with section 2.2(b)(2)); and (v) the total amount of housing assistance payments requested by the Owner.
 - (2) Each of the Owner's monthly requests shall contain a certification by it that to the best of its knowledge and belief (i) the dwelling units are in decent, safe, and sanitary condition, (ii) all the other facts and data on which the request for funds is based are true and correct, (iii) the amount requested has been calculated in accordance with the provisions of this Contract and is payable under the Contract, (iv) none of the amount claimed has been previously claimed or paid under this Contract, and (v) the Owner has not received and will not receive any payments or other consideration from the Family, the PHA, HUD, or any other public or private source for the unit beyond that authorized in this Contract and the lease.
 - (3) If the Owner has received an excessive payment, the CA (or HUD where the CA is a PHA), in addition to any other rights to recovery, may deduct the amount from any subsequent payment or payments.
- (4) The Owner's monthly requests for housing assistance payments are subject to penalty under 18 U.S.C. 1001, which provides, among other things, that whoever knowingly and willfully makes or uses a document or writing containing any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both.
- (i) Payments to Trustee by PHA Where It Is the Lender.** (See section 1.4 for applicability of this paragraph.) The amount of the housing assistance payment determined in accordance with the provisions of this Contract, up to the amount of the mortgage repayments due the PHA from the Owner pursuant to the mortgage loan made by the PHA for the project, shall be credited to the Owner and transferred monthly by the PHA from the account maintained under the General Depository Agreement pursuant to the ACC to the trustee under the note or bond resolution of the PHA under which the notes or bonds to provide the mortgage loan were issued. Any amount of the housing assistance payment in excess of such credit shall be paid by the PHA directly to the Owner.
- ## 2.5 Maintenance, Operation and Inspection.
- (a) Maintenance and Operation.** The Owner agrees to maintain and operate the Contract Units, unassisted units, if any, and related facilities to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing including the provision of all the services, maintenance and utilities set forth in section 1.1(e). The Owner also agrees to comply with the lead-based paint regulations at 24 CFR Part 35. If the CA determines that the Owner is not meeting one or more of these obligations, the CA shall have the right to take action under section 2.21(b).
- (b) Inspection.**
- (1) Prior to occupancy of any Contract Unit by a Family, the Owner and the Family shall inspect the unit and both shall certify, on forms prescribed or approved by the CA, that they have inspected the unit and have determined it to be decent, safe, and sanitary in accordance with the criteria provided in the forms. The Owner shall keep copies of these reports on file for at least three years.
 - (2) The CA shall inspect or cause to be inspected the Contract Units and related facilities at least annually and at such other times (including prior to initial occupancy and rerenting of any unit) as may be necessary to ensure that the Owner is meeting its obligation to maintain the units in decent, safe, and sanitary condition including the provision of the agreed-upon utilities and other services. The CA shall take into account complaints by occupants and any other information coming to its attention in scheduling inspections and shall notify the Owner and the Family of its determination.
- (c) Units Not Decent, Safe, and Sanitary.** If the CA notifies the Owner that it has failed to maintain a dwelling unit in decent, safe, and sanitary condition and the Owner fails to take corrective action within the time prescribed in the notice, the CA may exercise any of its rights or remedies

under the Contract, including reduction or suspension of housing assistance payments, even if the Family continues to occupy the unit. If, however, the Family wishes to be rehoused in another dwelling unit with section 8 assistance and the CA does not have other section 8 funds for such purposes, the CA may use the abated housing assistance payments for the purpose of rehousing the Family in another dwelling unit. If the Family continues to occupy the unit, it will do so in accordance with the terms of its lease, including the termination date and amount of rent payable by the Family.

- (d) **Notification of Abatement.** Any reduction or suspension of housing assistance payments shall be effective as provided in written notification to the Owner. The Owner shall promptly notify the Family of any such abatement.
- (e) **Overcrowded and Underoccupied Units.** Where the CA determines a unit is larger or smaller than appropriate for an eligible Family, the Owner agrees to correct the situation in accordance with HUD regulations and requirements in effect at the time of the determination.

2.6 Financial Requirements.

- (a) **Submission of Financial and Operating Statements.** The Owner must submit to the CA:

- (1) Within 60 days after the end of each fiscal year of the project, financial statements for the project audited by an Independent Public Accountant in the form required by HUD, and
- (2) Other statements as to project operation, financial conditions and occupancy as HUD may require pertinent to administration of the Contract and monitoring of project operations.

- (b) **Use of Project Funds.** (Not applicable to Partially Assisted or Previously HUD-Owned Projects.)

- (1) Project funds must be used for the benefit of the project, to make mortgage payments, to pay operating expenses, to make required deposits to the replacement reserve in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section and to provide distributions to the Owner as provided in paragraph (d). To the extent HUD determines that project funds are more than needed for these purposes, the surplus project funds must be deposited with the mortgagee or other HUD-approved depository in an interest-bearing residual receipts account. Withdrawals from this account will be made only with the approval of HUD and for project purposes, including the reduction of housing assistance payments. Upon termination of the Contract, any excess funds must be remitted to HUD.
- (2) In the case of HUD-insured projects, the provisions of this paragraph (b) will apply instead of the otherwise applicable mortgage insurance requirements, except in the case of partially assisted or previously HUD-owned, insured projects which are subject to the applicable mortgage insurance requirements.

- (c) **Replacement Reserve.** (Not applicable to Partially Assisted or Previously HUD-Owned Projects.)

- (1) The Owner shall establish and maintain a replacement

reserve in an interest-bearing account to aid in funding extraordinary maintenance and repair and replacement of capital items in accordance with applicable regulations.

- (i) The obligation of the Owner to deposit into the replacement reserve shall commence upon the effective date of the Contract. For staged projects, the obligation shall commence on a pro rata basis for units in each stage on the effective date of the Contract for that stage. The amount of the deposit to the replacement reserve will be adjusted each year by the amount of the automatic annual adjustment factor. See 24 CFR Part 888.
- (ii) The reserve must be built up to and maintained at a level determined by HUD to be sufficient to meet projected requirements. Should the reserve achieve that level, the rate of deposit to the reserve may be reduced with the approval of HUD.
- (iii) All earnings including interest on the reserve must be added to the reserve.
- (iv) Funds will be held by the mortgagee or trustee for the bondholders, and may be drawn from the reserve and used only in accordance with HUD guidelines and with the approval of, or as directed by, HUD.

- (2) In the case of HUD-insured projects, the provisions of this paragraph (c) will apply instead of the otherwise applicable mortgage insurance requirements, except in the case of partially-assisted or previously HUD-owned, insured projects which are subject to the applicable mortgage insurance requirements.

- (d) **Limitation on Distributions.** (Paragraph (d)(2)-(4) are not applicable to Small, Partially Assisted or Previously HUD-Owned Projects.)

- (1) Nonprofit owners are not entitled to distributions of project funds.
- (2) For the life of the Contract, project funds may only be distributed to profit-motivated owners at the end of each fiscal year of project operation following the effective date of the Contract after all project expenses have been paid, or funds have been set aside for payment, and all reserve requirements have been met. The first year's distribution may not be made until cost certification, where applicable, is completed. Distributions may not exceed the following maximum returns:
 - (i) For projects for elderly families, the first year's distribution will be limited to 6 percent on equity. HUD may provide for increases in subsequent years' distributions in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and requirements.
 - (ii) For projects for nonelderly families, the first year's distribution will be limited to 10 percent on equity. HUD may provide for increases in subsequent years' distributions in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and requirements.
- (3) For the purpose of determining the allowable distribution, an Owner's equity investment shall be computed in accordance with HUD regulations and requirements.

- (4) Any short-fall in return may be made up from surplus project funds (see paragraph (b)(1)) in future years.
- (5) In the case of HUD-insured projects, the provisions of this section will apply instead of the otherwise applicable mortgage insurance program regulations, except in the case of small, partially assisted or previously HUD-owned, insured projects which are subject to the applicable mortgage insurance regulations.

2.7 Rent Adjustments.

(Paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this section are not applicable to Section 202 projects; instead, paragraph (e) will apply.)

- (a) **Funding of Adjustments.** Housing Assistance payments will be made in amounts commensurate with Contract Rent adjustments under this section up to the maximum amount authorized under section 2.3(a) of this Contract.
- (b) **Annual Adjustments.**
 - (1) Upon request from the Owner to the CA, Contract Rents will be adjusted on the anniversary date of the Contract in accordance with 24 CFR 888 and this Contract. See, however, paragraph (d).
 - (2) In the case of previously HUD-owned projects, the Contract Rents shall be adjusted in accordance with 24 CFR 886, Subpart C and this Contract.
 - (3) Contract Rents may be adjusted upward or downward, as may be appropriate; however, in no case shall the annual adjustment result in Contract Rents less than the Contract Rents on the effective date of the Contract.
- (c) **Special Additional Adjustments.** Special additional adjustments shall be granted, when approved by HUD, to reflect increases in the actual and necessary expenses of owning and maintaining the Contract Units which have resulted from substantial general increases in real property taxes, utility rates, assessments, and utilities not covered by regulated rates. The Owner must demonstrate that such general increases have caused increases in the Owner's operating costs which are not adequately compensated for by annual adjustments. The Owner shall submit to HUD supporting data, financial statements and certifications which clearly support the increase. See, however, paragraph (d).
- (d) **Overall Limitation.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, adjustments after Contract execution or cost certification, where applicable, shall not result in material differences between the rents charged for assisted and comparable unassisted units, as determined by HUD; except to the extent that the differences existed with respect to the Contract Rents set at Contract execution or cost certification, where applicable.
- (e) **Contract Rent Adjustments for Section 202 Projects.** Contract Rents shall automatically be adjusted whenever a HUD-approved rent increase, as provided under the Regulatory Agreement, takes effect, and the HUD-approved rents shall become the new Contract Rents.
- (f) **Incorporation of Rent Adjustment.** Any adjustment in Contract Rents shall be incorporated into Exhibit 1 by a dated addendum to the exhibit establishing the effective date of the adjustment.

(g) Adjustment of Contract Rents Based on Cost Certification. (See section 1.4 for applicability of this paragraph.)

- (1) **Submission by Owner.** Within 60 days after HUD accepts the project (or accepts the last stage, where applicable), or any extensions approved by HUD for good cause, the Owner will certify the actual costs estimated in the Final Proposal or Purchase and Use Plan of the replacement cost, operating expenses, income, and debt service, and submit a cost certification including the certificate of an Independent Public Accountant to HUD in the manner and form prescribed by HUD, based on the following guidelines:
 - (i) Projects which involve HUD direct loans or mortgage insurance will be subject to the cost certification requirements of the applicable program;
 - (ii) For projects not insured by HUD, a simplified form of cost certification as prescribed by HUD will be completed and submitted.
 - (2) **HUD Review.** Cost certifications will be subject to review by HUD. As part of this review, the Owner and/or contractor may be required to submit additional documentation.
 - (3) **Reduction of Contract Rents.** If the Owner's certified costs provided in accordance with paragraph (g)(1) of this section, as approved by HUD, are less than the cost estimates provided in the Final Proposal or Purchase and Use Plan, the Contract Rents will be reduced accordingly.
 - (4) **Reduction of Maximum Annual Commitment.** If the Contract Rents are reduced pursuant to paragraph (g)(3) of this section, the maximum annual Contract commitment (and the maximum ACC commitment, in the case of Private-Owner/PHA projects) will be reduced. If Contract Rents are reduced based on certification after Contract execution, any overpayment since the effective date of the Contract will be recovered from the Owner by the CA.
- (h) **Adjustment of Contract Rents to Reflect Actual Cost of Tax Exempt Obligations Issued by a Participating State Agency Not Subject to Part 811.** (See section 1.4 for applicability of this paragraph.) After the project is permanently financed, the financing agency shall submit a certification to HUD specifying the actual financing terms. If the actual debt service to the Owner under the permanent financing is lower than the anticipated debt service on which the Contract Rents were based, the initial Contract Rents or the Contract Rents then in effect shall be reduced commensurately and the amount of savings credited to the project account. The maximum annual Contract commitment (and the maximum annual ACC commitment, in the case of Private-Owner/PHA projects) will not be reduced.
 - (i) **Adjustment of Contract Rents to Reflect Actual Cost for Projects Subject to Part 811.** (See section 1.4 for applicability of this paragraph.)
 - (1) **Submission by Owner and Financing Agency.** The Owner and the financing agency shall submit certified statements as to the financing and other costs as required by Part 811 prior to final endorsement. Based on the certified state-

ments, HUD will determine whether any reduction in initial Contract Rents is required under Part 811. Promptly after HUD notification, the Owner and the financing agency agree to amend the Contract to reduce the initial Contract Rents to the extent required by HUD. See sections 2.3(b)(5) and (6) of the Agreement, as appropriate.

- (2) **Reduction of Maximum Annual Commitment.** If the Contract Rents are reduced pursuant to paragraph (i)(1) of this section, the maximum annual Contract commitment (and the maximum ACC commitment, in the case of Private-Owner/PHA projects) will be reduced. If Contract Rents are reduced based on certification after Contract execution, any overpayment since the effective date of the Contract will be recovered from the Owner by the CA.

- (j) **Adjustment of Contract Rents Due to Property Tax Exemption or Similar Savings.** The Contract Rents may be reduced to reflect real property tax exemption or similar savings where the initial Contract Rents were approved on the assumption that the project would not receive the benefit of tax abatement or similar savings. The Owner agrees to notify the CA in the event such a project begins to receive such an exemption or similar savings so that the initial Contract Rents or the Contract Rents then in effect may be reduced.

2.8 Marketing and Leasing of Units.

- (a) **Compliance with Equal Opportunity Requirements.** Marketing of units and selection of Families by the Owner shall be in accordance with the Owner's HUD-approved Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan (if required), shown as an exhibit, and with all regulations relating to fair housing advertising. Projects shall be managed and operated without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin and in the case of previously HUD-owned projects in accordance with the tenant selection factors shown as Exhibit 6.
- (b) **Security Deposits.** The Owner agrees to comply with applicable section 8 regulations and other requirements, as revised from time to time, regarding security deposits and to comply with all State and local law.
- (c) **Eligibility, Selection and Admission of Families.**
- (1) Except for those Families in previously HUD-owned projects determined by HUD at the time of the sale of the project to be eligible for section 8, the Owner shall be responsible for determination of eligibility of applicants, selection of Families from among those determined to be eligible, computation of the amount of housing assistance payments on behalf of each selected Family and of total Family contributions and recordkeeping in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and requirements.
- (2) The Owner shall not charge any applicant or assisted Family any amount in excess of the total Family contribution except as authorized by HUD.
- (3) In renting of the Contract Units, the Owner must lease them to Very Low-Income Families (determined in

accordance with HUD established schedule and criteria). Exceptions may be made and the units leased to Lower Income Families under such circumstances as where the project viability is being endangered by the lack of sufficient number of potential applicants who are Very Low-Income Families, but only after the prior approval of HUD. See 24 CFR Part 813.

- (4) The Lease entered into between the Owner and each selected Family shall be on the form of Lease approved by HUD.
- (5) (i) The Owner shall make a reexamination of Family income, composition, and the extent of medical or other unusual expenses incurred by the Family at least as often as required by HUD regulations or other requirements, and appropriate redeterminations shall be made by the Owner of the amount of Family contribution and the amount of housing assistance payment, all in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and requirements.
- (ii) If a Family reports a change in income or other circumstances that would result in a decrease of total Family contribution between regularly scheduled reexaminations, the Owner, upon receipt of verification of the change, must promptly make appropriate adjustments in the total Family contribution. The Owner may require in its lease that Families report increases in income or other changes between scheduled reexaminations.
- (iii) A Family's eligibility for housing assistance payments continues until its total Family contribution equals the total housing expense for the unit it occupies. The termination of eligibility at this point will not affect the Family's other rights under the lease nor preclude resumption of payments as a result of later changes in income or other circumstances during the term of this Contract.
- (6) Where fewer than 100 percent of the units in the project are covered by this Contract, assisted Families shall be dispersed throughout. At initial rent-up, the Owner shall lease the units identified in Exhibit 1 to eligible Families. Thereafter, the Owner may lease other units of appropriate size and type to eligible Families in accordance with Exhibit 1. For projects with units for both elderly and non-elderly Families, the respective family types may be grouped together.
- (7) The Owner shall maintain as confidential all information relating to section 8 applicants and assisted Families, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.
- (d) **Rent Redetermination after Adjustment in Utility Allowance.** In the event that the Owner is notified of a CA determination approving or requiring an adjustment in the Utility Allowance applicable to any of the Contract Units, the Owner shall promptly make a corresponding adjustment in the amount of rent to be paid by the affected Families and the amount of housing assistance payments.

(e) **Processing of Applications and Complaints.** The Owner shall process applications for admission, notifications to applicants, and complaints by applicants in accordance with applicable HUD and PHA regulations and requirements and shall maintain records and furnish such copies or other information as may be required by HUD or the PHA.

(f) **Review: Incorrect Payments.** In making housing assistance payments to Owners, the PHA or HUD will review the Owner's determinations under this section. If as a result of this review, or other reviews, audits or information received by the PHA or HUD at any time, it is determined that the Owner has received improper or excessive housing assistance payments, the PHA or HUD shall have the right to deduct the amount of such overpayments from any amounts otherwise due the Owner, or otherwise effect recovery.

2.9 Termination of Tenancy or Section 8 Assistance by the Owner.

The Owner agrees not to terminate any tenancy of or assistance on behalf of an assisted Family except in accordance with all HUD regulations and other requirements, in effect at the time of the termination, and any State and local law.

2.10 Reduction of Number of Units for Failure to Lease to Eligible Families.

(a) **Limitation on Leasing to Ineligible Families.** Except in the case of previously HUD-owned projects, the Owner may not at any time during the term of this Contract lease more than 10 percent of the assisted units in the project to families which are ineligible under section 8 requirements at initial occupancy without the prior approval of HUD. Failure on the part of the Owner to comply with this prohibition is a violation of the Contract and grounds for all available legal remedies, including specific performance of the Contract, suspension or debarment from HUD programs and reduction of the number of units under the Contract, as set forth in paragraph (b) of this section. (See also section 2.21.)

(b) **Reduction for Failure to Lease to Eligible Families—New and Rehab Projects.** If, at any time beginning six months after the effective date of the Contract, the Owner fails for a continuous period of six months to have at least 90 percent of the assisted units leased or available for leasing by Families eligible under section 8 requirements at initial occupancy, HUD (or the PHA at the direction of HUD, as appropriate) may, on at least 30 days' notice, reduce the number of units covered by the Contract. HUD or the PHA may reduce the number of units to the number of units actually leased or available for leasing plus 10 percent (rounded up). This reduction, however, will not be made if the failure to lease units to eligible Families is permitted in writing by HUD under paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) **Reduction—Previously HUD-Owned Projects.** If, at any time beginning six months after the effective date of the Contract, the Owner fails for a continuous period of six months to have all of the assisted units leased or available for leasing by Families eligible under section 8 requirements at initial occupancy, HUD may, on 30 calendar days' notice, reduce the number of Contract units to not less than the number of Contract units under lease, plus 10 percent of

such number if the number is 10 or more, rounded up. Failure by the Owner to make a reasonable effort to lease the units to eligible Families shall be a violation of the Contract and grounds for all legal remedies including those specified in paragraph (a) and section 2.21.

(d) **Restoration.** HUD will agree to an amendment of the ACC or the Contract, as appropriate, to provide for subsequent restoration of any reduction made pursuant to paragraph (b) or (c) of this section if:

- (1) HUD determines that the restoration is justified by demand,
- (2) The Owner otherwise has a record of compliance with its obligations under the Contract, and
- (3) Contract authority is available. (HUD will take such steps authorized by section 8(c)(6) of the Act as may be necessary to carry out its agreement.

2.11 Nondiscrimination.

(a) **General.** The Owner shall not in the selection of Families, in the provision of services, or in any other manner, discriminate against any person on the grounds of race, color, creed, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.

(b) **Members of Certain Classes.** The Owner shall not automatically exclude anyone from participation in, or deny anyone the benefits of, the Housing Assistance Payments Program because of membership in a class, such as unmarried mothers, recipients of public assistance, and handicapped persons.

(c) **The Fair Housing Act.** The Owner shall comply with all requirements imposed by the Fair Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, financing and advertising of housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, and any related rules and regulations.

(d) **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Order 11063.** The Owner shall comply with all requirements imposed by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000d. **et seq.**; the HUD Regulations issued thereunder, 24 CFR, Subtitle A, Part 1; the HUD requirements pursuant to these regulations; and Executive Order 11063 and any regulations and requirements issued thereunder, to the end that, in accordance with that Act, Executive Order 11063, and the regulations and requirements of HUD, no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, creed, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of, the Housing Assistance Payments Program, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination. This provision is included pursuant to the regulations of HUD, 24 CFR, Subtitle A, Part 1 issued under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, HUD regulations issued pursuant to Executive Order 11063 and the HUD requirements pursuant to the regulations. The obligation of the Owner to comply therewith inures to the benefit of the United States of America, HUD, and the PHA (where the CA is a PHA), any of which shall be entitled to invoke any remedies available by law to redress any breach or to compel compliance by the Owner.

(e) **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.** The Owner shall comply with all the requirements imposed by section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and any related rules and regulations. Section 504 provides that no qualified handicapped person shall, on the basis of handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity which receives or benefits from Federal financial assistance. Accordingly, the Owner (1) shall not discriminate against any qualified handicapped person on the basis of handicap and (2) shall cause to be incorporated into all contracts executed in connection with this project a provision requiring compliance with rules and regulations issued pursuant to section 504. See also paragraph (f)(3) through (8) concerning Section 504 protections to employees with handicaps.

(f) **Employees of Owner.**

- (1) In carrying out the obligations under this Contract, the Owner will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin. The Owner will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- (2) The Owner agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by HUD setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause. The Owner will in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Owner state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin. The Owner will incorporate the foregoing requirements of this paragraph in all of its contracts for project work, except contracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials, and will require all of its contractors for such work to incorporate such requirements in all subcontracts for project work.
- (3) The Owner agrees not to limit, segregate, or classify applicants or employees in any way that adversely affects their opportunities or status because of handicap.
- (4) The Owner agrees not to participate in a contractual or other relationship that has the effect of subjecting qualified applicants with handicaps or employees with handicaps to discrimination.
- (5) The Owner agrees to make reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified applicant with handicaps or employee with handicaps, unless the Owner can demonstrate that the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the operation of its program.

(6) The Owner agrees not to use any employment test or other selection criterion that screens out or tends to screen out individuals with handicaps unless:

- (i) The Owner demonstrates that the test score or other selection criterion, as used by the Owner, is job-related for the position in question; and
- (ii) The appropriate HUD official demonstrates that alternative job-related tests or criteria that tend to screen out fewer individuals with handicaps are unavailable.

(7) The Owner agrees to comply with 24 CFR 8.12 and related HUD instructions when selecting and administering tests to avoid discrimination against individuals with handicaps.

(8) The Owner agrees to comply with 24 CFR 8.13 and any related HUD instructions concerning preemployment inquiries.

(g) **Age Discrimination Act of 1975.** The Owner shall comply with any rules and regulations issued or adopted by HUD under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6101 **et seq.**, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance.

2.12 Cooperation in Equal Opportunity Compliance Reviews.

The Owner and the PHA (where the CA is a PHA) agree to cooperate with HUD in the conducting of compliance reviews and complaint investigations pursuant to or permitted by all applicable civil rights statutes, Executive Orders, and rules and regulations.

2.13 Economic Opportunities for Low- and Very Low-Income Persons (See section 1.4 for applicability of this section.)

- (a) The project assisted under this Contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, 12 U.S.C. 1701u. Section 3 requires that the employment and other economic opportunities generated by Federal financial assistance for housing and community development programs shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed toward low- and very low-income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the recipient shall carry out the provisions of Section 3 and the regulations issued by HUD as set forth in 24 CFR, Part 135, and all applicable rules and orders of HUD issued there under prior to the execution of this Contract. The requirements of the regulations include, but are not limited to, (1) implementing procedures designed to notify Section 3 residents about training and employment opportunities generated by Section 3 covered assistance and Section 3 business concerns about contracting opportunities generated by Section 3 covered assistance; (2) notifying potential contractors for Section 3 covered projects of the requirements of this part, and incorporating the Section 3 clause set forth in § 135.38 in all contracts; (3) facilitating the training and employment of Section 3 residents and the award of contracts to Section 3 business concerns by undertaking activities, as appropriate, to reach the goals set forth in § 135.30;

- (4) assisting and actively cooperating with the Assistance Secretary in obtaining the compliance of contractors and subcontractors with the requirements of this part, and refraining from entering into any contract with any contractor where the recipient has notice or knowledge that the contractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR Part 135; (5) documenting actions taken to comply with the requirements of this part, the results of actions taken and impediments, if any; (6) A state or county which distributes funds for Section 3 covered assistance to units of local governments, to the greatest extent feasible, must attempt to reach the numerical goals set forth in 135.30 regardless of the number of local governments receiving funds from the Section 3 covered assistance which meet the thresholds for applicability set forth at 135.3. The State or county must inform units of local government to whom funds are distributed of the requirements of this part; assist local governments and their contractors in meeting the requirements and objectives of this part; and monitor the performance of local governments with respect to the objectives and requirements of this part.
- (c) All recipients shall cooperate fully and promptly with the Assistant Secretary in Section 3 compliance reviews, in investigations of allegations of noncompliance made under § 135.76, and with the distribution and collection of data and information that the Assistant Secretary may require in connection with achieving the economic objectives of Section 3. The recipient shall refrain from entering into a contract with any contractor after notification to the recipient by HUD that the contractor has been found in violation of the Section 3 regulations. The provisions of 24 CFR Part 24 apply to the employment, engagement of services, awarding of contracts or funding of any contractors or subcontractors during any period of debarment, suspension or otherwise ineligible status.
- (d) All section 3 covered contracts shall include the following clause (referred to as the section 3 clause):
- A. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section 3). The purpose of section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by section 3, shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.
 - B. The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135, which implement section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 135 regulations.
 - C. The contractor agrees to send to each labor organization or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other understanding, if any, a notice advising the labor organization or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under this section 3 clause, and will post copies of the notice in conspicuous places at the work site where both employees and applicants for training and employment positions can see the notice. The notice shall describe the section 3 preference, shall set forth minimum number and job titles subject to hire, availability of apprenticeship and training positions, the qualifications for each; and the name and location of the person(s) taking applications for each of the positions; and the anticipated date the work shall begin.
 - D. The contractor agrees to include this section 3 clause in every subcontract subject to compliance with regulations in 24 CFR part 135, and agrees to take appropriate action, as provided in an applicable provision of the subcontract or in this section 3 clause, upon a finding that the subcontractor is in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135. The contractor will not subcontract with any subcontractor where the contractor has notice or knowledge that the subcontractor has been found in violation of the regulations in 24 CFR part 135.
 - E. The contractor will certify that any vacant employment positions, including training positions, that are filled (1) after the contractor is selected but before the contract is executed, and (2) with persons other than those to whom the regulations of 24 CFR part 135 require employment opportunities to be directed, were not filled to circumvent the contractor's obligations under 24 CFR part 135.
 - F. Noncompliance with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 135 may result in sanctions, termination of this contract for default, and debarment or suspension from future HUD assisted contracts.
 - G. With respect to work performed in connection with section 3 covered Indian housing assistance, section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450e) also applies to the work to be performed under this contract. Section 7(b) requires that to the greatest extent feasible (i) preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and (ii) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian organizations and Indian-owned Economic Enterprises. Parties to this contract that are subject to the provisions of section 3 and section 7(b) agree to comply with section 3 to the maximum extent feasible, but not in derogation of compliance with section 7(b).
- 2.14 Flood Insurance.** (See section 1.4 for applicability.)
- The Owner agrees that the project will be covered, during its anticipated economic or useful life, by flood insurance in an amount at least equal to its development or project cost (less estimated land cost) or to the maximum limit of coverage made available with respect to the particular type of property under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, whichever is less.
- 2.15 Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act.** (See section 1.4 for applicability of this section.)
- (a) Definition. "Facility" means any building, plant, installation, structure, mine, vessel, or other floating craft, location,

or site of operations, owned, leased, or supervised by the Owner or any subcontractor, used in the performance of the contract or any subcontract. When a location or site of operations includes more than one building, plant, installation, or structure, the entire location or site shall be deemed a facility except when the Administrator, or a designee, of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) determines that independent facilities are collocated in one geographical area.

(b) In compliance with regulations issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 40 CFR Part 15, pursuant to the Clean Air Act, as amended ("Air Act"), 42 U.S.C. 7401, **et seq.**, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended ("Water Act"), 33 U.S.C. 1251, **et seq.**, and Executive Order 11738, the Owner agrees to:

- (1) Not utilize any facility in the performance of this contract or any subcontract which is listed on the EPA List of Violating Facilities pursuant to Part 15 of the regulations for the duration of time that the facility remains on the list;
- (2) Promptly notify HUD if a facility the Owner intends to use in the performance of this contract is on the EPA List of Violating Facilities or the Owner knows that it has been recommended to be placed on the List;
- (3) Comply with all requirements of the Air Act and the Water Act, including the requirements of Section 114 of the Air Act and Section 308 of the Water Act, and all applicable clean air and clean water standards; and
- (4) Include or cause to be included the provisions of this clause in every subcontract, and take such action as HUD may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions.

2.16 Reports and Access to Premises and Records.

- (a) The Owner shall furnish any information and reports pertinent to this Contract as reasonably may be required from time to time by HUD and the PHA (where the CA is a PHA).
- (b) The Owner shall permit HUD and the PHA (where the CA is a PHA) or any of their duly authorized representatives to have access to the premises and, for the purpose of audit and examination, to have access to any books, documents, papers and records of the Owner that are pertinent to compliance with this Contract, including the verification of information pertinent to the housing assistance payments.

2.17 Disputes.

(a) Private-Owner/PHA Projects.

- (1) Any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this Contract which cannot be resolved by the PHA and the Owner may be submitted by either party to the HUD Field Office which will promptly make a decision and furnish a written copy to the Owner and the PHA.
- (2) The decision of the Field Office will not be reviewable unless, within 30 calendar days from the date of receipt of the Field Office's determination, either party mails or otherwise furnishes to HUD a written appeal with written justification addressed to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Both parties shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract and in accordance with the decision of the Field Office pending resolution of the appeal.

(b) **Private-Owner/HUD or PHA-Owner/HUD Projects.** Any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this Contract which cannot be resolved by agreement between the HUD Field Office and the Owner may be submitted by the Owner to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Both parties shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract and in accordance with the decision of the Field Office, pending resolution of the appeal.

2.18 Interest of Local Public Officials and Employees when PHA has an Interest in the Contract.

If a PHA is a party to or has an interest in this contract, no member, officer, or employee of the PHA; no member of the governing body of the locality (city or county) in which the project is situated or in which the PHA was activated; and no other public official of such locality or localities who exercises any functions or responsibilities with respect to the project, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Contract or in any proceeds or benefits arising from it during his/her tenure or for one year thereafter. This provision may be waived by HUD for good cause.

2.19 Interest of Member of or Delegate to Congress.

No member of or delegate to the Congress of the United States of America or resident commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this Contract or to any benefits which may arise from it.

2.20 Assignment, Sale or Foreclosure.

- (a) The Owner agrees that it has not made and will not make any sale, assignment, or conveyance or transfer in any fashion, of this Contract, the Agreement, the ACC (if applicable), or the project or any part of them or any of its interest in them, without the prior written consent of HUD (and the PHA where it is the CA). However, in the case of an assignment as security for the purpose of obtaining financing of the project, HUD (and the PHA where it is the CA) shall consent in writing if HUD has approved the terms of the financing.
- (b) The Owner agrees to notify HUD (and the PHA where it is the CA) promptly of any proposed action covered by paragraph (a) of this section. The Owner further agrees to request the prior written consent of HUD (and the PHA where it is the CA).
- (c) (1) For purposes of this section, a sale, assignment, conveyance, or transfer includes but is not limited to one or more of the following:
 - (i) A transfer by the Owner, in whole or in part,
 - (ii) A transfer by a party having a substantial interest in the Owner,
 - (iii) Transfers by more than one party of interests aggregating a substantial interest in the Owner,
 - (iv) Any other similarly significant change in the ownership of interests in the Owner, or in the relative distribution of interests by any other method or means, and
 - (v) Any refinancing by the Owner of the project.
- (2) An assignment by the Owner to a limited partnership, in which no limited partner has a 25 percent or more interest and of which the Owner is the sole general partner, shall not be considered an assignment, conveyance, or transfer.

An assignment by one or more general or limited partners of a limited partnership interest to a limited partner, who will have no more than a 25 percent interest, shall not be considered an assignment, conveyance, or transfer.

- (3) The term "substantial interest" means the interest of any general partner, any limited partner having a 25 percent or more interest in the organization, any corporate officer or director, and any stockholder having a 10 percent or more interest in the organization.
- (d) The Owner and the party signing this Contract on behalf of the Owner represent that they have the authority of all of the parties having ownership interests in the Owner to agree to this provision on their behalf and to bind them with respect to it.
- (e) Except where otherwise approved by HUD, this Contract, the Agreement, and the ACC (if applicable) shall continue in effect and housing assistance payments will continue in accordance with the terms of the Contract in the event:
 - (1) Of assignment, sale, or other disposition of the project or this Contract, the Agreement, or the ACC,
 - (2) Of foreclosure, including foreclosure by HUD,
 - (3) Of assignment of the mortgage or deed in lieu of foreclosure,
 - (4) The PHA or HUD takes over possession, operation or ownership,
 - (5) The Owner prepays the mortgage.

2.21 Defaults by PHA and/or Owner.

(a) Rights of Owner if PHA Defaults under Contract (for Private-Owner/PHA Projects).

- (1) **Events of Default.** The occurrence of any of the following events, if the Owner is not in default, is defined as a default under the ACC:
 - (i) If the PHA fails to perform or observe any term or condition of this Contract;
 - (ii) If the Contract is held to be void, voidable, or ultra vires;
 - (iii) If the power or right of the PHA to enter into the Contract is drawn into question in any legal proceeding; or
 - (iv) If the PHA asserts or claims that the Contract is not binding upon the PHA for any such reason.
- (2) **Owner Request for HUD Determination of Default.** If the Owner believes that an event as specified in paragraph (a)(1) has occurred, and the Owner is not in default, the Owner may, within 30 days of the initial occurrence of the event:
 - (i) Notify HUD of the occurrence of the event;
 - (ii) Provide supporting evidence of the default and of the fact that the Owner is not in default; and
 - (iii) Request HUD to determine whether there has been a default.
- (3) **HUD Determination of Default and Curing of Default.** HUD, after notice to the PHA giving it a reasonable opportunity to take corrective action, or to demonstrate that it is not in default, shall make a determination

whether the PHA is in default and whether the Owner is not in default. If HUD determines that the PHA is in default and that the Owner is not, HUD shall take appropriate action to require the PHA to cure the default. If necessary for the prompt continuation of the project, HUD shall assume the PHA's rights and obligations under the Contract, including any funds. HUD shall continue to pay annual contributions with respect to the units covered by this Contract in accordance with the ACC and this Contract until reassigned to the PHA. All rights and obligations of the PHA assumed by HUD will be returned as constituted at the time of the return:

- (i) When HUD is satisfied that all defaults have been cured and that the project will thereafter be administered in accordance with all applicable requirements, or
 - (ii) When the Contract is at an end, whichever occurs sooner.
- (4) **Enforcement by Owner.** The provisions of this paragraph (a) are made for the benefit of the Owner, the lender, the PHA where it is the lender and then only in its capacity as lender, and the Owner's other assignees, if any, who have been specifically approved by HUD prior to the assignment. These provisions shall be enforceable by these parties against HUD by suit at law or in equity.
- (b) **Rights of PHA and HUD if Owner Defaults under Contract.**
 - (1) **Events of Default.** A default by the Owner under this Contract shall result if:
 - (i) The Owner has violated or failed to comply with any provision of, or obligation under, this Contract or of any Lease, including failure to correct any deficiencies identified by the CA in connection with any annual or other inspection; or
 - (ii) The Owner has asserted or demonstrated an intention not to perform some or all of its obligations under this Contract or under any Lease; or
 - (iii) For projects with mortgages insured by HUD or loans made by HUD, the Owner has violated or failed to comply with the regulations for the applicable insurance or loan program, with the insured mortgage, or with the regulatory agreement; or the Owner has filed any false statement or misrepresentation with HUD in connection with the mortgage insurance or loan.
 - (2) **CA Determination of Default.** Upon a determination by the CA that a default has occurred, the CA shall notify the Owner and the lender, with a copy to HUD where the CA is a PHA, of
 - (i) The nature of the default,
 - (ii) The actions required to be taken and the remedies to be applied on account of the default (including actions by the Owner and/or the lender to cure the default), and
 - (iii) The time within which the Owner and/or the lender shall respond with a showing that all the required actions have been taken.

If the Owner and/or lender fail to respond or take action to the satisfaction of the CA (and HUD where the CA is a PHA), the CA shall have the right to take corrective action to achieve compliance, in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) or to terminate this Contract with HUD approval, in whole or in part, or to take other corrective action to achieve compliance in its discretion, or as directed by HUD (where the CA is a PHA).

(3) **Corrective Actions.** Pursuant to paragraph (b)(2) of this section the CA, in its discretion or as directed by HUD (where the CA is a PHA), may take the following corrective actions either directly or in conjunction with or acting through a PHA:

- (i) Take possession of the project, bring any action necessary to enforce any rights of the Owner growing out of the project operation, and operate the project in accordance with the terms of this Contract until such time as HUD determines that the Owner is again in a position to operate the project in accordance with this Contract. If the CA takes possession, housing assistance payments shall continue in accordance with the Contract.
- (ii) Collect all rents and charges in connection with the operation of the project and use these funds to pay the necessary expenses of preserving the property and operating the project and to pay the Owner's obligations under the note and mortgage or other loan documents.
- (iii) Apply to any court, State or Federal, for specific performance of this Contract, for an injunction against any violation of the Contract, for the appointment of a receiver to take over and operate the project in accordance with the Contract, or for such other relief as may be appropriate. These remedies are appropriate since the injury to the PHA and/or HUD arising from a default under any of the terms of this Contract could be irreparable and the amount of damage would be difficult to ascertain.
- (iv) Reduce or suspend housing assistance payments.
- (v) Recover any overpayments.

(4) **HUD Rights.** (For Private-Owner/PHA projects where the PHA is the lender.)

- (i) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Contract, in the event HUD determines that the Owner is in default of its obligations under the Contract, HUD shall have the right, after notice to the Owner, the trustee, if any, and the PHA giving them a reasonable opportunity to take corrective action, to proceed in accordance with paragraph (b)(3).

- (ii) In the event HUD takes any action under this section, the Owner and the PHA hereby expressly agree to recognize the rights of HUD to the same extent as if the action were taken by the PHA. HUD shall not have the right to terminate the Contract except by proceeding in accordance with paragraphs (b)(1), (2), and (3) of this section and with the ACC.

(c) **Remedies Not Exclusive and Non-Waiver of Remedies.**

The availability of any remedy under this Contract or the ACC, where applicable, shall not preclude the exercise of any other remedy under this Contract or the ACC or under any provisions of law, nor shall any action taken in the exercise of any remedy be considered a waiver of any other rights or remedies. Failure to exercise any right or remedy shall not constitute a waiver of the right to exercise that or any other right or remedy at any time.

2.22 Relationship of Parent Entity PHA as Owner to Agency or Instrumentality PHA Under Part 811.

The Parent Entity PHA agrees to perform the functions with regard to the Agency or Instrumentality PHA required by the HUD regulations pursuant to which the relationship between the two PHAs was established and to which HUD approved the Agency or Instrumentality PHA.

Warnings:

There are fines and imprisonment -- \$10,000/5 years -- for anyone who makes false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or entries in any matter within the jurisdiction of the Federal Government (18 U.S.C. 1001).

There are fines and imprisonment --\$250,000/5 years -- for anyone who misuses rents and proceeds in violation of HUD regulations relative to this project. This applies when the mortgage note is in default or when the project is in a nonsurplus cash position (12 U.S.C. 1715z-9).

HUD may seek a "double damages" civil remedy for the use of assets or income in violation of any Regulatory Agreement or any applicable HUD regulations (12 U.S.C. 1715z-4a).

HUD may seek additional civil money penalties to be paid by the mortgagee through personal funds for:

- (1) Violation of an agreement with HUD to use nonproject funds for certain specified purposes as a condition of receiving transfers of physical assets, flexible subsidy loan, capital improvement loan, modification of mortgage terms or workout. The penalties could be as much as the HUD Secretary's loss at foreclosure sale or sale after foreclosure.
- (2) Certain specific violations of the Regulatory Agreement, the penalties could be as much as \$25,000 per occurrence (12 U.S.C. 1735f-15).