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PRESENTATION

Moderator Ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon. Thank you for standing by and welcome to the expression of interest letters for the FY17 Funding call. At this time, all lines are in a listen-only mode. Later, there will be an opportunity for your questions. [Operator instructions]. As a reminder, today's conference is being recorded.

I would now like to turn the conference over to our host, Ms. Virginia Holman. Please go ahead.

Virginia

Thank you, Tom, and welcome to today's call on expression of interest letters for FY17 funding. This is going to be a short but important call. For those who are logged into the webinar and don't understand why you're not getting audio, we do not use the voice-over system where you can hear through your computer so you would need to call the phone number.

As the operator said, the audio is being recorded. The playback number along with the PowerPoint and a transcript will be available on the HUD exchange in our webinar section. That will usually be five to seven days before it is actually posted.

The attendee lines, again, are muted. I did send out a handout around noon today which was the PowerPoint. It's also available in your control panel on the right-hand side of your screen, where you just need click on the document name and download it.

At the conclusion of the presentation, there will be a Q&A period. Again, the operator's going to tell you how to ask the questions or make your comments. Please don't use a speakerphone when you're doing that.

There's another way for you to ask your question during the webinar.

Again, the control panel on the right-hand side of your screen has a box called questions. If you just type in your question, we have people that are monitoring those, and we will make sure that they get answered. If you come up with questions after the call today, you can send that question to housing.counseling@hud.gov and just put expression of interest letter in the subject line so we get it to the right people.

Again, while your phones are muted by the AT&T operator, if something happenings and you're talking, make sure that you have muted them so that it's not a distraction.

There is going to be a brief survey at the end of the session, so please take a couple of minutes and answer it. Your responses are really important to us when we try to continue to improve our webinars and do the things that you want us to do.

You will also, within 24 to 48 hours, be getting an email from GoTo Webinar. It may also be from me, Virginia Holman. It's going to say, this is your certificate of training. There is no attachment. That email is in

fact your certificate, so you need to print it out and save it for your records.

And this point, I'm going to turn it over to our main speaker, David Valdez. David?

David

Thank you, Virginia and welcome, everybody from a gloomy Houston, Texas. Right now, we're going to be talking about our expression of interest and this applies specifically to FY16 grantees. This is going to be a short training. We want to leave a lot of time at the end for questions. Again, as Virginia indicated, you can also ask questions along the way using the question box on your right-hand side.

We'll jump right in. Today's agenda, we're going to be discussing the entities that are going to be required to complete the expression of interest, and you may hear me refer to this as the EOI. When I say EOI, I'm talking about expression of interest; this is just the acronym I'll be using.

We're going to discuss the logistics of completing and returning the EOI letters for '16 grantees. We're also going to talk about upcoming communications. They're going to be distributed to the larger housing

counseling industry, and of course at the end, we're going to take questions.

A bit of background. As you know, Office of Housing Counseling has moved to a two year NOFA which authorizes HUD to do two different things. One is to award both the '16 and '17 funds on the basis of a single competition which was the competition that you competed in last year, and this just means that this year you don't have to go through the competitive process again through the application at grants.gov and so forth.

It also gives us the authority to issue a supplemental NOFA should appropriations become available, and those would be for fiscal year 2017. The '16-'17 training grant NOFA also authorizes HUD to do the same thing essentially to award both '16 and '17 funds based on that single competition. However, unlike the non-training grant, this doesn't involve the possibility of a supplemental [audio disruption].

Okay, you may be asking initially, who's going to receive these expression of interest letters. Short answer is that all FY16 grantees are going to be receiving expression of interest letters. If you competed in the

last year's NOFA and you were awarded FY16 funds, you should expect to receive an expression of interest letter.

So, within the next couple of days, OHC is going to be mailing expression of interest letters from our housing.counseling email address to all FY16 grantees. This is important that just for you to know that subgrantees are not part of the recipient list. They will not be receiving an expression of interest letter, nor are they required to return an expression of interest letter. These are for direct FY16 grantees.

What can you expect out of the expression of interest letter, what's it going to look like? Essentially, all we're going to be doing in this one page letter is, we're going to explain our plans for fiscal year '17 funding, much of which I'll go through during this presentation. We're also going to ask FY16 grantees to select yes or no to assess their interest in receiving FY17 funds.

It's important that during this process that agencies take an honest look at their program and if they're able to spend down the funds for FY17 should they take them. If you do not believe that your agency is in the position to expend FY17 funds, even though you're an FY16 grantee, please indicate

no. We would like to know in advance. It helps everyone at the end to know up front whether or not you're able to accept these funds and actually expend them.

The due date is going to be seven days from the date that the expression of interest letter is issued. After we distribute these letters, within a few days, we're going to also send a follow-up blast email. You can expect if you're an FY16 grantee to receive an expression of interest letter, and then several days later, you will be receiving a general blast email that's going to be sent to our entire industry LISTSERV.

In that email communication, we're just going to be communicating similar information and letting them know what's going on with our FY16 grantees and the whole expression of interest process. Of course, this is all subject to the availability of appropriations. I think that's very important to stress here. You may continue to see this underlined, highlighted, and bolded. Our plans are to issue the majority of fiscal year 2017 funds to FY16 grantees.

Now, there are two elements involved here that HUD will assess when distributing those FY17 funds. First, the first part of this process is us

assessing your interest in receiving FY17 funds, and we're doing that through the instrument of the expression of interest letter. When we send this out to you and you respond either yes or no, we then take that information and in the background while we're waiting for you to return those letters, we will be assessing ongoing eligibility. I'll explain a little bit later in this presentation what exactly we'll be looking at to assess eligibility during a technical review.

Just generally, it's important to know that this second year of the NOFA, the '17 portion of it is still governed by the fiscal year 2016 general section of the NOFA and the program NOFA. You can always look back to that as guidance. I've outlined here the section which is 1C1 of the NOFA and then its corresponding section in the training NOFA.

Here we say that, subject to the availability of appropriations, our plan to distribute FY17 funds to '16 grantees is to do the following, which is we'll duplicate the 2016 funding formula. Whatever score you received in '16, we'll use that application data and those scores to plug into our funding formula that we used in 2016, and for those 2016 grantees that expressed an interest and said yes, and remained eligible and passed our technical

review, they will receive funding subject to the availability of appropriations.

Because of the unique nature of the appropriations process and the continuing resolutions that have been passed, our 2017 funding could be awarded in multiple stages, just as the appropriations become available. Our intent is to get them out to you as quickly as possible. You may see several rounds of funding, and we're going to do our best to structure these multiple rounds in a manner that really reduces administrative burden on your end. That's very important for us.

As I mentioned before, let's talk a little bit more about the expression of interest letter. It's going to be sent from the housing.counseling@hud.gov web box. Now, for the training grantees, it's going to be different. There are four training grantees, and your letters are going to come from the actual POCs, who should also get the responses. You're going to respond to them directly. Your letter will be a little bit different with different instructions but the gist is that most of the—so the 234 grantees, the fiscal year '16 grantees are going to be receiving this letter from our housing.counseling@hud.gov box. The other four training grantees are going to get it from your HUD POC.

Just in terms of how we obtain the emails that we're going to be sending them to, we use the agency profile, HCS agency profile emails. There are three slots for emails, and so we extracted that data. It's important to know that because you have the ability to enter up to three different emails in the HCS agency profile system, you may receive more than one expression of interest email.

For instance, your executive director may receive one, then your director of housing counseling may receive one, and then your more general email box mail may also receive one. The instructions are for your executive director to return the expression of interest to us. You only need to complete one expression of interest letter, no matter if you receive more than one.

Executive directors will be sending their responses to housing.counseling@hug.gov, and please cc your HUD POC. You're also going to receive a second email that I described earlier which is addressed to the larger industry. That's going to come after, and what it will tell you is if you haven't received your letter yet, you should reach out to your HUD POC. That's important as well.

If you get that second email to the larger industry, and you have not received your expression of interest letter, you need to reach out to your HUD POC to make sure we get one to you.

Just to give you a little bit of insight into what HUD's doing in the background as we wait for your letters to trickle back in, we're going to be conducting technical reviews of each of you, of each of the 2016 grantees. Again, this is part of determining eligibility, so part of that two-part test of interested and eligible. You're telling us if you're interested, we have to do the work to make sure you're still eligible.

What this entails is teams of Office of Housing Counseling employees breaking up into groups to verify that each of you are continuing to meet the threshold eligibility requirements, and those requirements are outlined in the FY16-17 program NOFA. Those would be things like we're going to be looking at your sam.gov registration. Is it current, are you registered?

We're also going to be looking into whether there have been any outstanding performance review findings and whether or not you've resolved those issues or are in the process of resolving those issues. Then,

in the general section, we also outline, we'll be also looking at the resolution of civil rights matters, whether or not that applies or not. If applicable, we'll be looking at whether there's any outstanding federal debts and debarments or suspensions.

What is your OHC POC's role in this process? For the most part, they're just there to serve as a resource. You can always reach out to your HUD POC and you should feel comfortable to reach out to them via email or a phone call if, particularly if you haven't received a letter before the industry email.

Again, if you receive that larger industry blast and you have not received an expression of interest letter, you need to reach out to your HUD POC, who will then reach out to the appropriate individual within the Office of Housing Counseling so that we can get that letter to you as soon as possible.

Your HUD POC, as usual, will serve as a useful guide on what your agency needs to do to respond. We'll be conducting internal training to let HUD POCs know how to respond to your questions and to just understand the process generally. As the deadline approaches, if you haven't

responded yet, your HUD POC may also be sending you reminders, maybe making some phone calls on our behalf to inquire as to why we haven't heard back. Those are some of the things that you can expect out of your POC.

Finally, as I noted at the beginning, our '16-'17 NOFA authorized us to not only award '16 and '17 funds on the basis of a single competition, which is what we've been talking about, but it also allows us, contingent on appropriations, to award or to publish a supplemental NOFA.

This is something that HUD may do if we are given the budget authority to do so. If funds do become available, it's important, I think this is something that you should keep in mind as you answer yes or no on your expression of interest letter. It's important to note that if we do publish a supplemental NOFA, consistent with precedent, we would limit eligibility to housing counseling agencies that didn't receive funding under the '16-'17 NOFA.

Now, I'd like to open it up for any questions. Perhaps we have some that have come up on the chat box or we can also open the lines.

Moderator Real good, thank you. [Operator instructions].

Virginia Okay, while we're waiting for that, David, we have one. Is there an estimated date when the letters will be emailed?

David Sure, so internally, we're just completing some technical processes including a mail merge. We expect to have those out by next week; that's our goal. That's when I think you can expect to see both the targeted 2016 grantee emails with the expression of interest letters and the more general blast in the following days.

Virginia Okay, and here's another. Our agency received its first designation as a HUD-approved housing counseling agency in June 2016. Is there no funding available for agencies like ours in 2017?

David That's a great question. That goes to the possibility of HUD publishing a supplemental NOFA and being consistent with precedent. I think if you look back on previous practice during the '14-'15, and the '15 supplemental that we published, that might be a useful guide to look at in terms of what we might do if we were given the opportunity to publish a supplemental NOFA.

In that NOFA, we limited eligibility to individuals or agencies who did not receive prior year funding from HUD. In that circumstance, if we were to keep the same rules and we were allowed to publish, subject to appropriations, it sounds like your agency might be a candidate to be an applicant.

Virginia

Here's one, what do you mean by training grantees? I can answer that one. We have four national organizations that have been awarded grants to provide training on housing counseling nationally to housing counselors, La Raza, NeighborWorks, NCRC and RCAC. Those are trainings that are always posted on the LISTSERV that OHC hands out.

David

I see another question about whether or not expression of interest responses are due back within seven business days or calendar days, and we're counting seven calendar days.

There's another question with regard to—somebody's trying to get a sense of whether or not the amounts could be higher depending on service levels. Unfortunately, I don't think I can give a clear answer on this because I think we have really no certainty in terms of what the budget's going to look like or whether or not we'll be able to—we're not very clear

on terms of that aspect of it. I'm sorry I can't provide a better answer for you.

If you have a new executive director, I just saw a question. The individual asks, what should we do if we have a new executive director? Who should we contact? You should contact your HUD point of contact, and you should make that change in the housing counseling system as well.

Someone asked, can these letters be emailed. In fact, that is our plan, for you to email these letters back to us. We'll be tracking them at the housing.counseling@hud.gov email address box, and rest assured that in your expression of interest letter, we will outline the process very clearly of both how you fill it out and who it should be addressed to.

Virginia

You can always send your questions to housing.counseling@hud.gov. We have a customer service team that monitors those questions. They will get answered very quickly.

David

So, Judith asks, will we receive results of technical review prior to the expression of interest due date? If we find any issues in the technical review, you can expect that a member of OHC will reach out to you

individually to try to resolve that issue. That's how we've handled it in the past, on sort of an ad-hoc basis. You will be contacted by someone from the Office of Housing Counseling to resolve the issue, ultimately.

Virginia

Okay, here's one. We are new to applying to HUD. Since we did not receive money in 2016, how would we get a letter? You would not get a letter. In this case you would have to wait until if and when there's a NOFA on the supplemental grant.

David

That's correct. Letters are limited again to those who received 2016 funds from HUD, from the Office of Housing Counseling for comprehensive housing counseling funds. If you did not receive FY16 funds, you will not be receiving a letter. However, contingent on appropriations, our plan is to publish a supplemental NOFA which will be limited to applicants who did not receive funds in FY16.

Virginia

Here's one, if you are currently undergoing an audit by Booth, is that the same technical review process that we're involved in? No, that's a separate activity.

David Someone asks to explain what a technical review is. There's a slide on here that outlines exactly what we'll be looking at. Again, we're looking to make sure you're registered in sams.gov, your DUNS number is correct, all of the things that are already outlined I think in section 1C1.

Again, you can download a copy of this presentation using the app on the right-hand side. It will outline exactly for you what we're looking at the appropriate section of the NOFA if you'd like to go back. The part of the NOFA is actually called eligibility requirements. It'll tell you exactly what we're looking at, that's the rubric by which we judge eligibility.

Virginia Okay, and then there's one, can an agency receive a subaward through an affiliate as well as also apply or receive a direct grant? You have to be one or the other when the funds are actually awarded. You can't be both an affiliate and a direct recipient.

Tom, do we have any people that have called in?

Moderator We do have one question on the phone lines. We'll go to the line of Rudy Luan [ph]. Please go ahead.

Rudy

Hello, yes, I have a question about, for those agencies that have been recently approved to provide housing counseling under HUD, where can we find information about applying for funding for 2017? I know that this call is mostly for those who received funding in 2016 and going into 2017, but now, for us, we haven't received any funding before, where can we find this information?

David

Sure, thanks for your question. We're limited in terms of what we can say about because of certainty and for legal reasons, but if you look at precedent, for people that came into the program similarly in your situation, we did a two-year NOFA in fiscal year '14 and '15. There were some that joined late in '14 perhaps and didn't get any of the '14 funding.

What happened in that circumstance, which would be similar should we be able to publish a supplemental NOFA, is that those types of agencies that are in your position, were then able to apply for funds in that supplemental round.

Now, again, this is all contingent on funding and whether or not we're given the proper budget authority for us to publish a supplemental NOFA.

That would be the opportunity for an agency like you to, like yours to apply for fiscal year '17 funding.

Again, if we didn't, if we weren't able to publish a fiscal year '17 supplemental, then you would have the opportunity, again, contingent on funding in fiscal year '18. The aim is that we publish a supplemental in '17, but that's uncertain on many levels.

Rudy And if you happen to publish a supplemental, when do you think will be the timeframe? April? June?

David I really can't speak to that yet. All I can say is that HUD is always preparing to. It is our intent to publish a supplemental NOFA, and there are a lot of external factors that we have no control over, so it's hard for us to say when we would do that. But we're certainly trying to put ourselves in a position if we can and if we're given the authority to allow for agencies like yours to access fiscal year '17 funds through a supplemental NOFA.

Rudy Okay, thank you.

Moderator Our next question is from the line of Doris Beyers. Please go ahead.

Doris Yes, I am the Executive Director for the Multiracial Family Study Center, and we presented a proposal from, we worked on it from July to September, and at the time we had a HUD specialist working with us. There were two parts to this particular grant, you can see I'm new to this, but anyway there were two parts to this, and the first part we had to go through the threshold, and we made it through the threshold and we were asked to go to the city of Detroit for certification. At that point we were vandalized and most of our materials were lost, but we never heard again from our specialist, which was Ms. Brown at the time. We want to know how do we re-group and find out what happened to our proposal. We had requested \$2.2 million for house repairs in a selected target area that we had researched, and I never received a response after that, we didn't get the certification from the city of Detroit.

David Okay. Just to make clear, does this involve comprehensive housing counseling grant funds, did you apply for a Notice of Funding Availability for housing counseling funds? That's what this money is specifically allocated for, appropriate for, and so therefore that's the scope of what

we're talking about here. I'm just trying to get a sense of whether or not this involves our grant funds or some other HUD program.

Doris

Well, I'm sure this is not directly related to that, but I'm asking a question. Now, the counseling program did receive all of the package to start that counseling program and we have been receiving those webinars and tuning into those webinars, and I did sign up for the funds for 2016, but I want to know exactly how this goes because we have lost touch with our specialist at HUD.

David

Sure. And I'm sorry to hear that, so what I would suggest is to reach out to your HUD point of contact and make sure you communicate what the issue has been. And also if you feel it hasn't been resolved on that level, feel free to email housing.counseling@hud.gov, and somebody monitors that box constantly and will get that question to the appropriate individual. Make sure in your email you are specific in terms of what the issue is, who you spoke to before, and hopefully we'll be able to help point you in the right direction.

Doris

Okay. Another thing, I was given an ID number. What does this ID number mean?

David Ma'am, I'm not really sure. Are you talking about your housing counseling ID number?

Doris This ID number was given to me when I received an email from expression of interest letters. It gave me the access number, and I had an ID number.

W That was probably just to register for this phone call.

Doris Oh, okay.

David Right. I think so. So, again, just to wrap up, I think you should contact your HUD POC, and if you're not getting anywhere with that feel free to contact housing.counseling@hud.gov and I think we'll be able to resolve your issue, or point you in the right direction.

Doris Okay. How would I know whether we are receiving funds from 2016, when we did sign up for?

David If you are receiving 2016 funds you would know by now because you would have executed a grant, you would have gone through a grant execution process, and you'd have access to the LOCCS system, whereby you'd be making drawdown requests. And it doesn't sound to me like you've gone through that process, so to me I don't believe that you, and please correct me if I'm wrong, but I'm not sure you are a '16 grantee. Is that right?

Doris I'm not sure. But what I do want to know—

David Okay, ma'am. So, I think in the interest of time, I encourage you to please email housing.counseling and outline the issue, and we'll definitely get it resolved for you. We want to get to the bottom of it, but just in the interest of time and expediency let's move on to the next question, if you don't mind, ma'am.

Doris Okay.

David We'll definitely help you out because—

Doris Will you give me your name, please, sir.

David Yes, ma'am. My name is David Valdez.

Doris David?

David Yes. David Valdez, V-a-l-d-e-z.

Doris Okay. Thank you so much.

W One of the things that we need to point out on the supplemental NOFA is that when it is published there will be a LISTSERV sent out with directions of how to find it and how to apply, and we will also at that point have at least one webinar to talk to you about doing that. So, you will have plenty of notice as to when that is available.

David That's right. And if we do plan to issue the supplemental we'll also accompany it at least a month in advance or so with an email just reminding you that you should register with sam.gov, and all of the things to get your ducks in a row to apply and to be in the position to use the grants.gov application portal. So, that will probably be a good indicator, if you see that, that things are moving along.

Moderator Would you like to take a couple more questions?

W Sure.

Moderator [Operator instructions]. We have a question from Carla Hanes. Please go ahead.

Erlene Hi. Can you hear me?

David Yes, ma'am.

Erlene I'm not Carla, she had to step away, a client came in, and I'm Erlene. But she wanted to know, we're currently receiving funding through an intermediary, and we're in a rural area and we applied years before to HUD directly, are we eligible to apply through HUD for this now?

David And when you say "for this," are you talking about a potential for '17 supplemental funding?

Erlene Yes.

Erlene Okay. I think that was her only question, to see if we were eligible at this time. So, we would just have to wait until the '18-'19 cycle.

David Yes, ma'am.

Erlene Okay. Thank you.

David You're welcome.

Moderator Our next question comes from the line of Karen Hoskins. Your line is open.

Karen Hi. Good afternoon. My question is, you mentioned that funds may be awarded in multiple stages. When would you expect to know more definitively if that's going to be the process that will have to be followed?

David Truthfully, it depends on things like I've stated that are outside of our control, like if and when Congress passes a full budget signed by the president, the nature of continuing resolutions, internal deliberations within the agency of whether or not to allow publication or release funds, and these sort of things. So, it's hard to say, again, and I wish I had a

better answer for you of when. I like timelines too, but here we just don't know and we're operating in a way where we're prepared to act either way, but a lot of this is just uncertain and out of our control.

Karen Okay. Thanks.

Moderator And next we'll go to the line of Henry Waite. [Operator instructions].

Henry Good morning. My question is related to the supplemental, understanding that the supplemental probably will be determined by the amount of appropriated funds and that those of us who receive funding under FY16 and FY17 would not be eligible. But if there are funds that exceed what would have been expected will those funds then be offered available to those of us who receive FY16 and FY17 funding, and if that does happen how would that come about, how would the competition for that happen, please? Thank you.

David If I understand you correctly, I think you received FY16 funds. Is that correct?

Henry That's correct.

David

Okay. So, you would receive 17 funds through this Expression of Interest process, therefore, the supplemental, should we publish wouldn't be applicable to you at all. Your FY17 award would be evaluated using your 2016 score and the identical funding methodology. We would only be plugging in whatever our appropriation is to determine how much you would receive. So, in other words, we're using the same funding formula, we're using your old scores, and that's how we're determining how much funding you'll get this time around.

And should there be any funding left over, as it was the case during the last time we had a supplemental and they made those awards, there was some money left over after that, and I know during that point in time what they did was they redistributed whatever was left in a second round of funding to the second year grantees. So, that's how it's handled. Our goal is to avoid that and to make it administratively as easy as possible on both our ends, both from the agency perspective and HUD's perspective, but sometimes because of things that are beyond our control we're not able to do so.

But that's how we handled it last time. I think that's probably a good example of what we would do. We had a supplemental competition and there was money we set aside, there was money left over, and then we redistributed that money based on again the same scores and the same methodology, just dividing that number up amongst the prior year grantees. So, that's what would happen with your organization.

Henry Okay. Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

David You're welcome.

Moderator And our next question is from Tracy Monroe. Your line is open.

Tracy I wanted to make sure I'm clear on what I'm hearing. If we did not receive funds for fiscal year '16 we would not need to submit a Letter of Intent because we would not be eligible for fiscal year '17 funds?

David So, the first part is correct. You're not going to receive an expression of interest letter if you received FY16 funds from HUD.

Tracy We did not.

Moderator Do you want to take that one first? We do have two queued up.

David No, let's do the queued first.

Moderator Okay. We have a question from Joyce Blanton. Your line is open.

Joyce My question is similar to the questions that a lot of people are asking about the supplemental grant. My agency did submit an application through an intermediary, but not having heard anything I don't think we got the grant. So, I'm wondering if the supplemental grant becomes available is it possible to apply for it?

David So, if you look at the, again, and I think in general it might be helpful to go on the HUD exchange and look at the FY15 supplemental NOFA as an example of what HUD might do and what our intentions might be. But for an agency like yours the key here is that should we have a supplemental NOFA we're going to be limiting eligibility to those who did not receive money from us in the previous year. So, it sounds like your agency did not receive money from HUD in the previous year, so therefore under

those same requirements, should we keep them it sounds like your agency would be an eligible applicant.

Joyce Okay. Yes, that's what I wanted to confirm, because we haven't received anything in a year from HUD. Okay. Thank you.

David Thank you. And a reminder that you will again, should HUD issue any kind of, both in the expression of interest process but also should we issue a supplemental NOFA you'll receive notice posted through the LISTSERV, plus we're legally required to publish these things in the Federal Register, so there will be ample notification should this occur.

Joyce Okay. Thank you.

David Thank you.

Moderator The next question is from Tara Tillman. Your line is open.

Tara Thank you. We were wondering, what would the end date of the supplemental funds be? Do you know the timeline or the end date?

David Yes. So, we do it in 18 month period of performance going back to, so it would be October of 2016 to, I guess March of 2018.

Tara Great. Thank you.

David Thank you.

Moderator Nobody else is queued up at this time.

David Someone asked whether the technical reviews are limited to what's outlined in the presentation, or is there going to be actual file reviews. There are not going to be actual file reviews, although I would add a caveat that if you do have findings, this is something that is part of our technical review and we will be discussing this with your point of contact, maybe reaching out to your agency individually just to see where you're at in terms of resolving those findings. But if you really want to know what we're looking at, it's outlined in both the General section and our Program NOFA, both FY16, which are available on HUD exchange, if you don't have copies.

And again, somebody asked: “If I’m a sub-grantee, will I receive an expression of interest letter?” You will not receive an expression of interest letter. Expression of interest letters will only be sent to direct grantees for fiscal year 2016. So, they will be completing it on your behalf if you are a sub-grantee, think about it that way.

And, yes, seven calendar days is correct. And this is in regards to the due date, so seven calendar days from the date that the letter is sent through email is when it will be due. And this will be also outlined in the expression of interest letter itself.

And, again, if you can think of any other questions after this, always feel free to reach out to us at housing.counseling@hud.gov. You can also visit our new HUD exchange site. It’s really nice, if you haven’t seen it yet, it’s a big improvement on our old website. It’s a nice, graphical user interface, very easy and intuitive to use, and it’s organized very nicely by grants, and opportunities, and different things, and trainings, and so it’s very easy to find what you’re looking for.

And with that said, this will be archived on the HUD exchange as well within the coming days. And so you can always visit our HUD exchange

site to learn about resources, and grant information, training, both in person and virtual. And always make sure that when you are contacting us via our email box, make sure you include the name of the webinar in the subject line just so we can associate it with it and make sure that we follow up, if needed, with frequently asked questions, if we get a couple of the same line of questioning.

So, I'd like to thank everyone for joining us this afternoon, and hope everybody has a wonderful day.

Moderator

Ladies and gentlemen, that does conclude our conference for today. We thank you for your participation and using AT&T Executive TeleConference. You may now disconnect.