

Community Member Questionnaire INTRODUCTION and INFORMED CONSENT

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Researchers from ACKCO, Inc., and Abt Associates, Inc. are conducting a study of housing in Indian Country for the Office of Native American Programs at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The purpose of the study is to learn more about housing provided through [local IHBG grantee]. As part of this study, we would like you to complete this questionnaire. We are asking people all over the country who live in Indian Country to answer these same questions. Some of the questions ask you about the condition of your housing and how happy you are with your housing. The answers we receive from you and other people who complete the questionnaire will be reported only as a group and used only for research purposes.

Now I'd like to review some statements that indicate you understand what this study is about, that you agree to take part in the study, and get your signature.

I (PRINT NAME: _____)

understand that by agreeing to complete this survey, I understand the following statements:

- *This study is being done by ACKCO, Inc. and Abt Associates, Inc. for the Office of Native American Programs at HUD.*
- *This survey will ask questions about my housing.*
- *My participation in this survey is voluntary and I can choose not to answer any questions I am uncomfortable with.*
- *All of my responses will be kept private, and no one will be able to see my name and answers together.*
- *Approximately 650 people in Indian Country will be asked to answer these questions.*
- *In no way does my participation in this survey affect any housing assistance I may or may not receive now, and*
- *My responses will be used for research purposes only.*

Yes, I understand the above statements and agree to complete this survey.

No, I do not agree to complete this survey.

SIGNATURE

DATE

If I have any questions about this study, you may contact Dan Van Otten, the ACKCO Study Director at 1-800-525-2859, extension 156. You may also contact Marianne Beauregard at Abt Associates, 617-349-2852 (a toll call), if you have questions or concerns about your rights as a study participant.

COMMUNITY MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE

Please check the box next to the response that best reflects your answer. For the questions on the number of people in your household, just put the number in the space provided.

1. Please check the box below that best describes the kind of housing are you currently living in.
 - Rental housing unit
 - House that I or my partner owns
 - Living with family or friends
 - Homeless (e.g., living in a homeless shelter, on the streets, or in a car)
 - Other housing situation (specify): _____

2. Please check the box below that indicates the type of help you currently receive with your housing expenses from [tribal housing agency name]. If you do not receive any help with your housing expenses from [tribal housing agency name], please check that box.
 - I live in a house that is owned or managed by [tribal housing name]
 - I receive a monthly rental subsidy from [tribal housing name]
 - I get help with my utilities from [tribal housing name]
 - I purchased my house from [tribal housing name]
 - I receive another type housing assistance to pay my rent or utilities (specify): _____
 - I do not receive any help with my housing expenses from [tribal housing agency]

3. Overall, how would you describe the condition of your current house or apartment? Please check just one box.
 - Excellent
 - Good
 - Fair
 - Poor

4. Not including bathrooms and hallways, how many rooms are there in your house/apartment?
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6+
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5. Where you live now, how much of a problem is...
 - a. Interior walls with peeling paint or broken plaster?
 - Big problem
 - Small problem
 - No problem at all

 - b. Plumbing that doesn't work?
 - Big problem
 - Small problem
 - No problem at all

 - c. Rats or mice?
 - Big problem
 - Small problem
 - No problem at all

 - d. A heating system that doesn't work?
 - Big problem
 - Small problem
 - No problem at all

14. About what share of your family income (take home pay) is used for housing expenses? (For example, if your family has about \$800 each month in income and your rent and utilities are approximately \$200 per month, then you spend about one-fourth--25%--of your income on housing expenses. You would check one-third or less.)

One-third or less (i.e., 33% or less)

One-third to one-half (i.e., 34 to 50%)

One-half to two-thirds (i.e., 51 to 66%)

Over two-thirds (i.e., more than 66%)

15. Where is your home located?

Within the Reservation

Outside Reservation but in the Tribal Service Area

Outside the Tribal Service Area

16. Is your home on Trust Land?

Yes

No

Thank you for completing this Questionnaire. Please return this form to the registration desk.