



HUD Survey of Public Housing Agencies

This brief, confidential survey solicits your opinion—as a spokesperson for your agency—of the service being provided to you by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Please answer the questions by placing an “x” in the box of the response that comes closest to describing your experiences with HUD. If you deal with more than one HUD program, office, or employee, please take all of your experiences into consideration when answering the questions.

Your responses will remain strictly confidential. Neither you nor your agency will be identified in reporting the survey findings to HUD or anyone else. The survey is being conducted by Silber & Associates, an independent and non-partisan research organization.

Please complete the questionnaire this week and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you need assistance, please telephone Silber & Associates toll-free at 1-888-SILBER-1 (888-745-2371) or e-mail support@silberandassociates.com.

1. How **frequent** have your **agency’s contacts** been **with HUD** during the past twelve months?

Very frequent (PLEASE GO TO Question 2)
 Somewhat frequent (PLEASE GO TO Question 2)
 Not very frequent (PLEASE GO TO Question 2)
 None at all ———→ On behalf of your agency, are you in a position to assess and comment on the performance of HUD’s organization and programs?
 Don’t know ———→

Yes (CONTINUE)
 No ———→
 Don’t Know ———→

PLEASE FORWARD TO APPROPRIATE PERSON, OR RETURN QUESTIONNAIRE IF THERE IS NO SUCH PERSON

2. During the past twelve months has your agency had contact with:	Yes	No	Don’t Know
a. HUD personnel in HUD’s Washington DC Headquarters office	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. HUD personnel in one or more of HUD’s field offices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. HUD personnel in a specialized HUD Center or Hub (such as Real Estate Assessment Center, Section 8 Financial Management Center, Troubled Agency Recovery Center (TARC), Multifamily Property Disposition Center, HUD Homeownership Centers, FHA Resource Center, HUD Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. A contractor working for HUD (such as a Section 8 Performance Based Contract Administrator)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. HUD has several **different responsibilities**. On one hand, it provides various forms of **support** (for example, funding, technical assistance, information) and, on the other, it has a **regulatory** responsibility (that is, it makes rules, assures compliance with those rules, makes assessments). In your agency’s relationship with HUD, would you say HUD is mainly providing support to you, mainly regulating you, or doing both about equally?

Mainly providing support to you
 Mainly regulating you
 About equally providing support and regulating you
 Neither/something other
 Don’t know

4. Thinking first about **HUD programs** with which you currently deal and then about how HUD runs those programs, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you, in general, with:

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	It depends	Don’t know
a. The HUD programs you currently deal with	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The way HUD currently runs those programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Listed below are different ways to think about **your relationship with HUD**. For each item, indicate your general level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction at the present point in time. *Check "Not Applicable" if the situation does not apply to your agency (for example, if you do not currently receive information from HUD).*

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you, in general, with...?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not applicable	Don't know
a. The quality of the information you currently receive from HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The timeliness of the information you currently receive from HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The timeliness of decision-making by HUD (such as requests for waivers, rulings, and approvals)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The quality of guidance you currently get from HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The consistency of guidance you currently get from HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The clarity of HUD rules and requirements that apply to your agency; in other words, how easy they are to understand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The responsiveness of the people with whom you currently deal at HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The competence of the people with whom you currently deal at HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. The extent to which HUD employees have the knowledge, skills, and ability to do their work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Your ability to reach the people at HUD whom you need to contact	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. The time commitment needed to comply with HUD reporting requirements (such as those involving REAC or PIC)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Below are **changes that occurred at HUD** over the last decade. Have they made HUD better or worse, or have they not had much effect?

	Much better	Somewhat better	Somewhat worse	Much worse	Not had much effect	Not aware of such changes/	Not applicable	Don't know
a. Organizational changes , such as consolidation of previously independent offices under other offices [like the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) or establishment of the PIH Information Center (PIC)].	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Outsourcing project-based Section 8 program monitoring through a third-party entity such as a Performance Based Contract Administrator.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. HUD provides **training and technical assistance** through different methods. For each method listed below, please indicate how useful or not useful you've found it. *Check "Have not used" if that applies.*

	Very useful	Somewhat useful	Not too useful	Not useful at all	Have not used	Don't know
a. HUD-sponsored conferences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. HUD-sponsored satellite broadcasts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. HUD-sponsored training programs conducted by contractors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. HUD's Webpage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. HUD's Webcast training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. HUD participation in panel discussions and training sessions set up by non-HUD groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. HUD has increasingly relied on **electronic transmission** to communicate with its partners. Based on your experience in the past 12 months, please indicate how effective or ineffective each of the following has been as a tool for HUD to convey important information to you, such as notices and guidance. *Check "Have not used" if HUD hasn't communicated with you this way.*

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Not too effective	Not effective at all	Have not used	Don't know
a. HUD listserves (automated mailing lists of subscribers to which HUD sends e-mail messages)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. HUD's Website postings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. HUD's E-mail (individual correspondence to or from a HUD employee)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9.	How would you characterize relations between your agency and HUD today ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Very good	Good	Bad	Very bad	Don't know	
10.	Over the last several years have relations between your agency and HUD gotten:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Much better	Somewhat better	Somewhat worse	Much worse	Have not changed	
11.	Indicate your level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with each of the following as it relates to your agency. <i>Check "Not Applicable" if the situation does not apply.</i>						
	a. HUD's ability to accurately monitor income and rent policies through the Rental Housing Integrity Improvement Project (RHIP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	b. The ability of HUD field office personnel to consistently and reliably interpret policies and regulations that pertain to your agency's grants and programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	c. HUD's current capacity to collect and make available tenant (HUD-50058) data and reports in the PIH Information Center (PIC) system (<i>Consider such things as ease of use of the system, usefulness of reports, appropriateness of data collected, etc.</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	d. HUD's current capacity to monitor and provide oversight of your agency's activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	e. The timeliness of financial information you receive from HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	f. The timeliness of funds disbursed by HUD for your agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	g. The quality of technical assistance and guidance you receive about PIC and from REAC related to electronic transmission of information to HUD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	h. The physical inspections performed by HUD's REAC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	i. Electronic financial reporting to REAC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	j. The Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	k. The Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	l. The quality of HUD support & technical assistance related to improving the energy efficiency of housing supported by HUD programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	m. The Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	n. The amount of support & technical assistance for implementing asset management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	o. The quality of support & technical assistance for implementing asset management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12.	What, if anything, can HUD do to improve the process for converting to asset management ? (Please print.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if you are not converting to asset management. _____				

13.	What, if anything, can HUD do to improve the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) system? (Please print.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check this box if EIV is not applicable. _____				

14.	Housing agencies may work with several HUD offices, hubs and centers for various purposes. Are the different functions and responsibilities of these offices, hubs and centers :	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Very clear	Somewhat clear	Somewhat unclear	Very unclear	Don't know	



