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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WASHINGTON, DC 20410-6000

Dear :

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is conducting a nation-wide study to measure the amount and sources of error associated with determinations of eligibility and tenant rent in the Public Housing, Section 8, Section 202, and Section 811 programs. This study, known as *the Quality Control for Rental Assistance Subsidies* study, also explores the causes of error and serves as a basis for corrective actions.

Data will be collected at approximately 600 projects from a total of 2400 households. Information will be abstracted from tenant files and also obtained through in-person interviews with tenants and project staff. In some instances, certain file documents will also need to be photocopied. Field data collection will begin in January 2007. ORC Macro was selected as the contractor for this effort and is responsible for the data collection. The enclosed letter from ORC Macro includes a description of the study activities. You will need to provide certain data **within the next few weeks** so that ORC Macro can complete the required preliminary tasks in this study.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance for this study has been obtained, and the OMB clearance number is 2528-0203. The estimated burden for completing the enclosed Project Specific Information form is 15 minutes. The information obtained from this study will be reported as statistical summaries; however, individual information is shared with HUD headquarters.

The Department's General Counsel has determined that participation will be required of both tenants and PHA and Owner staff. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance has been obtained and the number is 2528-0203. Accurate study results are required to comply with Congressionally mandated reporting requirements, and participation of selected projects and tenants is essential to ensure that results are statistically reliable.

If you have any general questions about the study, please contact Yves Djoko, the Government Technical Representative for the study, at 202-708-0426, ext. 5851. If you have questions about specific study procedures, you may contact the ORC Macro Deputy Project Director, Dr. Sophia Zanakos at 301-572-0239.

Sincerely,

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