the proposed project must pass an environmental review in accordance with 24 CFR part 50. If the requirements of part 50 are not met, HUD reserves the right to terminate all or portions of the award. The grantee is not authorized to proceed with any activity requiring such approval until written approval is received from the HUD environmental office in your area certifying that the project has been approved.

In accordance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3601), HUD will not approve applications for any activities that would be located or carried out in the Coastal Barrier

Resources System.

D. Selection Criteria/Ranking Factors

An applicant must demonstrate that it meets the objectives of this HBCU program by scoring at least 12 of the possible 20 points on ranking factor 1 (addressing the objectives) in order to qualify for funding. Applicants must also receive a minimum score of 70 out of the total of 105 points to be considered eligible for funding. Activities which are not eligible for funding under this program (see 24 CFR 570.207) will not be funded. If more than 50 percent of the amount requested in the application is for ineligible activities, the application will not be funded.

Applications for funding under this Notice will be evaluated competitively, and awarded points based on the factors identified below. The Department will rank the applications in descending order according to score. Applications meeting the minimum threshold requirements will be funded in rank order, until all available funds have been obligated, or until there are no

acceptable applications.

Negotiations. After all applications have been rated and ranked and a determination of successful applicants has been made, HUD requires that all successful applicants participate in negotiations to determine the specific terms of the Statement of Work and grant budget. In cases where HUD cannot successfully conclude negotiations, awards will not be made. In such instances, HUD may elect to offer an award (in an amount not to exceed the amount of remaining funds available for the competition) to the next highest ranking applicant and proceed with negotiations as described above.

Match. The Department will accept only those applications which demonstrate that the HBCU and unit of government have both agreed to contribute matching funds to undertake a joint project on the HBCU campus.

Each HBCU applying under this competition must include a letter from the Chief Executive Officer of the participating unit of government certifying that it has formed a partnership with the HBCU to undertake a jointly funded CDBG project using both the HBCU funds of this award and local funds to conduct projects on HBCU campuses. The letter from the unit of local government must certify that they are contributing local funds. Matching funds may be in the form of local Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Rating Factors. The factors set forth below will be used by the Department to evaluate applications. Each application must contain sufficient information to be reviewed for its merits. The score of each factor will be based on the qualitative and quantitative aspects demonstrated for each factor in an application. The factors, and the maximum number of points for each factor (out of a total of 105 points, which includes up to 5 bonus points), are as follows:

1. Addressing the Objectives. (maximum points: 20)

The extent to which the applicant addresses the objectives of this program is examined by this factor. Applicants must address objective i.A., below, by demonstrating how the proposed joint activities between them and the unit of government will expand the role of the HBCU in meeting local community economic development and/or housing needs while furthering HUD's priorities identified in objective i.B., below.

i. The objectives of this program are:

A. To help HBCUs in undertaking joint activities between them and the unit of local government to establish multiple use community services facilities on HBCU campuses that will benefit low-income and subsidized housing residents, senior citizens, and the HBCU, consistent with the purposes of title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

- B. To help HBCUs through joint projects with units of government address the needs of their localities in supporting the following HUD values:
 - * A Commitment to Community;
- * A Commitment to Support Families;
- * A Commitment to Economic Lift;
- * A Commitment to Reciprocity and to Balancing Individual Rights and Responsibilities.
- * A Commitment to Reducing the Separations by Race and Income in American Life.
- ii. In rating this factor, the Department will consider:

- A. The extent to which the applicant demonstrates that the proposed joint activities to be carried out in the multiple use community services facilities to be established on HBCU campuses with units of government will expand its role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in its locality(ies), in accordance with objective i.A., above;
- B. The extent to which the applicant demonstrates that the proposed joint activities will further one or more of the (5) HUD values specified in objective i.B., above;
- C. The extent to which the applicant demonstrates that it will provide to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, job training, employment, contracting and other economic opportunities to section 3 residents and section 3 business concerns.
- 2. Substantial Impact in Achieving Objectives. (maximum points: 25)

The extent to which the applicant demonstrates that the proposed jointly-funded activities to be carried out in the multiple use community facilities would have a substantial impact in achieving the overall objectives of this NOFA. In rating this factor the Department will consider:

- a. The extent to which the applicant demonstrates how the proposed joint activities to be carried out will address needs that were identified as high priorities in each locality's HUD-approved Consolidated Plan in accordance with 24 CFR part 91.
- b. The extent to which the applicant demonstrates how the proposed joint activities to be carried out in the multiple use community facilities will impact the low income and elderly residents of the community which the HBCU serves; the applicant should cite specific impacts anticipated.

3. Special Needs of Applicant or Locality. (maximum points: 10)

This factor examines the extent to which the applicant demonstrates that the jointly funded activities, to be carried out in the multiple use community services facilities being proposed by the HBCU and the unit of local government, address special needs of the applicant or the locality. In rating this factor, HUD will consider the degree to which the applicant identifies specific groups or neighborhoods to be served, and how the facilities will meet the identified needs of those groups or neighborhoods. More points will be given to applications which target assistance to public housing residents and the elderly.