4. Technical and Financial Feasibility and Match. (maximum points: 25)

This factor examines the extent to which the applicant demonstrates the technical and financial feasibility of achieving the objectives, the local support by the unit of government for the activities proposed to be carried out in the locality, and the required matching funds proposed to be provided from sources other than the applicant. In rating this factor, the Department will consider:

a. The extent to which the applicant demonstrates the technical feasibility of achieving the objectives within the

program period proposed;

b. The extent to which the applicant demonstrates the financial feasibility of, and local support by the participating unit of government for, the activities to be carried out in the locality, as evidenced by the commitment, from sources other than the applicant, of matching funds, staffing, services, or other in-kind resources.

5. Capacity. (maximum points: 20) This factor examines the extent to which the applicant demonstrates the capacity to carry out satisfactorily the proposed activities in a timely fashion, including consideration of satisfactory performance in carrying out any previous HUD-assisted projects or activities. In rating this factor, the Department will consider:

i. The extent to which the applicant's

proposedmanagement plan:

A. Clearly delineates staff responsibilities of the HBCU and local government partners and accountability for all work required;

B. Presents a Statement of Work with a clear and feasible schedule for conducting all project tasks; and

- C. Presents a reasonable and adequate budget as reflected in the budget-by-task and supporting justification for the budget. The budget should identify matching dollars and/or in-kind service contributions that have been equated to dollars. The budget should break these out to indicate match versus HUD funds.
- ii. The extent to which the applicant demonstrates the recent and relevant work experience of the staff proposed to undertake the activities described in the Statement of Work.
- iii. The extent to which the applicant can demonstrate that its past and current projects funded by HUD and/or other Federal or private sector sources are or have been completed on schedule and have met or are meeting goals established for addressing local needs.
- iv. The extent to which the applicant demonstrates the proposed program manager's capacity, background and

experience to carry out the proposed activities in a satisfactory and timely fashion, as evidenced by recent work experience in managing projects of the same or similar size, dollar amount, and types of activities as those proposed in the application.

Bonus Points. Applicants that undertake joint construction projects on HBCU campuses with units of local governments in a Federally-designated Empowerment Zone, Urban Supplemental Empowerment Zone, Enterprise Community, or Urban Enhanced Enterprise Community will receive a maximum of 5 bonus points. To receive these bonus points applicants must submit with the application package a certification from the authorized representative of the local government that the HBCU is located within the zone.

## II. Application Submission Requirements

Complete application submission requirements are contained in the FY 1995 Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program application package. The application package will request information in sufficient detail for HUD to determine whether the proposed activities are feasible and meet all the requirements of applicable statutes and regulations.

## III. Corrections to Deficient Applications

Immediately after the deadline for submission of applications, applications will be screened to determine whether all required items were submitted. If the applicant fails to submit certain technical items, or the application contains a technical mistake, such as an incorrect signatory, the Department shall notify the applicant in writing that the applicant has 14 calendar days from the date of the written notification to submit the missing item, or correct the technical mistake. If the applicant does not submit the missing item within the required time period, the application will be ineligible for further processing.

The 14-day cure period pertains only to non-substantive technical deficiencies or errors. Technical deficiencies relate to items that:

- 1. Are not necessary for HUD review under selection criteria/ranking factors; and
- 2. Would not improve the substantive quality of the proposal.

## IV. Other Matters

(a) Environmental Impact. A Finding of No Significant Impact with respect to the environment has been made in accordance with the Department's

regulations at 24 CFR Part 50 which implement Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332). The Finding of No Significant Impact is available for public inspection between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays at the Office of the Rules Docket Clerk, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20410.

- (b) Federalism, Executive Order 12612. The General Counsel, as the Designated Official under section 6(a) of Executive Order 12612, Federalism, has determined that the policies and procedures contained in this NOFA will not have substantial direct effect on States or their political subdivisions, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. Specifically, the NOFA solicits HBCU applicants to expand their role in addressing community development needs in their localities and does not impinge upon the relationships between the Federal government, and State and local governments.
- (c) Family, Executive Order 12606. The General Counsel, as the Designated Official under Executive Order 12606, The Family, has determined that this document does not have potential for significant impact on family formation, maintenance, and general well-being. The notice only solicits HBCUs to apply for funding to address community development needs in their locality. Any impact on the family will be indirect and beneficial in that better planning of community development needs should result.
- (d) Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities. The use of funds awarded under this NOFA is subject to the disclosure requirements and prohibitions of section 319 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1990 (31 U.S.C. 1352) (The "Byrd Amendment") and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 87. These authorities prohibit recipients of federal contracts, grants, or loans from using appropriated funds for lobbying the Executive or Legislative branches of the federal government in connection with a specific contract, grant, or loan. The prohibition also covers the awarding of contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, or loans unless the recipient has made an acceptable certification regarding lobbying. Under 24 CFR part 87, applicants, recipients, and subrecipients of assistance exceeding \$100,000 must certify that no federal funds have been or will be spent