

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 with jurisdiction over the project area certifying that the project has been approved.

(iii) 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.

*(f) Selection Criteria/Negotiations*

(1) General. An applicant must demonstrate that it meets the objectives of this HBCU program by scoring at least 12 of the possible 20 points on rating 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 108 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. HUD reserves the right to fund all or portions of the proposed activities identified in each application, based on eligibility of the proposed activities. However, 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 remaining acceptable applications.

(2) 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 remaining applicant and proceed with negotiations as described above.

*(g) Rating Factors*

The factors set forth below will be used by the Department to rate and rank applications. Each application must contain sufficient information to be reviewed for its merits. The score for each factor will be based on the qualitative and quantitative aspects demonstrated in the application. The factors, and the maximum number of points for each factor (out of a total of 108 points, which includes up to 8 bonus points), are as follows:

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

(i) The extent to which the applicant addresses the objectives of this program is examined by this factor. Applicants must address objective (A), below, by successfully demonstrating how the proposed activities to be carried out by the CDC 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 (B), below. The objectives of this program are:

(A) To help HBCUs form CDCs that will expand their role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in their localities, including neighborhood revitalization, housing, and economic development, consistent with the purposes of the 1974 Act; and

(B) To help HBCUs, through the formulation of CDCs, to address the needs of their localities in meeting 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; and
- \* 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 CDC's proposed activities and program will expand its role and effectiveness in addressing community development needs in its locality(ies), in accordance with the objective specified in section I.(g)(1)(i)(A) of this NOFA, above; and

(B) The extent to which the applicant demonstrates that the CDC's proposed activities will further one or more of the HUD values specified in section I.(g)(1)(i)(B) of this NOFA, above.

(C) The extent to which the applicant demonstrates that the proposed CDC 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) Impact of the Project. (Maximum points: 25)

The extent to which the applicant demonstrates that the proposed CDC's activities would have a substantial impact on the community and economic development of the locality. In rating this factor the Department will consider:

(i) The extent to which the applicant demonstrates how the proposed CDC's activities will address high priority needs identified in each locality's HUD-approved Consolidated Plan in accordance with 24 CFR part 91, especially in the target HBCU neighborhood.

(ii) The extent to which the applicant demonstrates how the proposed CDC's activities will make a substantial contribution to achieve local community development objectives.

(iii) The extent to which the applicant demonstrates that its proposed CDC is willing to forge a common identity and shared goals and objectives between the HBCU and its neighborhood leadership for revitalization of the community.

(3) Special Needs of the Applicant and Locality. (Maximum points: 10)

In rating this factor, the Department will consider:

(i) The extent to which the applicant demonstrates that the CDC formed will create or enhance community-based capacity to successfully carry out community and economic development projects and to attract new government and private financial support for development of the local community.

(ii) The extent to which the CDC will serve to develop local resident leadership capacity and will provide opportunities for HBCU faculty and students to engage in community service and community development activities.

(iii) The extent to which local community support is demonstrated through letters of commitment, record of local accomplishment, and capacity to form a partnership with the applicant to address community outreach, organizing, fundraising and operational aspects of the CDC.

(4) Technical and Financial Feasibility. (Maximum points: 25)

The extent to which the applicant demonstrates the technical and financial feasibility for achieving the objectives, including local support for the activities proposed to be carried out in the locality and any matching funds proposed to be provided from sources other than the applicant is examined by