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OFFICE OF HEALTHY HOMES AND
LEAD HAZARD CONTROL

Dear Housing Partner:

We are pleased to advise you of the availability of the document "Smoke-Free Housing: A Toolkit for Owners/Management Agents of Federally Assisted Public and Multifamily Housing." This document, as well as an additional toolkit for residents, is available online on the Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control's website (accessed via: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/smokefreetoolkits1>).

The toolkits were developed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and its partners, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Lung Association, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. The documents contain information on the dangers of secondhand smoke, the benefits of smoke-free housing policies, and suggested steps to take when implementing a smoke-free housing program.

In 2009, HUD issued PIH Notice 2009-21 (reissued in May 2012 as PIH Notice 2012-25), strongly encouraging PHAs to adopt smoke-free policies in some or all of their public housing units. In 2010, HUD issued Housing Notice 2010-21 (reissued in November 2012 as Housing Notice 2012-22), encouraging Owners and Management Agents to implement smoke-free housing policies in one or all of the properties they own or manage. The benefits of smoke-free housing include reducing the exposure of residents to the harmful components of secondhand smoke, reducing the risk of fires, and potentially reducing the costs associated with maintenance at unit turnover. Smoke-free policies are increasingly being adopted across the country by PHAs and Owners of both assisted multifamily housing and market-rate rental housing.

Thank you for your further consideration of adopting smoke-free housing policies.

Sincerely,

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