

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements under definition of "Substantial Deviation" and "Significant Amendment or Modification" Final Rule 903.7(r)(2), the East Chicago Housing Authority (ECHA) has amended its **2013 Annual Plan, approved by HUD**. This amendment represents a "Significant Amendment or Modification" which includes the potential of the following mixed-finance redevelopment activities: rehabilitation of the James Hunter Senior building, as well as demolition and new construction of the scattered site properties in the North Harbor.

Plan amendments are available to the public for a review and comment period, **beginning July 1, 2013 through August 16, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday, at the East Chicago Housing Authority's main office at 4920 Larkspur Drive, East Chicago, IN, 46312**. All interested parties are invited to review the documents. Any comments concerning the amendment to The Plan must be in writing and submitted to the above address by **3:00 p.m., August 16, 2013**.

A Public Hearing regarding the **2013 Annual Plan Amendment** is scheduled for **4:00 p.m., Monday, August 19, 2013** at the **James Hunter Sr. Building – Community Room, 3625 Pulaski St., East Chicago, IN**. If you have any questions, contact Rita De La Rosa at 397-9974, ex. 35.

**East Chicago Housing Authority
Proposed Amendments to the 2013 PHA Plan**

ECHA is proposing to amend the following parts of Section 7 of the 2012 Annual Plan:

(a) HOPE VI Activities or Mixed-Finance Modernization or Development: As part of the large-scale revitalization efforts along the Indiana Lake Michigan Harbor, the East Chicago Housing Authority (ECHA) is pursuing mixed-finance redevelopment of two important sites. The James Hunter Senior Building and the North Harbor I Scattered Sites. ECHA is procuring an affordable housing developer to assist with these efforts. Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) HOME, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB)-Affordable Housing Program (AHP), Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), among other sources of affordable housing financing will be pursued to facilitate redevelopment of these sites.

(b) Demolition/Disposition: ECHA is considering the possibility of submitting a disposition application for the James Hunter senior site and is also considering the submittal of a HUD demolition and disposition application for the North Harbor I Scattered Site properties, both for the purposes of mixed-finance redevelopment. Please note: If ECHA decides to pursue Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) funding for either site, a disposition application is not necessary.

Details about each site are included below.

Development Name: James Hunter Building

Development project number: 29-1 (AMP 1)

Activity type: Disposition

Application status: Planned Application

Date application planned for submission: 07/31/13

Number of units affected: 109

Coverage of action: Total Development

Timeline for development activity: Projected start date of activity 07/01/13; Projected end of activity: 12/01/15

Development Name: North Harbor I Scattered Sites

Development project number: 29-2 (AMP 4)

Activity type: Disposition/Demolition

Application status: Planned Application

Date application planned for submission: 07/31/13

Number of units affected: 88

Coverage of action: Total Development

Timeline for development activity: Projected start date of activity 07/01/13; Projected end of activity 12/01/15

(c) Conversion: The East Chicago Housing Authority (ECHA) is exploring whether the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) is a viable option for the James Hunter Building and/or the North Harbor I Scattered Site properties. In addition, ECHA intends to explore the possibility of project-basing some of its current vouchers. ECHA will follow the proper HUD procurement process to award any project-based voucher contracts.

(d) Homeownership: *No revisions to the plan are proposed.*

(e) Project-based vouchers: The East Chicago Housing Authority (ECHA) intends to explore the possibility of project-basing some of its vouchers. ECHA will follow the proper HUD procurement process to award any PBVs.