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Ms. Ann Aldrich
U.S. Department of HUD
Executive Secretariat
Room 10139
451 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20410

Via Facsimile to (202) 619-8365

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
235(r) Program Contracts/Task Orders

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Dear Ms. Aldrich:

We have learned that under the 235(r) program, for a number of years (approximately 1980 - 1985) HUD entered into agreements that required certain mortgagors to pay higher interest rates than were appropriate under the law at the time. This subject was addressed in a HUD reinvention study.

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, please provide us with any contracts, task orders, or purchase orders HUD has issued in an attempt to understand or address this problem. If this work was fit under an existing contract, including but not limited to Hamilton Securities Financial Advisor Contract (DU-18505), please also provide any contract modifications or justifications for other than full and open competition that were issued to use the existing contract. Please also provide us with total funds approved and total funds paid thus far for this work.

In addition, if any proposals were made to HUD, either unsolicited or solicited, for work to address the 235(r) program, please provide us with copies of the proposals. If any such proposals were not accepted, please provide HUD's justification for denying them. Mr. Craig Durkin, Director, Office of Procurement and Contracts, should be able to assist in this regard.

Ervin and Associates agrees to pay up to \$50 for the processing of this request. If the anticipated fees are to exceed \$50, please call me before processing the request so I may have an opportunity to alter or cancel the request. I can be reached at (301) 469-3422.

Very truly yours,
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David J. Ervin