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COMMENTS:

Enclosed is one new FOIA request.

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Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request  
Stop Work Order on National Physical Inspection Contracts

Dear Ms. Morgan and Ms. Jameson:

It has recently come to our attention that HUD, at the direction of Secretary Cuomo, recently issued a stop work order regarding the national physical inspection contracts that were let as a result of procurements H08R960052 and H08R960053.

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, please provide us with the following information:

- Copies of all correspondence and documentation, including the stop work orders themselves, that were sent to each of HUD's four (4) physical inspection contractors regarding this stop work order;
- Copies of all internal HUD documentation, including memoranda or cc: Mail messages, regarding the rationale behind this stop work order;
- Any contracting documents or official HUD forms regarding this stop work order; and
- Copies of all direction, including but not limited to cc: Mail messages or memoranda, to Field Offices regarding how they should monitor the physical condition of HUD insured or HUD held loans that were to be inspected under this national contract.

Please note that Ervin and Associates is requesting this information to determine what HUD's true motivations are behind stopping all physical inspections dead in their tracks for the second time in one year, while at the same time announcing public initiatives

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such as "Operation Get Tough" to crack down on slumlords. As concerned citizens, we have a right to receive this information. The requested information will be of no commercial benefit to us. Considering this, any fees assessed for the processing of this request should be subject to the limitations on fees for non-commercial requestors.

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 at (301) 469-3422 so we may have the opportunity to reformulate our request.

Very truly yours,  
ERVIN and ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

  
David J. Ervin