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Via facsimile to (202) 708-1610

Mr. V. Stephen Carberry
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
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Dear Mr. Carberry:

The HUD Inspector General mentions several procurement related matters in its recently issued report entitled, "Nationwide Review, Department of Housing and Urban Development's Loss Mitigation Program." (Report No. 99-DE-121-0001 dated September 30, 1999 available on the internet at <http://www.hud.gov/oig/oiginter.html>.)

On pages 9 and 10 of the Report, the IG states:

"According to a HUD official, the Single Family Claims Branch is responsible for all post claim reviews. This function was contracted previously with Gardiner, Kamy and Associates, P.C. This contract expired at the end of the 1998 fiscal year. Since then a new contract has been planned, but as of August 1999, had not been awarded. The statement of work for the proposed contract does require the review of loss mitigation claims."

With respect to this matter:

1. Please identify the contract under which Gardiner Kamy was providing these services. _____
2. If someone has been performing this work since the expiration of the Gardiner, Kamy contract, please identify who this is, explain the method of procurement of the services, and state the dollar value of the contract.
3. *No docs*
If an RFP has already been issued to procure this work, please forward a copy of the RFP to me.
4. *RFP*
If an RFP is contemplated to procure this work in the future, please place Ervin and Associates on the bidder's list to receive a copy of the RFP.
No docs

On page 11 of the Report, in a section entitled "Auditee Comments," the IG quotes HUD as stating:

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"... FHA has recently taken several actions to improve the claims review process, including ... (2) in September, 1999 FHA engaged a contractor to support post claim payment reviews of loss mitigation claims."

Since HUD has stated to the IG that the agency has retained a contractor to conduct claim reviews:

5x Please identify whether the contract awarded in September 1999 is the same as or different from the procurement action referred to on page 9 of the report.

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6x If this was a different procurement action, please provide a copy of the RFP under which the services were procured and identify when the procurement was conducted and the firms invited to bid in the procurement.

No responsive docs

On page 37 of the Report, HUD states in partial response to the IG:

"... Due to delays associated with a procurement action, contractor support for servicing reviews (which include loss mitigation compliance checks) was temporarily disrupted. Office of Housing staff are working with the Office of Procurement and Contracts to address this concern, and expect to soon have a much expanded lender monitoring capacity in place."

With respect to this matter, please identify the "procurement action" HUD was referring to, the identity of the contractor HUD selected and the method of procurement for these services.

On pages 25 and 26 of the Report, the IG states that:

"HUD has awarded a contract with Abt and Associates to evaluate its loss mitigation program and recommend improvements."

With respect to this matter:

1x Please identify the contract under which Abt is providing these services.

8x Please identify the method of procurement of the services and state the dollar value of the contract.

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9x If an RFP was issued to procure this work, please forward a copy of the RFP to me and identify the firms offered the opportunity to compete to provide those services.

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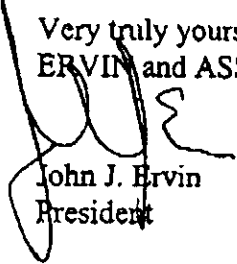
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We look forward to your prompt reply to our questions. Although it should not be necessary, please consider this a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act if you cannot respond to the matters and concerns raised herein simply by calling me at (301) 469-3410. If you must treat this information request under FOIA, we agree to pay \$50.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,
ERVIN and ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED



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