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**Multifamily Housing Notice 12-02**

**April 10, 2012**

**To:** Developers, Sponsors and Local Housing Contacts

**From:** Patricia Rynn Sylvester, Director, Multifamily Housing

**Re: Rental Housing Works –Opportunity for Public Comment**

**2013 Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) and Multifamily Rental Financing Program Guide (Guide)**

**Calendar Year 2012 – Competitive Funding Round Deadline Reminder**

**Rental Housing Works – Request for Comments on Proposed Funding Guidelines**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is accepting comments on proposed guidelines for the new Rental Housing Works funding included in Governor Martin O’Malley FY 2013 budget and approved by the General Assembly in the 2012 Session. The proposed guidelines are attached to this Notice and were developed in consultation with the Program Committee of the Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition. We appreciate your thoughtful review and comments on the proposed guidelines. **Written comments will be accepted through close of business April 24, 2012.** Please forward comments electronically to rentalhousing@mdhousing.org with a copy to Sylvester@mdhousing.org. DHCD expects to review the comments and publish final guidance in early May 2012.

**2013 Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) and Multifamily Rental Financing Program Guide (Guide)**

DHCD will procure the services of a consultant to assist with its efforts to revise the QAP and Guide for CY 2013. The goal is to present the 2013 QAP and Guide to the Governor for signature in December 2012. DHCD anticipates working closely with its consultant beginning in June 2012 to obtain stakeholder input through both meetings and written comments. As is its historic practice, DHCD anticipates providing a first draft for comments, followed by a revision based on public feedback and comments before holding the Internal Revenue Code mandated public hearing in November 2012. We will keep you informed as we move forward with this effort.

#### Calendar Year 2012 Competitive Funding Round Deadline Reminder

The deadline for the Calendar Year 2012 Competition for federal Low income Housing Tax Credits and Rental Housing funds is Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Applications must be delivered to the mailroom on the ground floor of 100 Community Place, Crownsville Maryland 21032.  This Competition will be governed by the Qualified Allocation Plan and Multifamily Rental Financing Program Guide dated January 24, 2011.

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Please remember that we are announcing future round deadlines, significant application changes, bond program amendments, and other key dates and facts on our web site and by email only. Please make sure that we have your current email address. Please send any additions or corrections to rentalhousing@mdhousing.org as soon as possible.

Notices are posted to the DHCD website at the following locations:

<http://mdhousing.org/Website/programs/rhf/Default.aspx#Notices> <http://mdhousing.org/Website/programs/lihtc/Default.aspx>

Thank you for your interest and participation in the multifamily housing programs in Maryland.

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