

Special Attention of:

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Public Housing Agencies; Indian Housing Authorities; Resident Management Corporations; Field Office Public Housing Directors; Administrators, Offices of

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Subject: Public Housing Maintenance Guidebooks

 <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of this Notice is to inform public housing agencies and Indian housing authorities (HAs) of the availability of guidebooks covering seven areas of maintenance.

2. <u>Background</u>. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) maintained a series of technical guidebooks that were last updated in the 1970s. In an effort to assist HAs in improving their maintenance operations, HUD has updated seven of the sixteen guidebooks and is making them available for optional use by HAs. The seven guidebooks include the following titles:

Guidebook One: Maintenance Program

Guidebook Two: Inspection Program

Guidebook Three: Pavement Maintenance

Guidebook Four: Landscape and General Grounds

Maintenance

Guidebook Five: Roof and Waterproofing Maintenance

Guidebook Six: Painting Maintenance

Guidebook Seven: Termite, Insect and Rodent Control

## Availability of New Guidebooks

These guidebooks are being printed and distributed to each HA, HUD Field Office and Resident Management Corporation. The guidebooks are also available from HUD User. To order, write or telephone HUD User at P.O. Box 6091, Rockville, MD 20850, telephone 1-800-245-2691.

## 4. <u>Use of the Guidebooks</u>.

These guidebooks are provided for optional use by HAS. HAS are cautioned to carefully review the Guidebooks and ensure that they meet the HA's particular needs. As is the case with all information in guidebooks, it is the HA's responsibility to assure that the recommendations are technically suitable for use and that they comply with any applicable Federal, State or local codes and requirements.

## 5. Periodic Update and Additional Guidebooks

The Guidebooks covered in this Notice underwent extensive updating. As a result, the Department does not anticipate another update for a number of years.

The Department is interested in hearing from HAs regarding additional topics which would be useful and appropriate for inclusion in this Guidebook series. Recommendations should be sent to the following address:

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