COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

February 24, 2016 City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) 601 Sawyer, 4th Floor Houston, TX 77007 (832) 394-6183

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about Friday, March 11, 2016 City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of the following funds:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds authorized by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383, as amended), to undertake a project known as, to undertake a project known as:

Project Title:

SER-Jobs Workforce Opportunity Center

Location: 1710 Telephone Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77023

Purpose of project: Acquisition and renovation of an approximately 22,000 square foot building which will be used to serve as a workforce service center. This center will include a Career Café, educational workshops, occupational training, and youth services. Scope of work will include stabilizing the warehouse and bridge structure; deck repair and re-roofing; parking improvements including reconfiguring of entry drive, parking layout and repaving; site improvements including new access from street, new accessible walk from parking, new fencing, gate, screen walls, plants, and signage, as well as office building renovations. Office building renovations will include comprehensive interior demolition including all no load bearing walls, millworks, doors, mechanical systems, electrical systems and plumbing to underground lines; exterior demolition as required for new construction including new entry structure, covered walk, entry stairs, and new windows; foundation replacement; structural modification for stairs, elevators, and new two story lobby; new MEP system including underground power service from pole mounted transformer(s); interior finish out.

Due to the site's close proximity to a rail line, noise mitigation will include 1) maintaining existing exterior solid concrete walls wherever possible, 2) specification of double-paned windows insulated glazing units with perimeter seals for all windows, and 3) insulated doors with proper seals and gaskets. Mitigation is being performed within the confines of this project. These measures will be implemented per the site plan. This project will be made fully ADA compliant. The office building is permitted as a Type B occupancy which will not be changed with the renovation. Building does not require additional parking.

Grant No. & Amount: B-09-MC-48-0018....\$32,121.48; B-12-MC-48-0018....\$53,898.24; B-10-MC-48-0018.....\$651,233.84; B-13-MC-48-0018.....\$1,058,550.21;

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Houston has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the above address and is available for public examination or copying weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, ATTN: Environmental Review Officer, 601 Sawyer, 4th Floor, Houston, Texas 77007. All comments received by the close of business on Thursday, March 10, 2016 will be considered by the City of Houston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Houston certifies to HUD that Sylvester Turner, in his capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Houston to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston certification received by the close of business on Monday, March 28, 2016 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Houston approved by HUD; (b) the City of Houston, as Responsible Entity, has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1301 Fannin Street, Suite 2200, Houston, Texas 77002. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Sylvester Turner, Mayor City of Houston