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Via Facsimile to (202) 401-7901

Mr. William K. Barth
Managing Attorney
Office of General Counsel, Freedom of Information Act Division
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20410-0500

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
Mark to Market

Dear Mr. Barth:

HUD is currently in the process of implementing its Mark-to-Market initiative. Clearly, HUD would not have proposed this initiative to Congress had it not performed an analysis to support the conclusion that the Mark-to-Market program was more beneficial to the taxpayer and the residents of subsidized housing than the existing method of providing Section 8. Additionally, HUD must have considered other a variety of other alternatives prior to arriving at the conclusion that the current Mark to Market initiative was most beneficial.

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

- All analyses prepared by, prepared for, or relied upon by HUD in its decision to proceed with Mark-to-Market;
- All analyses prepared by, prepared for, or relied upon by HUD of alternative plans to Mark-to-Market; and
- All recommendations to proceed with Mark-to-Market.

Ervin and Associates agrees to pay up to \$100 for the processing of this request. If the anticipated fees are to exceed \$100, please call me immediately at (301) 469-3422 so I may have an opportunity to reformulate the request or approve the additional fees without delaying the processing of this request.

Very truly yours,
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