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Public Housing Notice 2015-03

TO: All LHA Executive Directors

FROM: Steven Carvalho, Associate Director, Division of Public Housing and Rental Assistance

SUBJECT: Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) Temporary Suspension of Implementation

DATE: February 6, 2015

On December 15, 2014 DHCD issued Public Housing Notice 2014-26 regarding Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP): Legislative-Mandate In Accordance with Chapter 235 “An Act Relative to Local Housing Authorities”. Since that time we have met with the three pre-qualified certified public accounting firms selected to conduct the AUP to discuss the review, the process, and the report. Together, we identified a number of potential challenges with the process that we would like to resolve. As a result, DHCD is suspending the implementation until further notice. LHAs should not take steps to engage a certified public accounting firm to conduct the AUP for your housing authority.

DHCD and the prequalified CPA firms jointly agreed to launch a pilot program with several local housing authorities of various sizes and locations. This decision was made after discussions regarding the benefits and challenges that the AUP presents to LHAs, the prequalified CPA firms, and DHCD. The pilot will follow the AUP procedures as established in Public Housing Notice 2014-26. The purpose of the pilot is to gather information that will help establish the next steps in implementing a strong workable program that results in the outcomes intended by the AUP, accountability and transparency.

DHCD will issue a Public Housing Notice regarding the implementation of the AUP program at a later date. Thank you for your cooperation and please contact Ayo Yakubu-Owolewa, Finance Manager, for the Bureau of Housing Management at 617-573-1233 or ayo.yakubu-owolewa@state.ma.us if you have any questions.