

House Doctor LITE Designers*

House Doctor LITE Program for Small Projects

DHCD has created the House Doctor Lite Program to support Massachusetts local housing authorities (LHAs) with their capital improvement efforts. The program trains architects and engineers to be responsive to the unique design and business needs of LHAs, particularly with the execution of smaller projects. The intention is to provide a venue for LHAs to select a licensed, building industry professional to be involved in designing safe environments for Massachusetts residents of state aided public housing. Small, time consuming projects can then rapidly move forward from planning, through public procurement, bidding, and construction to a successful completion.

PROJECT SCOPE

The House Doctor Lite Program is primarily geared to the hundreds of projects where the design fees are less than \$10,000 and the estimated construction cost is less than \$25,000. However the program can also be used where design fees are less than \$10,000 but estimated construction costs range up to \$100,000. There is no requirement that LHAs must use a House Doctor Lite designer. The House Doctor Lite Program should not be confused with DHCD's established House Doctor Program.

THE TRAINING

Design professionals listed below have successfully completed DHCD's 4-hour House Doctor Lite (HDL) training program. The HDL training is designed to equip architects and engineers with basic public sector knowledge to better assist LHAs with their small capital improvement projects.

BUSINESS AGREEMENT

The business agreement is entirely between the LHA and the House Doctor Lite designer. The program requires that a DESIGNER'S FEE MAY NOT EXCEED \$10,000. Design fees in excess of \$10,000 require the LHA to use the traditional DHCD House Doctor Program or the Designer Selection Committee (DSC). Should an LHA elect to use the services of a designer from the House Doctor Lite Program, the LHA needs to conduct its own due diligence process including: interviewing the designer, checking references, verifying licenses and verifying professional liability insurance.

PROJECTS WITH \$0-\$25,000 CONSTRUCTION COST

DHCD is not involved in these small capital projects. The LHA is responsible for obtaining a proposal, and negotiating the actual business relationship between the LHA and the designer.

PROJECTS WITH \$25,000-\$100,000 CONSTRUCTION COST

DHCD prepares the Scope of Services to be presented to the House Doctor Lite designer. Contact your DHCD project manager to have AESU technical services assigned.

MORE INFORMATION

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*Resumes, references and some additional information about the House Doctor Lite Consultants are available from DHCD by request. The LHA needs to conduct its own due diligence process including: interviewing the designer, checking references, verifying licenses and verifying professional liability insurance.