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Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2013 5:30 PM
To: Jean Salmonsens
Cc: Jim Freyvogel
Subject: RE: Request for Submission of Written Comments

Ms. Salmonsens,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the grant funding for housing for individuals with developmental disabilities. One of our member agencies, MacDonald Training Center in Tampa, FL, asked that we submit the following comments at the hearing that was held in Gainesville, FL, earlier today. However, I was unable to attend today's hearing and will, therefore, submit the comments in written format. The pertinent recommendations may be found in Option 2 as shown below:

Renovation of Existing Community Residential Homes, Currently Occupied and Serving No More Than 6 Residents with Developmental Disabilities.

The Community Residential Homes must have a current license from the Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities and be owned by the Applicant as of the Application Deadline. Renovation may include Retrofit, (life safety/security features, energy Retrofit features and upgrades to allow residents to age in place, such as accessibility, adaptability, universal design and Visitability features), or Rehabilitation of a property built prior to 1993. At the time of Application, the Community Residential Home must have been continuously licensed as such by the Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities since August 1, 2012.

For this category, \$1.5 million will be allocated for funding.

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Option 1

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Option 2

Dedicated Supported Living Residential Homes, Currently Occupied and Serving No More than 3 Residents with Developmental Disabilities.

Dedicated Supported Living Residential Homes are home owned by not-for-profit (501(c)(3)) foundations or organizations that provide housing solutions to individuals with developmental disabilities who receive supported living and in-home support services from other none related/affiliated service

providers. This housing model provides a viable option to those individuals who require supported living housing solutions other than conventional apartments.

Renovation may include Retrofit, (life safety/security features, energy Retrofit features and upgrades to allow residents to age in place, such as accessibility, adaptability, universal design and Visitability features), or Rehabilitation of a property built prior to 1993. At the time of Application, the Dedicated Supported Living Residential Home must have been continuously leased to individuals with developmental disabilities who are receiving supported livings services funded by the Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities since January 1, 2010.

For these categories, \$1.5 million will be allocated for funding.

MacDonald Training Center is a quality program that has provided innovative housing supports for individuals with developmental disabilities for many years. We support the recommended suggestions and believe they meet the intent of the funding.

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