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Omaha Lead Site
Community Advisory Group
P.O. Box 12282
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November 15, 2004

Honorable Alphonso Jackson
Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 Seventh Street, NW
Washington, DC 20410

Dear Mr. Jackson,

The Omaha Lead Site Community Advisory Group (CAG) is an assembly of community members and technical representatives, providing a forum to discuss and resolve technical issues and community concerns relating to the Omaha Lead Site, which is part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Superfund National Priorities List.

It has come to the attention of the CAG that the City of Omaha's grant proposal to HUD for lead hazard control was not selected for renewal. The funding provided by this grant is significant to the Omaha community and based on concerns that have surfaced regarding the grant selection process, the CAG is requesting that your office reconsider Omaha's proposal.

The CAG has been informed of the possibility that a full review of all submitted grant proposals was not conducted and that some grant awards were not based on merit and performance. The Omaha Lead Site CAG respectfully requests that in light of such claims, your office reevaluate all 2004 grant applications and provide funding to any cities and nonprofit organizations that may have been inappropriately denied.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (402) 344-7797.

Sincerely,

Brenda Council
Facilitator