CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (NYCOMB)
New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 5, 2016, the City of New York (the City) anticipates submitting a request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of CDBG-DR funds authorized by the "Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013" (Public Law 113-2) to undertake the construction of Solatube Daylighting Systems in the boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island in New York City as part of the Resiliency Innovations for a Stronger Economy (RISE) program. The New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) proposes to construct the Solatube Daylighting systems as a means of providing local businesses with resilient and renewable sources of lighting. Provision of such a lighting source would enable businesses to operate during the day, providing local goods and services to residents, all while conserving generator power for critical uses. Additionally, the proposed Solatube Daylighting Systems would reduce energy consumption of local businesses, improving both their economic and environmental performance. Estimated CDBG-DR funding will total $1,571,877.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION SUBJECT TO SECTION 58.35

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 58.35 of the HUD Environmental Review Procedures for HUD funded activities, the construction of Solatube Daylighting Systems in New York City has been determined to be categorically excluded from the Environmental Assessment requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The project identified above does not involve new construction or the expansion of a building's footprint. Specific addresses and locations of the 48 sites located in the boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island can be found at http://www.nyc.gov/html/cdbg/downloads/pdf/Site-Locations-NYC-Daylighting.pdf. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) and Categorical Exclusion documentation on file with Mr. Calvin Johnson, Assistant Director, CDBG- Disaster Recovery, New York City Office of Management and Budget, 255 Greenwich Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10007, (212) 788-6024 and may be examined or copied on weekdays between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM. The documents may also be found at http://www.nyc.gov/html/cdbg/html/environmental_notices/environmental_notices_business.shtml.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments to NYCOMB at the address listed above. All comments received by close of business on July 4, 2016 will be considered by NYCOMB prior to requesting the release of funds. Those wishing to comment should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

NYCOMB certifies to HUD that Dean Fuleihan in his capacity as Certifying Officer of the CDBG-DR Program consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows NYCOMB to use CDBG-DR funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and NYCOMB's certification for a period of fifteen days following its actual receipt of the request only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of NYCOMB; (b) NYCOMB has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to: Tennille Parker, Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division, Office of Block Grant Assistant, HUD, 451 7th Street SW, Rm. 7272, Washington, DC 20410. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

City of New York: Bill de Blasio, Mayor
Dean Fuleihan, Director of Management and Budget, Office of Management and Budget

Date: June 24, 2016