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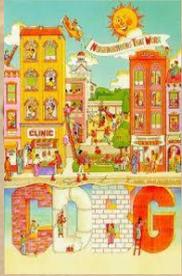
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# The Resources

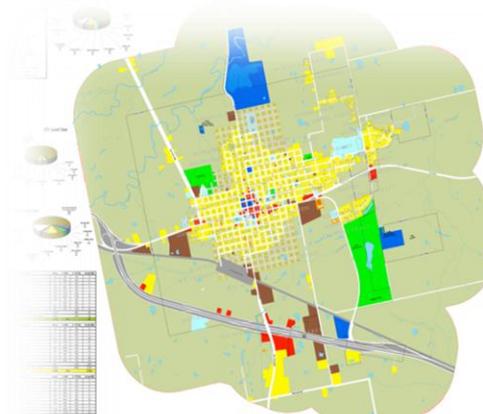
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# TxCDBG Organization at TDA

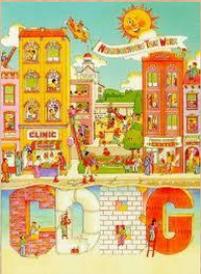
- State Director – Suzanne Barnard
- Assistant Director – Erica Garza
- Team Leads:
  - Contract Specialist – Melissa Gonzales
  - Program Specialist – Trent Engledow
  - Program Monitor – Del Serna



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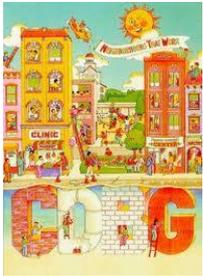


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# 2014 CD Contracts

- Start Date: October 15
- Sign and return within 30 days
- Pre-agreement: October 26, 2012, if included in award letter
- Certificate of Environmental Exemption – Should be completed at Initial Site visit.



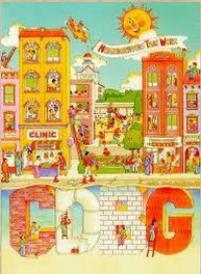
# 2014 Contracts (All Funds)

- 12 Month Special Condition (No not the “Rule”)
- Remedies for Non-compliance / Penalties



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# Policy Issuance 14-01

- Chapter 2: Now includes Form A207 “Acceptable Backup Documentation for Eligible Costs”.
- Chapter 3 has been replaced with a more direct version and includes information on Tiering.
- Chapter 6 has been replaced with main emphasis on new forms.
- Chapter 10 has been revised with a new section on Language Access
- Section C now includes OSSF for Housing Rehab
- Section D TCF revised Sections 1.3 and 1.7

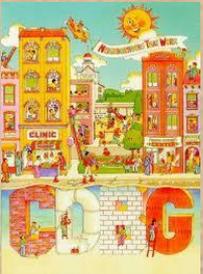
# Environmental Changes

- Chapter 3 is more streamlined and direct.
- Heavy reliance on the new HUD website and Region VI's Environmental Workbook.
- Floodplain Information is no longer required when submitting RROF or other Paperwork.
- New Post Release reviews will be conducted
- Additional information on Tiering provided.
- Look at new documentation requirements.
- Recent issues involving non-compliance with Environmental Regulations and their result.



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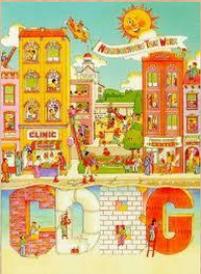
# Labor Updates

- HUD Office is now Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement (OLSE)
- Liquidated Damages Below \$100.00
- New WR does not always mean the WR Changed. If it is required then use it.
- Apprentice Programs must be official with a DOL seal or DOL Recognized agency seal.
- HUD Does not recognize “Journeyman”; they are an Electrician and that is all.
- Contract Specific: HUD looks at the contract and site specifics. Dollar in - all in.
- NON-Open Bid contracts and 10 Day Call



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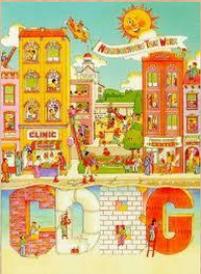
# Chapter 6 Acquisition

- Chapter 6 is more streamlined and direct.
- Better forms were added to this chapter.
- No Real Change in Policy.
- Property acquired for any activity that is funded by CDBG, is subject to the Uniform Relocation Assistance & Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 (URA)- Regardless of timing



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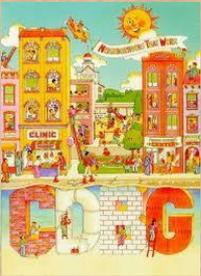
# Chapter 10

- Chapter 10 has been revised
- Taking steps to assure meaningful access for persons with “Limited English Proficiency” (LEP)
- “Civil Rights Officer” expands role of EO/504 Coordinator
- Section 3 requirements “must” be followed.



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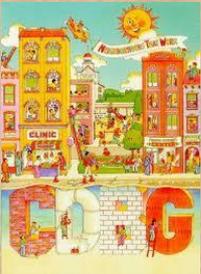
# AFFH and OMB

- AFFH Final Rule – anticipated Dec 2014
- OMB – Uniform Grant Guidance
  - Effective Dec 26, 2014
  - HUD Conforming regulations anticipated by Dec 2014



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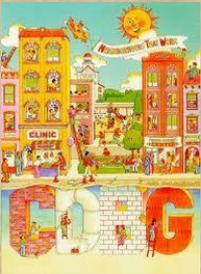


## Section C, Part II

- OSSF Chapter provides specific guidance for projects to replace / install septic tanks for LMI families.
- Mirrors existing Housing Rehab guidance in most ways
- Homeowner is not required to be a party to construction contract.



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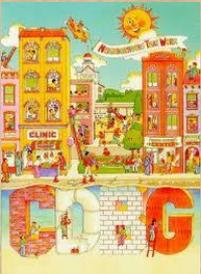
# Section D

- TCF Modification of Sections D 1.3 & 1.7
- Security Document must not expire prior to 90 days after the TDA contract end date.
- Contract Special Conditions under D.1.7 must be submitted no later than the PCR date.
- SS#s have to be maintained with the locality for each job created or maintained BUT ARE NOT TO BE SENT TO TDA unless specifically requested.
- Certificate of Occupancy



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# Thank you!!!

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