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RHIP Listserv Posting #370

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Utility Benchmarking Technical Assistance Opportunity

Dear Affordable Housing Colleagues,

On October 4, 2016, HUD announced a proposed reporting requirement which will require all Public Housing Authorities and owners of HUD-assisted multifamily housing to benchmark their portfolios' utility usage. The notices can be found at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-04/pdf/2016-23979.pdf> and <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-04/pdf/2016-23978.pdf>; the 60-day public comment period that ends on December 5, 2016. Benchmarking will give affordable housing owners and operators a better understanding of the overall utility consumption and costs associated with their properties and enable them to more efficiently and effectively manage their portfolios.

To help owners with the greatest need for technical assistance in complying with the benchmarking requirement, HUD is partnering with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) and TDA Consulting to bring you the Climate Corps for Affordable Housing Summer Fellowship program. The program will embed 12 fellows with affordable housing organizations across the country for the summer of 2017 and will be offered at **no cost** to host institutions, which will be chosen on the basis of need. This free, full-time technical assistance will allow affordable housing organizations to get ahead of the curve on this upcoming HUD requirement.

Please join us for a webinar to further explain the details of this exciting new opportunity on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21 @ 2 PM ET**. To register, please click here:

<https://tdaevent.webex.com/tdaevent/onstage/g.php?MTID=ee1e7c1c34c6f83e93812f0e277ae12c4>

For more information, please contact Josh Geyer (Joshua.M.Geyer@hud.gov).

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