

## **NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

January 8, 2014

City of Tuscaloosa

2201 University Boulevard

Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

205-248-5700

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Tuscaloosa.

On or about January 24, 2014 the City of Tuscaloosa will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as The Edge: Business Resource Center, for the purpose of acquisition of property in the amount of \$725,000 located at 2627 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 35401. Federal funding in the amount of \$8,561,440 will be used toward the construction of The Edge: Business Resource Center, at the same location mentioned before, and will also be subject to the environmental studies and the finding of no significant impact associated with this request.

The activities proposed comprise a project for which a finding of no significant impact on the environment was published on January 8, 2014. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at City Hall, Office of the Mayor-Recovery Operations (2201 University Boulevard, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 35401), the main branch of the Tuscaloosa Public Library (1801 Jack Warner Parkway NE, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 35401) and the City's website, [www.tuscaloosa.com](http://www.tuscaloosa.com) which may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the Mayor-Recovery Operations, ATTN: CDBG-DR Comments – The Edge: Business Resource Center. All comments received by January 23, 2014 will be considered by the City of Tuscaloosa prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Tuscaloosa certifies to HUD that Walter Maddox, in his capacity as Mayor of the City of Tuscaloosa 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 the City of Tuscaloosa to use program funds.

### OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Tuscaloosa's certification received by February 10, 2014 or for a period of fifteen days following its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Tuscaloosa; (b) the City of Tuscaloosa 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 HUD at 950 22<sup>nd</sup> Street North, Suite 900, Birmingham, AL 35203. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



Walter Maddox

Mayor, City of Tuscaloosa