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HOUSING MANAGEMENT BUREAU MEMORANDUM # 2010-C-06

To: All Housing Authority Executive Directors/Chairpersons;

All Housing Company Owners, Managing Agents & Site Managers

From: Robert Damico, Director

Office of Housing Management

Date: November 19, 2010

Subject: New Agency Name and Integration

DHCR is now HCR

September 22, 2010 marked the establishment of a single, integrated housing entity for New York State, pooling the resources of the related agencies named on our new letterhead under a unified management structure. The new organization, **New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR)**, consolidates and aligns the state's myriad housing and community renewal programs in order to cut costs, increase efficiency and eliminate duplicative requirements and functions. In short, HCR maximizes our ability to provide New Yorkers with real choices for quality, affordable housing in safe and vibrant communities.

Consistent with this integrated approach, the newly-established Office of Housing Preservation consolidates all of our agencies' programs and offices which maintain and enhance the State's existing portfolio of affordable housing, including Housing Management, Asset Management, Architecture & Engineering, Weatherization, Housing Audits & Accounts and the Section 8 Program. Please note that these programs otherwise remain as presently structured. Also note that your contact person and the relevant procedures for each specific office remain unchanged. We will notify you accordingly whenever any applicable procedures are modified.

Our email domain has changed to @nyshcr.org. The email address of anyone at NYS HCR is now JDoe@nyshcr.org. Please use this new email address immediately and correct your address book.

Finally, note that the individual agencies maintain their independent legal status. Accordingly, statutory or other legal considerations may dictate the use of agency-specific documents under certain circumstances. In the absence of such special circumstances, however, note that HCR letterhead will always be used.

Robert Damico