

February 3, 2011

Sernorma Mitchell
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
310 W. Wisconsin Ave., Suite 1380
Milwaukee, WI 53203

RE: Community Development Block Grant Program
HOME Investment Program
Legal Opinion Regarding Cooperation Agreement

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

Section V.B. of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Notice CPD-10-02 governing cooperation agreements for urban counties under above referenced programs, requires a statement from a participating county's legal counsel that the terms of the agreement are fully authorized under state and local law.

We reaffirm our previous opinions to the HUD area director, including our letters of December 13, 1977, November 23, 1981, September 20, 1984, September 15, 1987, July 27, 1990, April 14, 1993, May 17, 1997, May 10, 1999 and June 10, 2002, in that regard. The terms and provisions of the current agreement are fully authorized under state and local law and the agreement provides full legal authority of Milwaukee County to undertake and to assist in undertaking essential community renewal and lower income housing assistance activities. A resolution authorizing the cooperation agreement for program years 2012-2014 has been duly adopted by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors under County Board File No. _____.

Very truly yours,

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Corporation Counsel

Cc: Leonard Jackson, Community Development Block Grant Program Coordinator