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**DHCD Seeks Offers to Transform Vacant Ward 8 Sites into Affordable Housing**

*Sites Provide Opportunities for Affordable Homeownership, Rental Projects*

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(Washington, DC) –The DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has released Solicitations for Offers (SFOs) to transform several sites in the Ward 8 neighborhoods of Anacostia and Congress Heights into affordable housing for District residents.

“Mayor Bowser charged me to take aggressive steps to dispose of DHCD-owned vacant and blighted property, so they can be transformed into more affordable housing for individuals and families,” said DHCD Director Polly Donaldson. “We are meeting this mandate through an active solicitation process and initiatives like Vacant to Vibrant DC.”

Through the SFOs, DHCD is seeking proposals to build affordable housing designated toward households making no more than \$93,760 (80 percent of the 2018 Median Family Income [MFI] for a family of four), at the following sites:

- **Anacostia “Scattered Sites”**: 1414 22nd Street SE, 1615 V Street SE, 1637 V Street SE and 2206 16th Street SE
- **Greater Congress Heights sites**: 1444, 1452, and 1454 Alabama Avenue SE

The SFOs note that successful proposals are those that:

- maximize affordability across multiple income levels, but targeting at least half of units to households at or below \$58,600 (50 percent MFI);
- commit to long-term or permanent affordability—to include at least 40 years for rental units;
- include two and three bedroom units;
- provide job creation for District residents, and opportunities for Small Business Enterprises (SBEs) and Certified Business Enterprises (CBEs); and
- have quality design that complements the neighborhood’s architecture.

The deadline for submitting proposals is October 29, 2018. Pre-Bid meetings will be held at 10:00 a.m. at DHCD’s Housing Resource Center, 1800 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. SE on August 29 for the Greater Congress Heights sites and August 30 for the Anacostia sites.

Visit <https://octo.quickbase.com/db/bktkegi66> to request access in order to submit a proposal for the sites.

For additional information and questions, visit <http://dhcd.dc.gov/service/property-acquisition-and-disposition> or contact [padd.sfo@dc.gov](mailto:padd.sfo@dc.gov).

### **Bowser Administration's Commitment to Affordable Housing**

Since coming into office, the Administration of Mayor Muriel Bowser has sparked the creation or preservation of more than 10,800 affordable units, with another 5,200 in pre-construction. Earlier this year, the administration announced the sale of over 30 District-owned vacant properties that will be transformed into affordable housing. The properties were sold in an auction as part of [Vacant to Vibrant DC](#)—a program announced December 2017 to turn the balance of DHCD-owned inventory into vibrant and productive solutions.

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