



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
*Office of Communications and Community Outreach*

**\*\*\*Press Release\*\*\***

**DHCD ISSUES SIX SOLICITATIONS FOR 27 BLIGHTED PROPERTIES AND VACANT LOTS**

*These solicitations demonstrate the Department's aggressive approach of eliminating blight and developing underserved communities throughout the city.*

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**WASHINGTON, DC** – The D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) releases six solicitations for offers (SFOs) for 27 blighted properties and vacant lots throughout the nation's capital. This is the first time that the Department has issued solicitations for over two dozen properties and lots at one time through its Property Acquisition and Disposition Division (PADD).

“This is a very proud moment for DHCD. PADD has spent the last year reviewing the property inventory and pausing on new acquisitions to really focus on developing a comprehensive disposition strategy and streamlining the processes. To finally be able to show the city, region and country the fruit of our labor is a very rewarding moment,” said Michael P. Kelly, DHCD Director. “When these properties and lots are developed it will eliminate blight, revitalize neighborhoods, increase tax revenue into the local economy, create jobs and housing for residents and families of all income levels suitably bolstering mixed use, vibrant and diverse communities throughout the District.”

Through the SFO, DHCD is seeking public offers to build development projects that promote vibrant, walkable, mixed use and income neighborhoods. The 27 District owned properties and lots are located in Wards 1, 5, 7 and 8, consisting of four buildings and 23 vacant lots. The ward-by-ward breakdown includes:

<b>Ward 1</b>	One vacant lot
<b>Ward 5</b>	One building and seven vacant lots
<b>Ward 7</b>	14 vacant lots
<b>Ward 8</b>	Three buildings and one vacant lot

The SFO application materials became available on Friday, July 11, 2014 on the DHCD website and also at the DHCD Housing Resource Center, located at 1800 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, Washington, DC 20020 in CD format. Pre-Bid meetings will be held August 6, 2014 (SFOs 1-3) and August 20, 2014 (SFOs 4-6). The exact location and time will be announced on the DHCD website. The deadline for submitting proposal applications is 4 p.m. EST on Friday, October 10, 2014 (SFOs 1-3) and October 24, 2014 (SFOs 4-6).

The six SFO's can be found on DHCD's website, [www.dhcd.dc.gov](http://www.dhcd.dc.gov). Media seeking interviews with the DHCD Director Kelly or DHCD spokesman should coordinate with the above media contact as soon as possible.

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*The mission of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is to create and preserve opportunities for affordable housing and economic development and to revitalize underserved communities in the District of Columbia.*