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**WRITTEN DETERMINATION REGARDING THE
APPOINTMENT OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL ON BEHALF OF THE
WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**

The West Virginia Community Advancement and Development Office (WVCAD) has requested legal representation to provide various legal services for implementation of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Firms with expertise in federal grants (with emphasis on HUD programs including CDBG), compliance/grant oversight, monitoring/auditing, contract law, construction/engineering, and procurement are encouraged to apply.

In accordance with the Attorney General's Policy on Outside Counsel (Policy #WVAGO-004), the Office of the Attorney General has determined that it is both cost-effective and in the interest of the public to appoint outside counsel to assist with the legal matters in question, based on the following factors:

- The matter at issue requires specific expertise in implementing, monitoring, and overseeing federal grants not sufficiently possessed by the Office of the Attorney General.
- While Kanawha County is the geographic area where WVCAD is located, the nature of the legal services allow them to be performed outside of the geographic area.
- It is not feasible or cost-effective for the Office of the Attorney General to solely provide the requested legal services at this time.

Accordingly, the Attorney General authorizes the appointment of outside counsel(s) for these legal matters pursuant to commencement of the request for proposal process laid out in subsection (D) of Policy #WVAGO-004.

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Steven A. Travis
Deputy General Counsel

Date Signed: May 9, 2017