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Good Afternoon Mr. Reecy:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the above referenced RFA. We do not foresee any issue identifying the Architect, Attorney or Accountant within the revised 21 calendar day timeline and we appreciate the draft revision from 7 calendar days to 21 calendar days. However, we feel this is still not enough time to ensure a complete and accurate General Contractor bid process. Therefore, we request that the requirement to provide the General Contractor Certification within 21 calendar days of invitation to enter credit underwriting be removed.

In an effort to hire professional and qualified General Contractors, adequate time is needed to produce complete bid documents and to offer a transparent and competitive process. We would ask that the process – of identifying the General Contractor and providing license, qualifications and an executed construction contract during credit underwriting – used in previous FHFC RFAs be consistent with this RFA. At a minimum, the requirement to identify the General Contractor could be revised to allow for an 180 calendar day submission timeline after invitation to enter credit underwriting.

The General Contractor certification form requires the Applicant commit to a General Contractor for the Development; but, then states that the General Contractor certifies their willingness to “participate in a bid process”. This puts the Applicant in a position where other General Contractors will not compete based on the existence of the certification form indicating a selected General Contractor or the action of invalidating a perceived contract award by the General Contractor signing the form.

As always, we thank you for your time and consideration.

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