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**Housing Agency Procurement Assistance**

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Dear Procurement Professionals,

I have received several notices from folks that "BABA on HUD.gov" page can no longer be found. As an alternate, please see the the immediate-following link to the HUD Exchange: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/baba/>

A Big "shout out" to Brandon Havranek of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh for making me aware of this alternate BABA site on the HUD Exchange.

There are a number of links thereon that some folks may find helpful and interesting (i.e., "View BABA FAQs" and "BABA Quick Guides" and the "Optional BAP Checklist"). The information listed, especially within the noted links, is well organized and there is a lot of information there, but I still have no practical solutions or recommendations as to how a housing agency can utilize this information in a practical manner to comply with the requirements listed, especially when considering the limited staffing that most housing agencies possess. I am, of course, not saying that your housing agency can't comply; I am simply stating that I do not know how you can comply.

This Notice has been sent out to over 3,200 housing agency folks in the United States. If any housing agency has developed or implemented a program, written procedures, developed forms, to comply with the requirements of BABA, please feel free to confidentially inform me of such via email at [gifford52@yahoo.com](mailto:gifford52@yahoo.com).

If any housing agency is aware of any consultant who provides services or solutions in the implementation of BABA, please let me know. I would be very open to, at no charge to the housing agency or the consultant, advising housing agencies nationwide of the availability of such a professional resource.

As for me, unfortunately, I will continue to NOT make consulting as to BABA a part of my stable of services, at least until I am able to formulate a practical program or solution to addressing this issue.

Regards,

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