

Written Questions and Answers
Housing Division Request for Proposals

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Section 5 Program or Proposal Requirements

#9 The proposed housing must be [available for occupancy within 12 months following the execution of an agreement](#) between the owner and the County at which time the County agrees to enter into a Housing Assistance Payments contract with the owner (dictated by regs—983.201)

Question:

May we assume that the RFP contains no specific date by which an agreement must be executed?

Answer:

The RFP mentions that the "award of the project-based vouchers" is expected to occur at the end of December. This date was included to provide bidders with a sense of the timeline. We have discretion in this matter. There is no specific date in the RFP or in HUD regulations by which "an agreement" (which, in this case refers to a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) agreement) must be executed. The HAP agreement, not the conclusion of the RFP process, is what starts the clock referred to in #9, so we can time the actual HAP agreement award to help ensure compliance with the occupancy provision.