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Reverend Lawrence W. Rice, Jr., President
New Life Evangelistic Center, Inc.
1411 Locust St.
St. Louis, Missouri 63103

Re: L. Douglas Abram Federal Building
1520 Market St.
St. Louis, Missouri
GSA No. 7-G-MO-0636

Dear Reverend Rice:

Thank you for speaking with Eula Samuel of my staff on March 19 regarding the status of your application to acquire the L. Douglas Abram Federal Building. As you discussed with Ms. Samuel, HHS has deferred a final decision on your application because it does not completely address key evaluation factors. Your agreement to extend HHS's period of review and supplement your application pursuant to this letter will assist us in reaching a final determination.

New Life Evangelistic Center, Inc. (NLEC) currently operates a shelter at 1411 Locust Street that provides beds for approximately 185 men, women and children as well as some day services. The proposed use of the Abram Building expands NLEC's shelter and housing services by more than 3-fold and offers a substantially wider array of services including a drop in (day) center, day care for children, food services, health and counseling services, GED training, job skills and a free store. These services will be available to both those who use the building for shelter and other homeless persons in the area.

Regarding the question of the need for your proposed services, we are concerned that your proposed program may duplicate services that are currently being provided by other homeless providers in the City of St. Louis. An alternative homeless services listing we reviewed identifies 20 emergency shelters with 1,000 beds and 18 temporary/permanent supportive housing facilities with 921 beds. These existing services appear to meet the shelter needs in your service area. Please address the question of whether there is a need for the additional shelter you propose to provide, and why your program will not duplicate current services. We invite you to be as specific as necessary to address this matter.

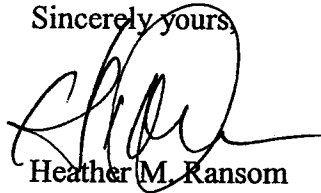
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After reviewing your amended application, questions remain regarding your ability to operate the proposed program in this building. Please provide additional information on NLEC's qualifications to manage a project of this scale, as well as, your proposal for the administrative operation of a multifaceted shelter, housing, and service program. Specifically, please detail the administrative and personnel structure you will use to address the issues of daily scheduling of a complex array of activities, supervision and staffing for the activities, qualifications of staff, daily maintenance, and security.

I realize that the transfer of this building poses many difficult and even controversial issues. We appreciate your desire to work collaboratively with HHS toward a fair decision on your application. Your submission of a response within 10 days of receiving this letter will enable us to arrive at a final decision without undue delay.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Ransom', written over the typed name.

Heather M. Ransom

Director

Division of Property Management