

# **Exhibit 5**



Rockville MD 20857

January 2, 2004

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

Re: L. Douglas Abrams Federal Building  
1520 Market Street, St. Louis, MO  
GSA No.: 7-G-MO-0636  
HUD No.: 54200330012  
*Federal Register* Date: September 12, 2003

Dear Rev. Rice:

This is to acknowledge receipt of an application from New Life Evangelistic Center, Inc., (applicant) to acquire the above-referenced property for homeless use. A preliminary review of the application indicates that it is not complete. As examples, the following deficiencies are noted.

2. Identification of Applicant

Item 2.E. - The applicant proposes to provide approximately 40,000 square feet of the building's first floor to various organizations, for free, to provide homeless services. Please be reminded that all lessees, sub-organizations, affiliates, etc. must meet the same eligibility criteria as the applicant (i.e., State, political sub-division of the State, or a private non-profit organization tax-exempt under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, etc.) Evidence of eligibility must be provided.

Additionally, we note that several organizations which plan to provide services to the homeless will include Bible study and/or religious instruction in its program. Please note that religious instruction and/or study is not an eligible use of the property. Also note that individuals cannot be denied service based on their religious affiliation or beliefs.

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4. Proposed Program Brief

Item 4.A. - The applicant proposes to provide job training in the areas of radio and television broadcasting. Please describe this job training program in more detail. Also indicate how many broadcast studios will be on-site and provide a square foot estimate on the space needed. Describe the nature of the broadcasts to be aired (ex. talk shows, music, news, gospel, etc.) and specify if they will be commercialized.

Item 4.C. - Please describe the types of professionals and technicians that will staff the requested property. Also, the second to last paragraph on page five is incomplete.

5. Physical Layout, Plans and Cost Estimates

Item 5.C. - In this section, the application states that implementation and program start up will take place within the first year of acquiring the property, and the programs will be in full operation in years two and three. Other sections of the application indicate that the program will be operational within four months. Please explain the discrepancy.

6. Ability to Finance

Item 6.A. - The applicant included \$270,000.00 as anticipated revenue from use of the underground parking garage in its budget. Please be advised that charging for use of the parking garage is not an eligible use of the property. Therefore, please revise your funding sources, excluding this revenue and provide an alternative use of the garage.

Also, the applicant provided a letter of credit for up to \$3 million from Cass Bank as a funding source. Please identify the collateral for this credit.

9. Governing Board Resolution

Please insert the property name and description in the governing board resolution.

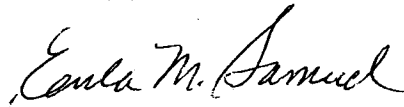
Please be reminded that the individuals served must meet the definition of homeless contained in section 12a.1 in the Department of Health and Human Services regulation, 45 C.F.R. Part 12a. Therefore, such proposals as using the facility to teach the potentially homeless and lower middle class how to utilize forms of renewable energy and methods of insulation are not eligible.

Also, the application has not been signed and dated by the official authorized by the governing board resolution to act for the applicant organization.

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Responses to the above-stated deficiencies will be considered as an addendum to your application. Please submit this information no later than close of business Friday, January 20, 2004. You are reminded that, pursuant to Title V of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended, we are required to make determinations on completed applications within 25 days after receipt in our office. The first completed application we receive begins our 25-day determination period. If we receive more than one application for this property within 5 days after receipt of the initial one, it is our practice to review them all. Should you have any questions, please contact Theresa Ritta at 301-443-2265.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eula M. Samuel".

Eula M. Samuel  
Acting Chief, Real Property Branch  
Division of Property Management