

**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT,
INTENT TO REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS,
AND FINAL REQUEST FOR COMMENTS REGARDING
A PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN THE 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN**

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Date Issued: July 1, 2006
Date Expired: July 17, 2006

These notices shall satisfy three separate but related procedural requirements for activities undertaken by the Central States Fair, Inc.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 18, 2006 the City of Rapid City will authorize Central States Fair, Inc., to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds for FY 2005 Economic Development Initiative (EDI) – Special Project No. B-05-SP-SD-0274 under the VA-HUD Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2005 (PL 108-447), as amended, to undertake the following project:

PROJECT: Central States Fair, Inc.

SCOPE OF PROJECT: To construct and pave a parking lot west of the Concession Midway along San Francisco Street, installation of lighting for the parking lot, and drainage mitigation.

LOCATION: Central States Fair, Inc., 800 San Francisco Street, Rapid City, South Dakota

LEGAL: The north 1080 feet of the east 30 acres (unplatted) of the SE1/4 NE1/4, Section 6, T1N, R8E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota.

ESTIMATED COST: Economic Development Initiative (EDI) funds of \$350,000

PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN THE 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN

The proposed project will be located in the Rapid Creek 100 year floodplain, as shown on the National Flood Insurance Program Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community-Panel Number 465420 008 F, dated February 16, 1996. An Executive Order 11988 Floodplain Management review for the project has been accomplished by the City of Rapid City and is available for public examination and copying at the Community Development Division. Based on this review, the City of Rapid City has determined that the proposed activity will not significantly affect the Rapid Creek 100 year floodplain.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Rapid City has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. An Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), therefore is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Community Development Division, 300 Sixth Street, Rapid City, SD, and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Rapid City Community Development Division. All comments received by July 17, 2006 will be considered by the Rapid City Community Development Division prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Rapid City certifies to HUD that the Mayor and his designee in his/her official capacity, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows Central States Fair, Inc. to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Rapid City's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Rapid City (b) the City of Rapid City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision of finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures in 24 CFR Part 58, and may be addressed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Region VIII Office, 8ADE, 1670 Broadway Street, Denver, Colorado, 80202-4801. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jim Shaw, Mayor
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