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## **Draft Second Round Promise Zone Application Materials Posted for Public Comment**

A second round of Promise Zone designations is planned to open for solicitation in 2014. A minimum of five and up to fifteen designations will be made in this round. By the end of 2016, 20 Promise Zone designations are expected.

On April 17, 2014, the Department of Housing and Urban Development published a Notice in the Federal Register requesting public comment on the proposed selection process and criteria for the second round of the Promise Zone initiative. The public comment period closes on Monday, June 16, 2014.

To learn more about the Promise Zone Initiative, please go to: <https://www.onecpd.info/promise-zones>. To provide written comments on the proposed selection process and criteria, please go to: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-04-17/pdf/2014-08772.pdf>.

We will review all written comments and take them into account as we finalize the *Second Round Application* so that the initiative can support other communities more effectively in future years.

### **Promise Zone Initiative**

The Promise Zone Initiative is part of President Obama's plan to partner with and invest in communities to create jobs, increase economic security, expand educational opportunities, increase access to quality, affordable housing and improve public safety.

On January 8, 2014, the President announced the first five Promise Zones. They are located in: San Antonio, Texas; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Los Angeles, California; Southeastern Kentucky; and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

These five Promise Zones include urban, rural, and tribal designees that will benefit from grant preferences, assistance in accessing resources and access to on-the-ground federal partners to help them implement their economic and community development goals.

If you have questions or need additional information, please email us at: [promisezones@hud.gov](mailto:promisezones@hud.gov).