

CHAPTER 2. LOCATION OF HUD OFFICES

- 2-1. General. The Department's basic mission limits its prerogatives regarding site selection since a large portion of HUD's responsibility is directly related to the revitalization of urban areas. The Department must demonstrate its faith in those vital areas to private industry and to the public through its willingness to be housed in the Central Business Areas (CBA's) of Central Cities of Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's). The location of HUD offices shall be accessible to the public served.
- 2-2. Definitions.
- a. Central Business Area is the downtown area of a city recognized by the local municipality as the CBA.
 - b. Immediate Fringe Area thereof means the area contiguous to and within two or three blocks of the CBA which is zoned for office type facilities.
 - c. A Central City is the primary municipality within a SMSA.
- 2-3. Policy. It is the Department's policy to give preference to locating HUD offices in the CBA's of cities and the immediate fringe area thereof whenever such area affords new or rehabilitated modern office space on a competitive basis. HUD offices will be housed in Federal Buildings when available. In compliance with Sections 501 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, it is also HUD policy to provide for architectural and program accessibility for disabled persons. HUD will follow the "Minimum Guidelines and the Requirements for Accessible Design" until the Federal Uniform Accessibility Standard is put into effect. HUD will also follow guidelines established by the Office of Personnel Management for making adjustments or exceptions to any rules in this Handbook which may be required to accommodate disabled employees or applicants. HUD will follow the Department of Health and Human Services guidelines for Section 504 for making its services accessible until HUD publishes its final rule implementing Section 504.