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TO: All Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Technical Assistance and Guidance
M.G.L. Chapter 79A, Relocation Assistance

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), through its Bureau of Relocation (BOR), is the Commonwealth's official clearinghouse for technical assistance and guidance on the state's relocation requirements under MGL Chapter 79A. The BOR website, www.mass.gov/dhcd, has recently been updated. By selecting the Bureau of Relocation link, you can now access advisory bulletins, technical assistance materials, information on upcoming training opportunities and links to other relocation resources. Current information on the website includes:

1. A comparison of the state and federal relocation requirements.
2. An Advisory Bulletin on Public Projects Using State and Federal Funds and the Applicability of MGL Chapter 79A and the Federal Uniform Relocation Act.
3. Relocation Process Flow Charts for both residential (owners/tenants) and non residential (businesses, farms, nonprofits) occupants.
4. Comparison of the current federal regulations, 49 CFR Part 24, revised in January, 2005, with the previous federal regulations.

In addition, I am preparing other materials for inclusion on the website such as "Frequently Asked Questions" and "Assistance with Temporary Relocation." I encourage you to use the BOR website on a regular basis for updated information and technical assistance.

Please contact me at (617) 573-1408, or by email at Cindy.Zabriskie@state.ma.us if you have any questions. I also welcome your suggestions for additional subjects/information for the website.