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### **Changes at HUD (from Leland Jones' Northwest HUD Lines, May 2013)**

Since the 1970's HUD has maintained a network of 80 regional and field offices across the country. Not much longer. "The current organizational model for HUD," said Deputy Secretary Maurice Jones, "is not sustainable from a financial and a service delivery point of view," As a result, by September 30<sup>th</sup>, HUD expects to close 16 of its smallest offices – including the office in Spokane. The restructuring is expected to save between \$110 and \$150 million over a 10-year period and will affect some 200 employees, including 6 based in Spokane. All employees will be afforded the opportunity to relocate to another HUD office, to take a buy-out or early retirement. HUD will continue to maintain at least one office in all 50 states. The restructuring is expected to enable HUD to insure that it has the greatest possible impact on the people and the places we serve, especially given today's tough fiscal climate. For a list of all offices scheduled for closure and other details, please see

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories/2013/HUDNo.13-054](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2013/HUDNo.13-054)