

the account and to reflect the latest Resource Allocation and Estimation Process (REAP) studies. The conferees direct the Department to include in its operating plan a proposal to distribute the funds and FTE among offices based on these adjustments. Until the operating plan is approved by the Committees, the Department is to manage its staffing ceilings in accordance with the Corrective Action Plan completed in September, 2004.

Public and Indian Housing Division of Quality Assurance.—The conferees direct that the Department provide no less than 75 FTE to the Section 8 Quality Assurance Division within the Office of Public and Indian Housing.

Operating Plans/Reprogramming Requirements.—The conferees appreciate the need for management flexibility to allocate management and administrative resources or reorganize offices and programs to address changing requirements at the departments and agencies funded in the bill, including HUD. To provide such flexibility, while ensuring appropriate consultation and oversight, all Departments within the Subcommittee's jurisdiction are required to submit operating plans and reprogramming letters and reorganization proposals for Committee approval. The conferees reiterate that HUD is directed to follow the Committees' requirements regarding operating plans, reprogrammings and reorganizations as outlined in the House report. Unless otherwise specified in this Act or the accompanying report, the approved level for any program, project, or activity is that amount detailed for that program, project, or activity in the Department's annual detailed budget justification document. These requirements apply to all funds provided to the Department.

Includes language as proposed by the Senate placing a limitation on the number of GS-14 and GS-15 positions at the Department. The House did not propose similar language.

In lieu of the direction included in the Senate report requiring the Department to submit quarterly travel reports, the conferees direct HUD to report on all travel by Senate-confirmed Presidential Appointees (PAS) and non-career senior executive service personnel located at HUD headquarters beginning from October 1, 2004 through September 1, 2005, including all names, locations and costs. This report shall be submitted to the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations no later than September 15, 2005.

The conferees appreciate the Department's cooperation to make its fiscal year 2005 budget justification submission more useful and informative. The conferees reiterate the direction included in the House report regarding the fiscal year 2006 submission. Language is included again this year under Administrative Provisions requiring the fiscal year 2006 justification materials to be submitted in the traditional structure with sufficient detailed information to satisfy the Committees' needs.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

Appropriates \$270,000,000 for the Working Capital Fund instead of \$234,000,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$100,000,000 as proposed by the House.

In addition, the conference agreement includes \$51,725,000 in transfers from the following accounts to the Working Capital Fund