

of these and other problems on a metropolitan and regional basis, etc. It is urgent that the Department and the Federal Government know more about the dynamics of urbanism and learn how to control these and make them work to the advantage of our citizenry.

7. Coordination and cooperation

(a) The Office of Program Policy is a comparatively small group, and there is ready and informal exchange of information and expertise. The resources of the entire Office are utilized to help select appropriate research projects and to shape and control their execution. Specialists within the Office are assigned ad hoc responsibilities and duties with regard to liaison with contractors, their supervision, and evaluation of progress.

(b) As indicated, the Department has a Coordinating Board for Research and Demonstrations. It is comprised of representatives from all planning and research activities carried out by the separate constituents of HUD. Its functions were described under (2).

(c) Coordination with other Federal agencies and departments is achieved through the Science Information Exchange, wherein information regarding all ongoing urban research efforts is registered. Informal contact, as well, is maintained with all Federal agencies and departments that might undertake urban-centered research. In this manner, research overlap and duplication is avoided, and clearer and more precise research focus is obtained.

(d) and (e) Coordination with State and local governments in the urban studies and housing research program is accomplished by joint participation in some projects and through consultation and cooperation in others.

(f) The HUD program of research is not directly involved with foreign governments and their research programs. On frequent occasions, however, foreign governments request information regarding research in the urban field. The Office of Program Policy works closely with HUD's Office of International Housing, and in the past, has contributed to urban research symposiums carried out by the United Nations and in the convocation of international conferences of urban economists and planners.

(g) Coordination with nonprofit institutions, urban study centers and universities is accomplished through joint participation in some research efforts and through informal consultations with others.

(h) Business enterprises are eligible to enter into contracts with HUD under this research program; however, as noted in the response to question (4), previous participants were governmental, academic, and nonprofit, and the same pattern is expected to hold for fiscal years 1966 and 1967.

8. Laws and regulations

Section 301 of the Housing Act of 1948, 62 Stat. 1268, 1276, 12 U.S.C. 1701 (1946 ed. Supp. III) as amended by the Housing Act of 1949, 63 Stat. 413 (approved July 15, 1949), authorizes the Housing and Home Finance Administrator "to undertake and conduct a program with respect to technical research and studies concerned with the development, demonstration and promotion of the acceptance and application of new and improved techniques, materials and methods which will permit progressive reductions in housing construction and