

planning of a proposed project in or near a locality's central business district. GSA compares this with its public buildings construction program, with an eye to acquiring suitable sites in renewal areas. The two organizations have developed a mutually acceptable form of contract to use when local renewal agencies sell land to GSA, which has reduced the incidence of delays resulting from misunderstandings at the field level on what conditions on the transfer of land are acceptable to both agencies.

Post Office Department: URA periodically notifies the Post Office Department of the location of urban renewal projects. They use this information in planning for the replacement of existing facilities and the addition of new facilities. They also review project locations to determine whether they may contain suitable sites for postal facilities. A guide form of contract for the sale of urban renewal sites to the Post Office Department has also been agreed upon by the respective agencies.

Small Business Administration: Under their enabling legislation SBA can provide assistance to eligible small businesses located in renewal areas. Under established procedures URA regional staff notify the appropriate SBA office when they receive an application for a renewal project in which displacement of businesses is indicated. Upon execution of the project SBA personnel work closely with local renewal agency personnel in arranging needed financing for eligible businesses.

Veterans' Administration: Arrangements have been made for VA regional offices to notify local renewal agencies of acquired properties which VA has available for sale. The local agencies use these listings to refer project displacees as a relocation resource.

Office of Economic Opportunity: Close relationship with personnel of this agency are being established at the Washington, regional, and field level. URA strives to secure assistance from OEO-sponsored organizations in assisting the low-income residents in urban renewal areas. To facilitate this arrangement URA permits as eligible costs in renewal projects expenditures to provide necessary temporary space for these agencies to use. At the same time OEO looks to urban renewal areas for opportunities to establish programs consistent with their own objectives. To this end they have issued advisory materials on opportunities for projects that may be found in renewal areas.

Department of Labor: URA, mainly, through its regional staffs, attempts to involve the Labor Department in urban renewal projects where it appears that manpower and job training programs, etc., are needed to help renewal area residents.

Department of Commerce, Bureau of Public Roads: URA requires the coordinated planning of urban renewal areas and major highway construction projects. To this end, URA regional staff, when it accepts an application for planning a renewal project, sends a copy of a map contained in the application, indicating the location of the proposed project, to the appropriate BPR field office. The BPR field office reviews this map, identifying conflicts with proposed highway projects. Also the two organizations have developed mutually acceptable policies for the transfer of land acquired by one program to the other, for pricing the land transferred, and for sharing the cost of work done under one of the programs which benefits both of the programs.