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These Uniform Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions have been revised to March 1992. The existing Standards have earned a prestigious standing in the appraisal community since 1973 for guiding the appraisal process in federal land acquisitions since their issuance under the auspices of the Interagency Land Acquisition Conference.

By way of background, the Interagency Land Acquisition Conference is a voluntary organization composed of representatives from the many federal agencies which are engaged in the acquisition of real estate for public uses. The Conference was established on November 27, 1968, by invitations issued by the Attorney General. The Conference adopted a number of goals with respect to land acquisition matters, including the promulgation of uniform appraisal standards and guidelines for appraisal reports and reviews. The composite experience of the member representatives of the Interagency Land Acquisition Conference assures the goal of having federal appraisal standards for land acquisitions that are uniform, fair and efficient. The Interagency Land Acquisition Conference is under the chairmanship of the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice. Its activities are conducted by ad hoc committee composed of member representatives.

The Interagency Land Acquisition Conference Executive is Mr. William J. Kollins, Chief of the Land Acquisition Section of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice. Mr. Kollins, together with J. D. Eaton, MAI, of the Appraisal Unit, Department of Justice, authored the 1992 revision of the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions. Following almost a year of research and writing to bring the standards into conformance with existing case law, present appraisal technology and professional requirements, a draft was submitted to the designated representatives of the various departments and agencies of the Interagency Land Acquisition Conference. Following receipt of comments and suggestions from those representatives, a modified final revision was presented to the representatives of the Conference and was approved.

The Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions, 1992, is herewith issued.

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