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DESIGN FOR DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS TO SUPPORT THE EVALUATION OF THE CHRONIC HOMELESS EMPLOYMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (CHETA) INITIATIVE

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Project Summary: Capital Research Corporation staff are part of a team of researchers (working under contract to Corporation for Supportive Housing) involved in an evaluation of the Chronic Homelessness Employment Technical Assistance **(**CHETA**)** Initiative. An initial task under this overall evaluation effort focused on the development of an evaluation design that will support an assessment of HUD/DOL CHETA grantee projects in Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Indianapolis, and Boston. These projects are designed to provide temporary and permanent unsubsidized employment, training, housing, and a range of support services for chronically homeless individuals with mental health problems. This design report identified strengths and weaknesses of HUD/DOL evaluation effort and the gaps in data and tracking instruments; recommended feasible options for CSH, HUD and DOL to maximize the opportunity to provide useful information that might inform policy and practice; and provided an assessment of potential for matched sample comparisons with one or more of the HUD/DOL sites with the HUD/HHS/VA chronic homeless sites

Memorandum:

M. Burt and J. Trutko, *Ending Chronic Homelessness Through Employment and Housing: Review of Evaluation Strategies and Data Collection Tools for Cross-Site and Localized Plans,* prepared for the Corporation for Supportive Housing, December 2005.

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