

571—26.6(316) Preconstruction project certificate. Prior to advertising the physical construction for bids on any project on which a relocation program is offered or required by Iowa Code chapter 316, the director of the agency offering relocation programs shall submit a project certificate to the appropriate federal or state authority stating that the agency has legal and physical possession of all land required and that comparable replacement housing is available or has been provided for or is built for all relocatees and that all persons have been relocated from the project.

26.6(1) All residentially improved properties that have not been vacated and those businesses whose operation has not been terminated shall be identified and listed as an exception to the project certificate.

26.6(2) Any exception shown on a certificate shall state the anticipated vacation date for residentially improved properties and the anticipated date for the termination of business operations and indicate the basis for the date or dates stated.

26.6(3) No physical construction shall be advertised for bids and no physical construction shall begin on any project on which a relocation program is offered or required by Iowa Code chapter 316 unless and until the appropriate federal authority has approved the agency's project certificate. For this purpose physical construction includes that part of a construction project which requires the actual displacement of any persons and not the preliminary activities which can be efficiently and practically conducted without such displacement.