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22. Vacant Land Appraisals Change Date February 22, 2019 • This Chapter has been revised in its entirety. a. Liquidation Appraisals A vacant land appraisal may be needed for a liquidation appraisal if there are no improvements on the land or if the improvements have no contributory value. b. Appraisal Requirements The appraiser must provide a written narrative format or a commercially available vacant land appraisal form. Like all VA appraisals, the appraisal must meet USPAP. The appraisal report must include: • property address • legal description • owner of record • assessment and property tax information • property rights appraised • site size • zoning • highest and best use • shape • topography • drainage • availability of utilities • flood zone information • estimated cost of razing any existing improvements which must be considered in market approach • comparable sales grid with three comparable sales, adjusted to indicate the estimated market value of the subject property • Assumptions and Limiting Conditions, and Appraiser Certifications

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