

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL CONSOLIDATED PLAN GRANTEES (CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, AND ESG GRANTEES)

May 7, 2012

CHANGE IN TIME AND CALL IN NUMBER: Tuesday's all grantee call will be at 1 pm ET. If you have already RSVP'ed, you are all set. The call in number will be (877) 941-6029 and the title is "Con Plan."

HUD is pleased to announce the release of the eCon Planning Suite. These new tools will help communities transform the way they set priorities and make investment decisions for housing and community development, through the consolidated planning process.

At 1 pm ET today, May 7th, please join us for a webinar to introduce and demonstrate these exciting new tools. To register for the webinar, [click on this link](#). Note: We are close to capacity for the webinar. If multiple people in your office plan to attend, we recommend that you watch together. If you are not able to register or have trouble signing on, the webinar will be posted on our website by Tuesday, May 8. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers on Tuesday's call.

Please also join Assistant Secretary Márquez tomorrow, May 8 at 1 pm ET for a call with grantees to discuss the eCon Planning Suite. Please RSVP to Staci Lattimore at Staci.S.Lattimore@hud.gov. To participate, dial (877) 941-6029 and tell the moderator you are calling for "Con Plan."

The CPD Notice is posted <http://portal.hud.gov/huddoc/12-09cpdn.pdf>

Check out our new video about the eCon Planning Suite:



The Consolidated Plan – required for more than 1,200 grantee communities – establishes common submission requirements to receive four HUD formula block grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME); Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA); and Emergency Solutions

Grant (ESG). In the past five years alone, these programs allocated more than \$27 billion, and leveraged 3-4 times that.

HUD is announcing the eCon Planning Suite, new tools for the Consolidated Plan to support need-driven, place-based decision-making and deepen informed public participation that assists you to meet your goals. These tools are designed to make the Consolidated Plan useful as more than a compliance and budget exercise by integrating community need and market data and mapping capability into a new, electronic planning template for Consolidated Plan preparation and submission. This template will also make planning and reporting more efficient by eliminating redundancies and automatically entering data from HUD systems wherever possible.