

**August 2, 2011**

On behalf of the CPD HOPWA team, I want to remind you about the two remaining webinars on the Consolidated Plan Enhancements and to solicit your participation in the related HUD Ideas in Action—an opportunity to share your views on this important program management effort.

In the last two weeks, CPD has held two webinars targeted to CPD grantees and stakeholders, describing our work on the Consolidated Plan. The response has been very positive-- the remaining webinars will be held August 3 and 10. More information and registration links are provided below.

CPD is also hosting a forum at HUD Ideas In Action, an interactive website where you can post your feedback and vote and comment on your colleagues' ideas. To view the site, click [here](#), or copy this link into your web browser: [www.hud.gov/ideasinaction](http://www.hud.gov/ideasinaction).

Please take advantage of these opportunities to learn more about Consolidated Plan improvements and provide your ideas and feedback.

Thank you for your work to make the HOPWA program an effective part of your area's Consolidated Plan.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL CONSOLIDATED PLAN GRANTEEES (CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, AND ESG GRANTEEES)**

***HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development is offering four webinars on Consolidated Plan enhancements and a demonstration of a new GIS Mapping Tool***

The Office of Community Planning and Development announces a series of four Consolidated Plan webinars starting in the month of July. These webinars, primarily designed for grantee staff, will provide information about the development of a new web-based mapping tool and systems upgrades to make the Consolidated Plan more useful for planning and decision-making.

### **LEARN ABOUT:**

- Upgrades to CPD's Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS)
- A redesigned Con Plan submission template that simplifies and standardizes information
- Key features of a new GIS Mapping Tool for Con Plan data
- Expanded data, including public housing and economic development data

### **WEBINAR DATES/TIMES:**

Each webinar is targeted toward a specific type of grantee: Entitlements/Participating Jurisdictions, CDBG-only grantees, and States. We suggest that grantees pre-register as HUD expects a high volume of participants and space is limited. Participants should follow the link to pre-register. After you register, you will receive an e-mail that contains the information to connect to the webinar. The schedule is as follows:

*All webinars will be held from 2:00-3:30 p.m. EST*

Wednesday, August 3 – Entitlement Grantees and Participating Jurisdictions  
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/153300305>

Wednesday, August 10 – States  
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/947878017>

## **TROUBLESHOOTING**

Unable to join the meeting? Follow these steps:

Copy this address and paste it into your Web browser:

joinWebinar.com

Enter the Webinar ID (contained in the email you received after registering)

If you still cannot enter the meeting, contact support:

1-800-263-6317 (phone); <http://support.citrixonline.com/GoToWebinar/chat>