



**USDA MAPS POTENTIALLY INELIGIBLE PLACES.** Application of 2010 Census data to area eligibility determinations for the rural housing programs was delayed until October 1 by the FY13 USDA appropriations bill (see [HAC News](#), 3/21/13). Congress, which returns to work September 9, could extend the date again. In the meantime, USDA has posted “future eligible areas” maps and has sent notices to stakeholders; a reminder from the Section 502 guaranteed program office, containing links to additional information released earlier this year, is posted on HAC’s site.

**NAHASDA EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30 UNLESS RENEWED.** S. 1352 has been introduced in the Senate to reauthorize and amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act, which in 1996 combined numerous housing programs into the Indian Housing Block Grant. A webcast and testimony from a Senate Committee on Indian Affairs hearing in July are available online. No bill has been introduced in the House yet.

**KRYSTA HARDEN BECOMES USDA DEPUTY SECRETARY.** Confirmed for this position by the Senate on August 1, Harden has served in other roles at USDA since 2009.

**SECTION 504 LOAN FUNDS REMAIN.** USDA still has considerable funding available in every state for Section 504 home repair loans (see [HAC News](#), 8/1/13). Funds not obligated by September 30 will be lost. To learn more or to apply, contact a local RD office. Please do not request information from HAC.

**FARM LABOR HOUSING PRESERVATION ELIGIBLE FOR SECTION 538 GUARANTEED LOANS.** The NOFA issued in May (see [HAC News](#), 5/22/13) referred to new construction and to Section 515 preservation. A notice to be published in the Federal Register on August 29 adds Section 514/516 Farm Labor Housing. Applications are considered on a rolling basis. Contact a USDA RD state office or Tammy Daniels, RD, 202-720-0021.

**CONTINUUM OF CARE REGISTRATION IN E-SNAPS IS OPEN.** CoCs must register by September 23 in order to apply later for HUD homeless program funds. Questions can be submitted online.

**SECTION 502 PACKAGING REGS PROPOSED.** Comments are due October 22 on USDA RD’s proposal to create a program, based on the pilot operating for the last few years, allowing nonprofit agency staff to prepare applications for Section 502 direct loans. Contact Brooke Baumann, USDA, 202-690-4250.

**USDA ADDRESSES COMPLIANCE WITH LEAD-BASED PAINT RULES.** Administrative Notice 4721 (AN) provides updated guidance for RD staff on compliance with HUD and EPA regulations on lead-based paint. Contact a USDA RD state office.

**RD STAFF RECEIVE GUIDANCE ON PREPAYMENT INCENTIVES AND MORE.** An Unnumbered Letter dated June 12, 2013 provides information on prepayment incentives and transfers. The letter says issues related to prepayment versus final payment, application of payments, and loans that have reached their natural maturity date will be addressed in a separate document. Contact a USDA RD state office.

**FHFA SEEKS WAYS TO REDUCE FANNIE AND FREDDIE’S MULTIFAMILY PRESENCE.** The Federal Housing Finance Agency requests comments by October 8 on ways to reduce Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac’s presence in the multifamily housing finance market and support the use of private capital. FHFA lists possibilities and asks questions.

**HUD REPORTS “DRAMATIC INCREASES” IN WORST CASE HOUSING NEEDS FROM 2009 TO 2011.** Households with worst case needs are renters with very low incomes, no housing assistance, and severe rent burdens and/or severely inadequate housing. In its latest biennial report on the subject, HUD says increases cut across demographic groups, household types, and regions and are due to substantial increases in rental housing demand and weakening incomes that increase competition for already-scarce affordable units. There are now approximately two very low-income households with worst case needs for every very low-income household with rental assistance.

**CENSUS BUREAU TOOL PROVIDES BASIC DATA FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.** My Congressional District uses American Community Survey data for quick access to demographics and housing numbers as well as others.

**WEBSITE DEMONSTRATES AND EXPLAINS INCOME INEQUALITY.** The Economic Policy Institute's <http://inequality.is> uses graphics to show U.S. income differences currently and historically and explores solutions.

**IRS COMPILES DOCUMENTS NEEDED THROUGHOUT LIFE CYCLE OF 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT.** Explanations and links cover requirements from the IRS and other entities for tax-exempt nonprofits (called “public charities” by the IRS) from creation through annual filings through significant events including termination.

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