

Effective interest rate	on or after	prior to
6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 1998 .....	July 1, 1998
6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 1998 .....	Jan. 1, 1999
5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 1999 .....	July 1, 1999
6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 1999 .....	Jan. 1, 2000
6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 2000 .....	July 1, 2000
6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> .....	July 1, 2000 .....	Jan. 1, 2001
6 .....	Jan. 1, 2001 .....	July 1, 2001
5 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 2001 .....	Jan. 1, 2002
5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 2002 .....	July 1, 2002
5 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> .....	July 1, 2002 .....	Jan. 1, 2003
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4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> .....	July 1, 2003 .....	Jan. 1, 2004
5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 2004 .....	July 1, 2004
5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> .....	July 1, 2004 .....	Jan. 1, 2005
4 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 2005 .....	July 1, 2005
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4 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 2006 .....	July 1, 2006
5 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub> .....	July 1, 2006 .....	Jan. 1, 2007
4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 2007 .....	July 1, 2007
5 .....	July 1, 2007 .....	Jan. 1, 2008
4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> .....	Jan. 1, 2008 .....	July 1, 2008

Section 215 of Division G, Title II of Pub. L. 108–199, enacted January 23, 2004 (HUD's 2004 Appropriations Act) amended section 224 of the Act, to change the debenture interest rate for purposes of calculating certain insurance claim payments made in cash. Therefore, for all claims paid in cash on mortgages insured under section 203 or 234 of the National Housing Act and endorsed for insurance after January 23, 2004, the debenture interest rate will be the monthly average yield, for the month in which the default on the mortgage occurred, on United States Treasury Securities adjusted to a constant maturity of 10 years, as found in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H–15. The Federal Housing Administration has codified this provision in HUD regulations at 24 CFR 203.405(b) and 24 CFR 203.479(b).

Section 221(g)(4) of the Act provides that debentures issued pursuant to that paragraph (with respect to the assignment of an insured mortgage to the Secretary) will bear interest at the “going Federal rate” in effect at the time the debentures are issued. The term “going Federal rate” is defined to mean the interest rate that the Secretary of the Treasury determines, pursuant to a statutory formula based on the average yield on all outstanding marketable Treasury obligations of 8-to 12-year maturities, for the 6-month periods of January through June and July through December of each year. Section 221(g)(4) is implemented in the HUD regulations at 24 CFR 221.255 and 24 CFR 221.790.

The Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the interest rate to be borne by debentures issued pursuant to section 221(g)(4) during the 6-month

period beginning January 1, 2008, is 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> percent.

HUD expects to publish its next notice of change in debenture interest rates in July 2008.

The subject matter of this notice falls within the categorical exemption from HUD's environmental clearance procedures set forth in 24 CFR 50.19(c)(6). For that reason, no environmental finding has been prepared for this notice.

(Authority: Sections 211, 221, 224, National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1715b, 1715l, 1715o; Section 7(d), Department of HUD Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).)

Dated: February 1, 2008.

**Brian D. Montgomery,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5159–C–01]

### Notice of Funding Availability for the Fiscal Year 2007 Public Housing Neighborhood Networks Program; Technical Correction

**AGENCY:** Office of the Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Technical Corrections to Fiscal Year 2007 NOFA for the Public Housing Neighborhood Networks Program.

**SUMMARY:** On December 11, 2007, HUD published its Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Public Housing Neighborhood Networks Program. In today's **Federal Register** notice, HUD announces that it

has removed the Adobe application from Grants.gov for this NOFA, extended the deadline date for submission of applications, and clarifies why the Adobe package has been removed.

**DATES:** The application deadline date for the Public Housing Neighborhood Networks Program NOFA has been extended to March 14, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions regarding this Technical Correction should be directed to the Office of Departmental Grants Management and Oversight, Office of Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 3156, Washington, DC 20410–5000; telephone number (202) 708–0667. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877–8339.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Submission or Resubmission of Applications with PureEdge

On December 11, 2007 (72 FR 70458), HUD published its FY2007 NOFA for the Public Housing Neighborhood Networks Program and posted it to *Grants.gov*, making applications available in both PureEdge and Adobe 8.1.1 formats. HUD has recently determined that applications submitted using the Adobe Application Package posted to *Grants.gov* will cause problems during submission if any individuals working on the application have not used Adobe 8.1.1 to complete the application. Specifically, if any individual working on the application does not use Adobe 8.1.1, the application becomes corrupt and not

accepted by *Grants.gov*. To ensure there are no issues with applicants being able to successfully submit their application, HUD is withdrawing the Adobe application package (COMP ID NN-01) from the *Grants.gov* Web site but leaving the PureEdge package in place. Applicants who have signed up for the *Grants.gov* notification service will be automatically notified when the Adobe package has been removed. Applicants that have not signed up for the notification service should check the *Grants.gov* Web site at [https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms\\_apps\\_idx.html](https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms_apps_idx.html) for the modification to the announcement posting following publication of this Notice. Applicants must use the PureEdge package; Adobe packages will be rejected. Applicants can download the PureEdge version from the *Grants.gov* Web site at: [https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms\\_apps\\_idx.html](https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/forms_apps_idx.html). Applicants who were working with the PureEdge application (Comp ID: NN-PUREEDGE-FORMAT) do not have to download again. Only those working with the Adobe application (Comp ID: NN-0) must download the PureEdge version.

## II. Extension of Deadline Date and Important Resubmission Instructions

HUD is extending the Neighborhood Networks deadline date to March 14, 2008, to provide applicants the opportunity and time to download the PureEdge application, complete the application including all attachments and faxes, and submit the application to *Grants.gov* in time to meet the new deadline date. Applicants that previously submitted a PureEdge application do not have to resubmit a new application, unless they want to add information revising the original submission. Applicants that attempted to submit using Adobe 8.1.1 must download the PureEdge application format and resubmit the application plus all attachments and faxes.

Applicants filing a revised application electronically must also submit a new set of any documents faxed to HUD but should do so only after they submit an entire, complete application to *Grants.gov* and after the applicant receives validation of the application from *Grants.gov*. Applicants should allow 48 hours for validation of their revised application to occur and then resend the faxed material. This process will ensure that the resubmitted faxes are associated with the resubmitted application. Failure to follow these instructions will result in faxes not being associated to the most recent application and therefore not available

to HUD reviewers. HUD will not search previously submitted applications for faxed materials.

Dated: February 5, 2008.

**Paula Blunt,**

*General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Human Capital, Performance and Partnerships; National Invasive Species Council

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability—Draft of the 2008–2012 National Invasive Species Management Plan; Extension of Public Comment Period.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Executive Order 13112, the National Invasive Species Council (NISC) is announcing a 30-day extension of the public comment period for the draft of the *2008–2012 National Invasive Species Management Plan*. The Order established NISC as an inter-agency council to prevent and control invasive species in order to minimize their economic, ecological and human health impacts. The Council, which is co-chaired by the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce and the Interior also includes the departments of State, Defense, Transportation, Homeland Security, Treasury, Health and Human Services, as well as the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Trade Representative, the U.S. Agency for International Development and the National Aeronautics and Atmospheric Administration. The Plan is intended to address invasive species in the areas of prevention, early detection and rapid response, control, restoration and organizational collaboration. Text of the *2008–2012 National Invasive Species Management Plan* is available in PDF format at <http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov>.

**DATES:** *The public comment period for the draft Plan has been extended.* All comments must now be received by close of business on March 12, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** National Invasive Species Council, Office of the Secretary, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kelsey Brantley, National Invasive Species Council Senior Program Analyst:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 13112 on Invasive Species (EO 13112) was issued in 1999 and established the National Invasive Species Council (NISC) which is co-chaired by the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture and Commerce. EO 13112 directed the Secretary of the Interior to establish an Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) composed of diverse nonfederal stakeholders to advise NISC. The broad mission of NISC is to provide planning, coordination and national leadership to prevent and control the harmful impacts of invasive species to the economy, the environment as well as animal and human health.

Section 5 of EO 13112 directed NISC to issue the National Invasive Species Management Plan, as well as to revise and update the Plan on a regular basis. The first version of the National Invasive Species Management Plan, “*Meeting the Challenge*”, was issued in January of 2001 (2001 Plan). The purpose of the Plan was to provide a general blueprint for federal action in coordination with State, local, Tribal, and private programs and international cooperation to prevent the introduction of invasive species, provide for their control and minimize the economic, environmental and human health impacts.

This document is the first revision of the 2001 Plan, as mandated by EO 13112. The *2008–2012 National Invasive Species Management Plan (2008 Plan)* will provide direction for federal efforts (including overall strategy and objectives) to prevent, control and minimize invasive species and their impacts within the next five (5) fiscal years (2008 through 2012). If necessary, it may be updated more frequently to reflect changes in circumstances, agency plans and priorities. NISC member agencies, ISAC members, NISC staff, stakeholders and other experts have provided input in drafting this revision, which is intended to replace the 2001 Plan.

Federal, State, local and Tribal governments, as well as the private sector, have taken significant steps to meet the challenges posed by invasive species. These steps set the stage for the 2008 Plan and provide direction and focus. An estimated 67% of the 2001 Plan’s 57 action items have been completed or are in progress. However significant challenges remain and much remains to be done to prevent and control invasive species in a