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**Q & A on Opportunities with National Intermediaries and Housing Finance Agencies:**

HUD's Office of Housing Counseling has published questions and answers for housing counseling agencies seeking opportunities to affiliate with National Housing Counseling Intermediaries and State Housing Finance Agencies (HFA). To read the Q&A's please visit: [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=ohc\\_hcqa012413.pdf](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=ohc_hcqa012413.pdf)

AND

**Webinar: Revisions to FHA's Loss Mitigation Home Retention Options:**

This FREE webinar will provide an overview of the revised requirements for FHA's Loss Mitigation Home Retention Options as outlined in Mortgagee Letter 2012-22. This webinar includes case studies that require the use of a financial calculator.

Date/Time: Two Dates Available – Registration required:

- [Tue, Feb 5, 2013 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST](#)
- [Wed, Feb 6, 2013 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST](#)

Special Instructions: Space is limited - please register early. Once registered you will receive an email confirming your registration with information you need to join the Webinar.

System Requirements: *PC-based* attendees require Windows 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server; *Mac-based* attendees require Mac OS X 10.5 or newer; and *Mobile attendees* require: iPhone, iPad, Android phone or Android tablet

AND

**Other Training Opportunities for Housing Counselors:**

January 28, 2013 to February 1, 2013 - San Diego, CA . NFMC Multi-Course Training Event. NeighborWorks® America is hosting this Multi-Course Training Event for practitioners interested in building existing capacity in foreclosure intervention

counseling. This event is open to scholarship recipients only. For more information, please visit: <http://www.nw.org/network//foreclosure/nfmcp/training.asp>

February 18-22, 2013 - Atlanta, GA, NeighborWorks® Training Institute. Attend a broad range of professional development courses for housing counselors. Registration required. More info at: <http://nw.org/network/training/upcoming/ATL13.asp>

February 2013 - (multiple dates) Webinar: “FREE” Freddie Mac Standard Deed-in-Lieu of Foreclosure Overview for Housing Counselors”. Learn about the key features and benefits of the new Freddie Mac Standard Deed-in-Lieu. This workout option is for homeowners who can no longer afford to keep their properties and who have been unsuccessful in selling their properties through a Standard Short Sale. The overview will include eligibility criteria, documentation requirements, implementation dates, closing requirements and other important information. This webinar is two hours. Registration required; no fee. More info & register at: <http://www.freddiemac.com/corporate/housingpros/> Register today; don't miss out on this free training for housing counselors. Please note that these Webinar training sessions are for nonprofit housing counseling organizations only, focusing specifically on the borrower eligibility and underwriting requirements of the program, with dialogue & discussion centered on the housing counselor's role and approach when discussing this option with borrowers. If you are any other party interested in learning more about Freddie Mac's Standard Deed-in-Lieu of Foreclosure option, we recommend that you visit this website for more information: [http://www.freddiemac.com/singlefamily/service/standard\\_deed\\_in\\_lieu.html](http://www.freddiemac.com/singlefamily/service/standard_deed_in_lieu.html).

May 6-10, 2013 - Portland, OR. NeighborWorks® Training Institute. Attend a broad range of professional development courses for housing counselors. Registration required. More info at: [http://training.nw5.org/schol\\_event?event=552](http://training.nw5.org/schol_event?event=552)

To find out more about training for housing counselors and scholarship opportunities from NeighborWorks®, please visit: <http://www.nw.org/network/training/training.asp>

Hope LoanPort has created a new Hope LoanPort Learning Center for counselors and servicers. The link is <http://www.training.hopeloanportal.org/> Counselors, be sure to leverage [www.homeownerconnect.org](http://www.homeownerconnect.org) as homeowners who elect to work with a counselor, even mid-process with the servicer will be connected with you. You will receive the case in Hope LoanPort as a referral from the consumer direct portal. Also, be sure to use and advise homeowners to use the local resources tool. Click on 'Find Local Resources' which includes unemployment resources, military resources, food stamps, child assistance, heating, home repair and more. It is FREE and can be found on [www.homeownerconnect.org](http://www.homeownerconnect.org) and [www.hopeloanportal.org](http://www.hopeloanportal.org)

Rural Community Assistance Corp. (RCAC) has posted archival copies of their “HUD Compliance Webinar” series. Topics for Housing Counselors include: 9902 training, Reporting - Quarterly & Draws, Counseling - Group & Individual, Housing Counseling Work Plan, QCP, Data Security, CMS Systems and HCS, FHA HAMP & FHA Loss

Mitigation. Registration is not required, no fee. Links to these FREE archival webinars and supporting materials are now posted at: <http://www.rcac.org/doc.aspx?1012>

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Bulk subscriptions:

Some housing counselors have asked, "How do I sign up my entire agency staff for housing counseling listserv updates?" It is easy... Just list your staff email addresses like this:

[aaa@xyz.com](mailto:aaa@xyz.com)

[bbb@xyz.com](mailto:bbb@xyz.com)

[ccc@xyz.com](mailto:ccc@xyz.com)

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Email your list to: [jerrold.h.mayer@hud.gov](mailto:jerrold.h.mayer@hud.gov)

If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listserv, there are 3 other ways to sign up: 1. send them this link: [http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc\\_listserv](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_listserv) they can sign up for the listserv there; or 2: forward them this email; or 3: Visit: <http://www.usa.gov> and subscribe at: <http://apps.gsa.gov/FirstGovCommonSubscriptionService.php> To unsubscribe - go to: <http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/subscribe/maillinglist> and click on "Housing Counseling" and follow the unsubscribe instructions on that page.

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HUD Housing Counseling: [www.hud.gov/housingcounseling](http://www.hud.gov/housingcounseling)

Events & Training Calendar:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?mode=disppage&id=OHC\\_TRAINING](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?mode=disppage&id=OHC_TRAINING)

Contracting Opportunities:

[http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program\\_offices/cpo](http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/cpo)

Career Opportunities: <http://www.usajobs.gov>

Grant Opportunities:

[http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program\\_offices/administration/grants/fund savail](http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/administration/grants/fund_savail)

Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/disaster](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/disaster)

Foreclosure Assistance:

[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/i\\_want\\_to/talk\\_to\\_a\\_housing\\_counselor](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/i_want_to/talk_to_a_housing_counselor)

Making Home Affordable: <http://www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/pages/default.aspx>

This list will often provide training opportunities and event announcements for non-profit and local government HUD Housing Counseling partners. HUD does not endorse the organizations sponsoring linked websites, and we do not endorse the views they express or the products/services they or their community/business partners offer. For more information on HUD's web policies please visit:

<http://www.hud.gov/assist/webpolicies.cfm>

Thank you!!!!