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### ***New Urban EZ/EC Website: [WWW.Urban.HUD.Gov/Urban](http://WWW.Urban.HUD.Gov/Urban)***

In June, 2000, HUD unveiled its new urban EZ/EC website. This website contains detailed maps of each urban EZ/EC, in-depth performance information on all urban Zones and Communities, details on tax incentives for businesses that hire EZ/EC residents, and access to weekly publications that chronicle important events as they occur in EZ/ECs nationwide. Some of the highlights of the website are as follows:

- **About the EZ/EC Initiative** – contains historical information on the EZ/EC initiative, information regarding HUD's role in the Initiative, a matrix of tax incentives available to EZ/EC businesses, and legislative information regarding the Initiative.
- **Tour the Urban EZ/ECs** – allows users to access the Address Locator and see maps, annual reports, success stories, lists of census tracts, web sites and contact information for each EZ/EC.
- **Key Contacts** – contains contact information for each zone and community and for EZ/EC staff at HUD, HHS, USDA and the Community Empowerment Board.
- **PERMS (Performance Measurement System)** – enables users to search the contents of annual reports and implementation plans of each EZ/EC.
- **Resource Center** – contains information on funding opportunities and technical assistance for EZ/EC businesses, links to EZ/EC publications such as the *Federal Programs Guide*, a new tax incentives guide, urban flash faxes and three volumes of *What Works!*, plus a Focus Topics bullet that links to resource pages on such issues as the environment, child care, public safety, the digital divide, women's issues, and transportation as these issues relate to the EZ/ECs.

We think you will find [WWW.Urban.HUD.Gov/Urban](http://WWW.Urban.HUD.Gov/Urban) a very attractive and user-friendly website. If you have any questions on the website or suggestions for improvements, please contact Phil Graham of the HUD EZ/EC office at (202) 708-6339, extension 4636.

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