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### **Nominations for HUD Best Practices are now open**

Now the challenge begins. Nobody knows what is going on in the field better than you do. There are innovative projects and model practices in your area that haven't received recognition. HUD field staff, EZ/EC Directors, Practitioners, and Public Interest Groups can submit nominations directly to HUD on the web. You and your staff can increase the recognition that your office receives by helping to identify potential award-winning projects and make a strong case for these projects being the Best of the Best. Submit your contributions early to give your office more time to refine those that are nominated for the top awards.

Submitting a Best Practice is easier than ever! Visit the Best Practices Web site at <http://bpkms.hud.gov/po/i/bpkms>. Our new year-round nomination system lets you submit easily and electronically. From the main page, click on the My Contributions tab and register as a new user. The registration information you provide will automatically be entered into the contribution form for all projects you submit. Once you register, you can contribute a project, track and edit your contribution, and save a contribution in progress in order to finish it at a later time.

You can contribute a practice of your own or of some other organization. Contributions will be evaluated by program experts both inside and outside of HUD. Those submitted prior to April 20 will be considered for recognition as 2001 Best Practice award winners. Contributions received after April 20 will be considered for a Best Practice award during the next year's selection process. In addition to nominating best practices through our Web site, you can also search best practices information geographically, topically and by key word, as well as advanced search techniques, to ensure that you find the information you need quickly and easily.

We look forward to an exciting competition.