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### **ENTERPRISE COMMUNITIES HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A ROUND III EMPOWERMENT ZONE SIMPLY BY UPDATING THEIR CURRENT STRATEGIC PLAN.**

As an Enterprise Community, you have already developed and implemented a successful Strategic Plan, which can serve as an excellent foundation for the Round III Empowerment Zone Strategic Plan.

Remember that your current EC designation terminates in three years. Why not try to extend your Enterprise Community accomplishments by applying for a Round III Empowerment Zone? If designated, your community can take advantage of the incredible tax incentive package that will be available until December 2009. There is still time for an Enterprise Community to meet the **September 28, 2001 deadline for submitting a Round III Empowerment Zone application.**

### **RENEWAL COMMUNITIES:**

Last but not least, do not miss your opportunity to become one of the 40 Renewal Communities. As an applicant, Enterprise Communities will receive special preference in the selection of the first 20 designations. The application process is straightforward and really quite easy.

Your nominated area must be competitive in meeting the selection criteria. The criteria are almost exclusively based on statistical evidence demonstrating that the nominated area is one of poverty, unemployment and low income. **The deadline for submitting Renewal Community applications is October 12, 2001.**

Visit the HUD website at [www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/ezec](http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/ezec) and call the RC/EZ/EC staff at (202) 708-6339 for detailed information on these two competitions. You may also call Community Connections at (800) 998-9999 for an informational package on the Round III Empowerment Zone and the Renewal Community Competitions.

Also visit HUD's online application system at [www.ezec.hud.gov](http://www.ezec.hud.gov) to learn how you can electronically submit part of your application, including the Notice of Intent to Participate.

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