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Listening

Session: Adoption of Energy Efficiency Standards for New Construction of HUD-Financed Housing

On May 18, 2023, the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Environment and Energy (OEE) and the Department of Agriculture published a Notice of Preliminary Determination "*Adoption of Energy Efficiency Standards for New Construction of HUD- and USDA-Financed Housing: Preliminary Determination and Solicitation of Comment*" [[Docket No. FR-6271-N-01](#)].

HUD's OEE, in conjunction with the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), invites FHA program participants to attend a virtual listening session on the Notice. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide verbal comments on the [Notice](#) during the listening session.

To attend this live session, see the details below:

Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023

Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM (Eastern)

Event Location: Online

Intended Audience: FHA Single Family and Multifamily Housing Program Participants and Associated Stakeholders

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Stakeholders interested in attending the listening session to learn more about the Notice and/or submit comments during the public comment portion of the webcast are strongly encouraged to read the Notice in its entirety before joining the call. Public comments can also be submitted via the methods outlined in the [Notice](#) through July 17, 2023.

The Notice fulfills a statutory requirement under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) that requires HUD and USDA to jointly adopt the most recently published energy codes, subject to a cost-benefit housing "affordability and availability" test. The [2021 International Energy Conservation Code](#) (IECC) and [ASHRAE 90.1-2019](#) are the most recent published energy codes. There are two primary benefits of adopting energy-saving building

codes: a private benefit for residents—either homeowners or renters—in the form of lower energy costs, and the external social value of reducing the emission of greenhouse gases (GHGs). Additional benefits may include improved health and resilience against extreme hot or cold weather events. The Notice provides a Preliminary Determination, as required by the statute, that on balance these codes will not negatively impact the affordability and availability of eligible single family and multifamily housing.

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