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ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOUSING-
FEDERAL HOUSING COMMISSIONER

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TO: All Approved Title I and Title II Lenders and Applicants for Title I and/or
                  Title II Approval

SUBJECT: Use of pay.gov for Lender Approval Application Fees

The Federal Housing Administration's Office of Lender Activities and Program Compliance is aligning itself with the U.S. Department of Treasury's initiative to create a 21st century fiscal operation for all federal government agencies. As early as May 2005, HUD began requiring FHA-approved lenders, recertifying their FHA approval status, to submit the requisite annual renewal fee electronically via pay.gov.

In an effort to expand the electronic payment process for lenders, effective the date of this Mortgagee Letter, FHA is requiring lender applicants to submit their lender application fees online. Payment of the lender approval application fee, lender approval conversion fee, and lender branch office fee by check (to a designated lockbox) has been replaced with the Department of Treasury's pay.gov system at: https://www.pay.gov/paygov/. A separate lender fee payment screen is available for each type of fee payment and can be accessed on the pay.gov website under "Housing and Urban Development Department" or "Federal Housing Administration" in the Agency List section.

If you have questions regarding this mortgagee letter, please call the FHA Resource Center at 1-800-CALL-FHA (1-800-225-5342). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TDD/TTY by calling 1-877-TDD-2HUD (1-877-833-2483).

Sincerely,

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    Federal Housing Commissioner

Paperwork Reduction Act

The paperwork reduction information collection requirements for the revised fee payment is pending and once approved, will be under OMB approval number 2502-0005. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.