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Subject: Read the latest edition of "The Bridge" Newsletter, & Hurricane Sandy HUD Resource Webpage, & "Live" NeighborWorks training comes to DC, San Diego and Atlanta, & Online training

Attention Housing Counselors:

Read the latest edition of "The Bridge" Newsletter:

The Bridge is HUD's Office of Housing Counseling Newsletter for Housing Counselors. You can read the latest edition of The Bridge online at:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=ohc_bridge111312.pdf

Visit the Office of Housing Counseling on line at: www.hud.gov/housingcounseling

AND

HUD Hurricane Sandy Resource Webpage:

HUD has posted a resource page for Hurricane Sandy at:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/sandy> Housing Counselors are encouraged to review the information on that website.

AND

"Live" NeighborWorks® training comes to DC, San Diego and Atlanta:

December 10-14, 2012 - Washington, DC. NeighborWorks® Training Institute. Attend a broad range of professional development courses for housing counselors. Registration required. More info at: <http://nw.org/network/training/upcoming/DCNTI12.asp>

January 28, 2013 to February 1, 2013 - San Diego, CA . NFMC Multi-Course Training Event. NeighborWorks® America is hosting this Multi-Course Training Event for practitioners interested in building existing capacity in foreclosure intervention counseling. This event is open to scholarship recipients only. For more information, please visit <http://www.nw.org/network/foreclosure/nfmcpt/training.asp>

February 18-22, 2013 - Atlanta, GA, NeighborWorks® Training Institute. Attend a broad range of professional development courses for housing counselors. Registration required. More info at: <http://nw.org/network/training/upcoming/ATL13.asp>

To find out more about training for housing counselors from NeighborWorks®, please visit: <http://www.nw.org/network/training/training.asp>

AND

Online training:

Hope LoanPort has created a new Hope LoanPort Learning Center for counselors and servicers. The link is <http://www.training.hopeloanportal.org/> Counselors, be sure to leverage www.homeownerconnect.org as homeowners who elect to work with a counselor, even mid-process with the servicer will be connected with you. You will receive the case in Hope LoanPort as a referral from the consumer direct portal. Also,

be sure to use and advise homeowners to use the local resources tool. Click on 'Find Local Resources' which includes unemployment resources, military resources, food stamps, child assistance, heating, home repair and more. It is FREE and can be found on www.homeownerconnect.org and www.hopeloanportal.org

Rural Community Assistance Corp. (RCAC) has posted archival copies of their recent "HUD Compliance Webinar" series. Topics for Housing Counselors include: 9902 training, Reporting - Quarterly & Draws, Counseling - Group & Individual, Housing Counseling Work Plan, QCP, Data Security, CMS Systems and HCS, FHA HAMP & FHA Loss Mitigation. Registration is not required, no fee. Links to these archival webinars and supporting materials are now posted at: <http://www.rcac.org/doc.aspx?1012>

November 2012 - (multiple dates) Webinar: "Bulletin 2012-16 – "FREE" Freddie Mac Standard Short Sale Overview for Housing Counselors". Learn about the option designed to help borrowers who are not able to or don't want to retain their homes transition out of their properties and avoid foreclosure. This webinar is two hours. Registration required; no fee. More info & register at: <http://www.freddiemac.com/corporate/housingpros/> Please note that these Webinar training sessions are for nonprofit housing counseling organizations only, focusing specifically on the borrower eligibility and underwriting requirements of the program, with dialogue & discussion centered on the housing counselor's role and approach when discussing this option with borrowers. If you are any other party interested in learning more about Freddie Mac's Standard Short Sale option, we recommend that you visit this website for more information: http://www.freddiemac.com/singlefamily/service/short_sales.html Register today, don't miss out on this free training for housing counselors.

Bulk subscriptions:

Some housing counselors have asked, "How do I sign up my entire agency staff for housing counseling listserv updates?" It is easy... Just list your staff email addresses like this:

aaa@xyz.com
bbb@xyz.com
ccc@xyz.com

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Email your list to: jerrold.h.mayer@hud.gov

If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listserv, there are 3 other ways to sign up: 1. send them this link:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_listserv they can sign up for the listserv there; or 2: forward them this email; or 3: Visit: <http://www.usa.gov> and subscribe at: <http://apps.gsa.gov/FirstGovCommonSubscriptionService.php> To unsubscribe - go to: <http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/subscribe/maillinglist> and click on "Housing Counseling" and follow the unsubscribe instructions on that page.

HUD Housing Counseling: www.hud.gov/housingcounseling

Events & Training Calendar: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?mode=disppage&id=OHC_TRAINING

Contracting Opportunities: http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/cpo

Career Opportunities: <http://www.usajobs.gov>

Grant Opportunities:

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail

Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/disaster

Foreclosure Assistance:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/i_want_to/talk_to_a_housing_counselor

Making Home Affordable: <http://www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/pages/default.aspx>

This list will often provide training opportunities and event announcements for non-profit and local government HUD Housing Counseling partners. HUD does not endorse the organizations sponsoring linked websites, and we do not endorse the views they express or the products/services they or their community/business partners offer. For more information on HUD's web policies please visit:

<http://www.hud.gov/assist/webpolicies.cfm>

Thank you!!!!