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The U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Agriculture (USDA) announced on January 9, 2014 the five inaugural U.S. communities that have been designated as Promise Zones, an intensive and layered approach to revitalizing distressed communities. The Promise Zones will benefit from a comprehensive approach to development that will enhance and connect local assets ranging from schools to housing to jobs. The first five Promise Zones—located in San Antonio, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Southeastern Kentucky, and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma—have each put forward a plan on how they will leverage federal partnerships and resources in the most effective ways possible to improve their communities. In exchange, these designees will be able to access federal investments in order to achieve their goals.

- Read the entire Promise Zone Press Release at:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2014/HUDNo.14-003
- Read the Promise Zone Frequently Asked Questions at:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=PZFAQ_182014final.pdf
- For more information, please visit the HUD Promise Zone Website at:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/economicdevelopment/programs/pz

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

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Email your list to:
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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.

Some Helpful Links for Housing Counselors:

Technical support for Housing Counselors is available via email at:
housing.counseling@hud.gov

HUD Housing Counseling webpage: www.hud.gov/housingcounseling

"The Bridge" is the HUD Office of Housing Counseling Newsletter; read archived issues on-line at:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_bridge

Housing Counseling Listserv archive:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_msg

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/fund_savail

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>

Freddie Mac Housing Professionals Resource
Center: <http://www.freddiemac.com/corporate/housingpros/>

FHA Resource Center:
http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/fharesourcectr

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