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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Doni M. Ingram
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SUBJECT: Public Hearings and Technical Assistance
Proposed 5-Year Consolidated Plan; PY2010 CDBG, HOME, ESG &
HOPWA Action Plans; And Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing

The State of Alabama will hold two public hearings to discuss the proposed 5-Year Consolidated Plan; PY2010 CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA Actions Plans; and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. The enclosed public announcement shows the time and place of these hearings in the northern and southern sections of the State.

At these hearings, all Consolidated Plan programs will be discussed in terms of (1) the anticipated amount of funds available for PY2010, (2) the range of activities that may be funded, and (3) other program specific details. All concerned individuals are invited to attend and present their views on housing and community development needs in Alabama, and to comment on the State's procedure for the distribution of funds and implementation of the programs.

After the public hearing, the State will conduct a brief information session designed to inform the public about the programmatic and compliance requirements that govern the CDBG program. The State staff will also be available to meet separately with public officials and other interested parties to discuss their specific issues and subject matters.

Anyone who requires further information or has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance should call us at 334-242-5468 or notify us at the address below no later than December 10, 2009.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
and
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Para ver una versión española de este anuncio de la audición, www.adeca.alabama.gov visita. Para traducciones al español de los documentos mencionados en este anuncio, escribir al Departamento de Alabama de Asuntos Económicos y Comunitarios, PO Box 5690, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5690, o E-mail CED@adeca.alabama.gov.

**Program Years 2010-2014 State of Alabama Consolidated Plan,
Program Year 2010 Action Plans for CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA,
and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing**

On behalf of the State of Alabama, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) and the Alabama Housing Finance Authority (AHFA) have developed the Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2010-2014. ADECA has prepared FY2010 Action Plans for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the Emergency Shelter Grant Program (ESG), and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA). AHFA has prepared the Action Plan for the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). Collectively, these four Plans summarize housing and community development needs in the State and a strategy to meet those needs using federal funding from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Specifically, the plans describe how eligible entities can access funding through these programs to address those needs.

The State of Alabama will conduct two (2) public hearings to discuss the proposed Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2010-2014, the proposed FY2010 Action Plans for the four programs, and the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. The hearings will be held in the northern section of the state and the southern section of the state. The dates, times and locations of these hearings are listed below:

<u>Northern Section Public Hearing</u>	<u>Southern Section Public Hearing</u>
Date: December 15, 2009	Date: December 17, 2009
Time: 10:00 a.m.	Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Lucille N. Galin Municipal Auditorium 204 Second Avenue NE Cullman, Alabama 35055	Place: Reid State Technical College Edith A. Gray Library & Technology Center, L-116 103 College Road Evergreen, Alabama 36401

The purpose of these hearings will be to provide general program information and to receive input from interested parties. The State plans to discuss (1) the anticipated amount of funds available for FY2010, (2) the range of activities that may be funded, and (3) other administrative details.

The 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan indicates infrastructure needs throughout all of the State's CDBG-eligible counties in the areas of water, sewer, roads, and drainage. Research done for the Plan also indicates that non-housing community development needs tend to be more related to whether an area is incorporated or unincorporated rather than to any geographical distinction. In any case, the poverty of some areas makes it increasingly difficult to address many of these needs.

For the coming year, the following priorities are in effect for the four programs: For the CDBG Program, the housing-related priority is single family, owner-occupied rehabilitation. For the ESG Program, the housing priorities are rehabilitation, renovation or conversion of buildings for emergency homeless shelters, including operation of those shelters. For the HOPWA Program, the housing priority is rental assistance. And for the HOME Program, the housing priority is new construction of affordable rental units across the State. For non-housing needs, the priorities consist of essential community facilities and the promotion of economic development programs.

Draft copies of the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan, including the FY2010 Action Plans and the Analysis of Impediments, may be viewed at www.adeca.alabama.gov or at the ADECA office at 401 Adams Avenue, Room 500, Montgomery, Alabama 36104, beginning December 15, 2009. Attendees and interested parties may offer public comments at the hearing or submit written comments to the State. Written comments should be received in the ADECA office no later than January 19, 2010. Comments should be addressed to Mr. Shabbir Olia, ADECA, P.O. Box 5690, Montgomery, AL 36103-5690, or e-mailed to CED@adeca.alabama.gov.

Persons with disabilities or special needs who may require special materials, services, or assistance in order to attend the public hearings should notify the State no later than December 10, 2009. Please call Mr. Shabbir Olia at 334-242-5468 or write to him at the address or email listed above.

