



ATLANTA REGION HUD LINES



E-Briefs from the Atlanta Regional Office of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Welcome to **HUD LINES** - a quarterly newsletter about HUD information in the Southeast and Caribbean Region. For further information about programs in this issue or other HUD Programs visit the links listed or go to www.hud.gov

-Bob Young, HUD Atlanta Regional Director-



FHA Launches Education Initiative To Assist First Time Minority Homebuyers

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federal Housing Administration (FHA) has launched a public education campaign directed at first time minority homebuyers. The radio and newspaper-based campaign will run in 16 markets targeting African American and Hispanic American communities. This bilingual campaign is part of HUD's continuing effort to meet the President's challenge to create 5.5 million new minority homeowners by the end of the decade. Since the challenge was initiated in June 2002, 2.6 million minority families have joined the ranks of homeowners - www.hud.gov or visit the **new FHA website** for more information on FHA products, www.fha.gov



Earned Income Tax Credit - *There Is Still Time!*

IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program and the Tax counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Program offer free tax help, if you qualify. Call 1-800-829-1040. Tax credits as much as \$4,400!!
<http://apps.irs.gov/app/eitc2005/SetLanguage.do?lang=en>

HUD - Funding Availability - Super NOFA Announcement

Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson unveiled HUD's Fiscal Year 2006 "SuperNOFA," a notice that officially makes available approximately \$2.2 billion in grants through 39 individual programs. This year's SuperNOFA will continue the Department's shift toward requiring nearly all grant applications to be submitted electronically through www.grants.gov.

HUD has provided an easy step-by-step registration guide for new applicants as well as for those who have previously registered. To read the Department's step-by-step registration guide and to view HUD's FY 2006 SuperNOFA, visit [HUD's website](http://www.hud.gov).

Hurricane Disaster Resources And Updates From HUD

For update information about Disaster Assistance, regulations, funding, resources, meetings check out the HUD WEB at: <http://hudatwork.hud.gov/info/hurricane-resources.cfm>

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Stop Mortgage Fraud: A Call To Action

Rampant fraud in the mortgage industry has increased so that the FBI warned of an “epidemic” of financial crimes, which, if not stopped, could become “the next Savings and Loans (S&L) crisis.” Join HUD during JUNE IS NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH at the Mortgage Fraud Symposium on June 22, 2006 in Savannah, Georgia. For more information check out our web site - www.hud.gov/Georgia **Registration information on the web available at:** [Register Online](#)

HUD Is Offering Free Web Clinics

HUD is offering great training opportunities to help you use the Internet to do your work. HUD's Departmental Web Managers teach these popular classes on how to design and manage a public service website that works. And the best part? **They're FREE!**

Who Should Come? Non-profits, state and local governments, public housing agencies, faith-based and community-based organizations, tribal entities, and other HUD partner organizations. Web Clinics target HUD partner organizations who don't already have a website or who don't quite know what to do with their websites.

To find out where the Next Web Clinics will be held go to HUD web at:
<http://www.hud.gov/library/bookshelf15/webclinics/when.cfm>

APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH – *“IT’S NOT AN OPTION, IT’S THE LAW”*



Mark your calendars! This April 2006 marks the 38th annual celebration of Fair Housing Month. This year's theme is: "Fair Housing: It's Not An Option, It's the Law." Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Kim Kendrick will be visiting Atlanta, Georgia on April 5, 2006 participating in a number of events. Details on upcoming Fair Housing Month events and other information can be found at:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/index.cfm>

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