

# ***IDIS LIVE***

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...for the Integrated Disbursement and Information System

Office of Community Planning and Development

## **HERE'S HOPING 2001 IS A GREAT YEAR FOR IDIS (AND FOR OUR GRANTEES, TOO)**

### **IDIS TRAINING FEB. 13-16 IN SEATTLE; NEW REPORTING WORKSHOP DEBUTS**

Hands-on IDIS training takes to the road again in February after a brief hiatus in January. Trainers from TONYA, Inc. will be offering a brand-new one-day IDIS Reports Workshop. This class is geared to experienced IDIS users who want to learn how IDIS reports will help them better manage their programs while providing the details needed for the annual CAPER reporting process.

Also on the schedule is the one-day IDIS Plus workshop that debuted in Dallas this past December. IDIS Plus is designed for Entitlement users (as opposed to State users) who are experienced in using IDIS but who wish to expand their basic knowledge and use all features of IDIS.

Less experienced IDIS users will find the usual array of two-day classes for CDBG-only entitlements, multi-funded entitlements, state HOME recipients, and state CDBG recipients. Also offered is the one-day class for state ESG and HOPWA recipients.

All sessions will be held at the West Coast Grand Hotel in Seattle. (Workshop registration deadline is January 12, 2001; Hotel registration deadline is January 15, 2001.) See the Training article in this issue for additional registration information. ■

### **IDIS ENHANCEMENT RELEASES TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, AND AUGUST**

CPD has committed to four new releases of IDIS through September 30, 2001. These releases will address many of the fixes and enhancements our users told us they wanted. Releases are tentatively scheduled for January, March, May, and August, 2001.

Watch for the Release Note announcements which will be posted to the IDIS News page and the IDIS web page. ■

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## **IDIS AVAILABLE ON SATURDAYS AND FEDERAL HOLIDAYS**

IDIS is now available every Saturday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., eastern time. In addition, IDIS will be available on the following Federal Holidays:

January 15      Martin Luther King's Birthday  
January 20      Inauguration Day

Please note that vouchers created on Saturdays will not be sent to LOCCS until the following Monday evening. The exception is vouchers created on Saturday, January 13 which will not be sent to LOCCS until the following Tuesday evening. Please note that the IDIS Technical Assistance Unit will not be available to assist weekend or holiday users. ■

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## **WEB ACCESS USING INTERNET EXPLORER UPDATE**

CPD and IT are continuing to develop web-based IDIS access for our Internet Explorer users. This task has proved formidable and we are currently working with our Web390 software vendor, Information Builders, Inc., to develop a process that is both robust and secure. Watch for future updates as development progresses. ■

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## **HUD ANNOUNCES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REORGANIZATION**

HUD has moved the Information Technology organization from the Office of Administration to the Office of the Chief Information Officer. This has little impact on the IDIS developers except that they now report to HUD's CIO, Ms. Gloria Parker. We look forward to working with Ms. Parker and her staff in our efforts to improve IDIS and to ensure that DGMS is a useful tool for grantees and HUD. You can find more information on the CIO at: <http://www.hud.gov/cio/ciohome.html>. ■

## **TAU TOTALS FOR NOVEMBER**

A total of 1,089 calls were received by the TAU during the month of November 2000. Less than one percent of the calls (7) concerned the HOPE 3 program and other non-IDIS calls, while over 99 percent of the calls (1,082) were associated with IDIS. All calls received by the TAU were answered by CSC customer service representatives, resulting in no voice mail for the month. ■

**The next edition of *IDIS Live* will be published on February 1, 2001.**

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**For technical information**, contact your field office or the CPD Technical Assistance Unit at 1-800-273-2573.

**To have your IDIS ID and password reset**, call HUD Security at 202-708-3300.

**For IDIS training**, contact TONYA, Inc. at 202-289-8100.

**For Web390 ID and password information**, contact your local HUD field office or the TAU at 1-800-273-2573. ■

# REGISTER NOW FOR IDIS TRAINING FEB. 13-16 IN SEATTLE

## New IDIS Plus and Reports Workshops for Advanced Users; Training for States and Entitlements Continues

**West Coast Grand Hotel**  
1415 Fifth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101  
(206) 971-8000

**Hotel Reservation Deadline: January 15, 2001**

With the addition of the new IDIS Reports workshop, CPD now offers seven different IDIS workshops.

Workshops A through E are designed primarily to help new or less experienced users build the basic skills necessary to successfully navigate the IDIS system.

Entitlement grantees receiving only CDBG program funds should register for Workshop 'A.' Note: to ensure that the needs of all participants are addressed, the CDBG session has been expanded from one day to two days. This will give ample time to discuss IDIS reports and reporting.

Entitlement grantees receiving HOME funds (in addition to other program funds) should register for Workshop 'B,' the multi-funded, two-day session.

State grantees receiving HOPWA or ESG program funds should register for the one-day session, Workshop 'C.'

State grantees receiving CDBG funds should register for the two-day Workshop 'D.'

State grantees receiving HOME funds should register for the two-day Workshop 'E.'

Experienced entitlement grantees may register for the one-day IDIS Plus Workshop 'F' or the one-day IDIS Reports Workshop 'G.' (When registering for the IDIS Plus Workshop, you will be asked to complete a brief survey which will help the instructors determine your level of expertise.) These workshops will be held "classroom style" in a separate room rather than combined with other workshops in "corners" of a larger room. We anticipate having 20 participants in each session and will have two trainers for each session. The emphasis will be on course content rather than on "hands-on" computer training although computers available will be used for portions of each workshop.

For more information or to register, go to the IDIS web page [www.hud.gov/cpd/idis/idisweb.html](http://www.hud.gov/cpd/idis/idisweb.html) and click on the "Calendar" topic. Or, contact Valerie Feemster at 202-289-8100. ■

Workshop registration deadline: January 12, 2001

<u>Workshop 'A'</u> <u>(CDBG only)</u>	<u>Workshop 'B'</u> <u>(Multi-Funded)</u>	<u>Workshop 'C'</u> <u>(HOPWA/ESG for States)</u>	<u>Workshop 'D'</u> <u>(CDBG for States)</u>	<u>Workshop 'E'</u> <u>(HOME for States)</u>	<u>Workshop 'F'</u> <u>(IDIS Plus)</u>	<u>Workshop 'G'</u> <u>(IDIS Reports)</u>
Feb. 13-14	Feb. 13-14 or Feb. 15-16	Feb. 15	Feb. 15-16	Feb. 15-16	Feb. 13 or Feb. 14	Feb. 15 or Feb. 16