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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Participants in Ginnie Mae Programs

FROM: George S. Anderson, Executive Vice President

SUBJECT: Release of GinnieNET 2020 Version 5.5

Attached is a copy of GinnieNET 2020, Version 5.5 software ("Version 5.5") that replaces GinnieNET 2020, Versions 5.4 ("Version 5.4") and 5.4.1 ("Version 5.4.1") software. **Version 5.5 is required to be used by all Ginnie Mae issuers beginning with pools scheduled for settlement after January 14, 2002, due to the upcoming implementation of the conversion of securities settlements to the Federal Reserve Banks (see All Participants Memorandum 01-27 for the scheduled conversion dates).**

Below is a description of the enhancements that have been made to the GinnieNET software to facilitate the settlement of Ginnie Mae securities at the Federal Reserve, to implement program enhancements, and to further streamline Ginnie Mae's processing requirements.

Settlement at the Federal Reserve:

Initially, Ginnie Mae released Version 5.4 to accommodate the conversion of Ginnie Mae securities to the Federal Reserve Banks; this conversion was scheduled to take place from October through December 2001 (see All Participants Memoranda 01-18 and 01-24). Version 5.4 required issuers to provide both their clearing bank for settling Ginnie Mae securities with the Federal Reserve, and their contra account for settling Ginnie Mae securities with the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation, during the conversion period (see All Participants Memorandum 01-18). When the conversion was delayed due to the World Trade Center tragedy, Ginnie Mae released a disabler diskette (Version 5.4.1) that disabled the screen providing the issuer's clearing bank information for settling securities at the Federal Reserve. Version 5.5 provides issuers with the ability to include both contra account and clearing bank information, as originally provided for in Version 5.4.

Issuers that did not disable the clearing bank screen by installing Version 5.4.1 will still be required to install Version 5.5, since Version 5.4 contains certain date-sensitive information that is no longer applicable.

Ginnie Mae I Multiple Issuer Pools:

A separate announcement will be forthcoming regarding the implementation of a Multiple Issuer Pool program (“MIP”) under the Ginnie Mae I program. The MIP will allow issuers to deliver packages of loans, eligible for pooling under the Ginnie Mae I program, into Multiple Issuer pools. The MIP will be similar to the Ginnie Mae II Multiple Issuer program. Version 5.5 provides issuers with the capability to submit Ginnie Mae I Multiple Issuer Loan packages.

Bond Pool Consolidation:

Version 5.5 will allow issuers of bond-financed pools to consolidate some or all pools issued under a single bond issue into one pool. A separate announcement concerning Ginnie Mae’s Bond Pool Consolidation program will be released shortly.

Windows 2000 and Windows Millenium:

Version 5.5 updates GinnieNET 2020 to enable issuers to operate the software on Windows 2000 and Windows Millenium operating systems.

Maximum VA Loan Limit:

In All Participants Memorandum 01-29, Ginnie Mae announced that the maximum VA loan limit eligible for pooling would be increased from \$203,000 to the maximum original loan amount for conforming home mortgages. Effective January 1, 2002, the maximum eligible VA loan will be \$300,700. Version 5.5 implements this increase.

If you have any questions regarding this announcement, please contact your Account Executive in the Office of Customer Service at (202) 708-1535 or the Office of Multifamily Programs at (202) 708-2043.

Attachment

(Website Note: GinnieNET 2020 Version software is not available on this website. Should you have questions, contact your GinnieMae Account Executive.)