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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Participants in Ginnie Mae Programs

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SUBJECT: Assignment of Unique Loan IDs for Testing and Production Purposes

As previously announced in APM 08-02, "*Reporting and Feedback System and GinnieNET System Updates*," dated January 18, 2008, Ginnie Mae announced its intent to assign Unique Loan IDs for all active loans beginning May 2008. The announcement has prompted issuers to request a test file of Unique Loan IDs. Consequently, in an effort to assist issuers with their system testing, Ginnie Mae will provide all issuers with a test file. **While the test file includes Unique Loan IDs for all loans active through February 2008, the test file is for testing purposes only.** On **April 1, 2008**, issuers may obtain their test file via Ginnie Mae's e-Access system.

Ginnie Mae's Unique Loan IDs implementation **into production** will follow a two-step approach that addresses both the existing portfolio of loans, as well as new pool originations.

For existing portfolio of loans:

- *One-Time Assignment of Loan IDs for the Existing Portfolio* - In late May 2008, Ginnie Mae will provide each issuer a Unique Loan ID file to be used in updating their systems with the Ginnie Mae Unique Loan ID of record. The Unique Loan IDs included in the May file are for use in production operations, and the file will be made available through Ginnie Mae's e-Access. Issuers are responsible for correctly applying the Unique Loan IDs contained in the May file to their own production systems, and for maintaining the Unique Loan IDs going forward. The Unique Loan IDs included in the May file will be for all loans reported to Ginnie Mae through April 2008.

For new pool originations:

- *Ongoing Assignment of Loan IDs for New Pool Originations* - Beginning with pools with a May 1, 2008, issuance date, Ginnie Mae will assign a Ginnie Mae Unique Loan ID at pooling through GinnieNET for loans in new pool issuances. After initial certification, issuers will then receive a file containing the Unique Loan IDs assigned to the loans in the pools. A notice will be sent via e-Notification, instructing issuers to pick up their file. Issuers are responsible for applying the Unique Loan IDs to their systems in a timely manner.

Ginnie Mae has published an updated version of the file layout specification for the one-time loan key assignment process. The GinnieNET file will be in the same format. Issuers may access the updated specification file at:

[http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/Unique Loan IDs File Layout.pdf](http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/Unique_Loan_IDs_File_Layout.pdf)

Issuers must apply Unique Loan IDs to the loans in their own information systems prior to the start of RFS Issuer testing, which is scheduled to begin in July 2008. The Unique Loan ID is required for the RFS reporting process, and enables Ginnie Mae to uniquely identify and track all loans.

If you have any questions regarding this announcement, please submit them online by visiting the [RFS Help Desk](#).