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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Participants in Ginnie Mae Programs

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SUBJECT: Ginnie Mae's Reporting and Feedback System (RFS) Issuer  
Testing Schedule

In APM 09-09, *Updates Regarding Ginnie Mae's New Reporting and Feedback System*, dated March 13, 2009, Ginnie Mae announced revised RFS implementation dates. Issuers must "go live" on either July 1, 2009, or October 1, 2009. Before doing so, however, Issuers are required to successfully complete RFS Issuer Testing in compliance with all requirements included in the RFS Issuer Reporting Technical Specification ("IRTS"), Version 5.0 (updated February 25, 2009). Additional details related to the Issuer testing schedule, future Issuer communications, changes to Ginnie Mae's Mortgage-Backed Securities Guide 5500.3, Rev. 1 ("Guide"), and changes to Ginnie Mae's Accounting Manual are addressed in this announcement.

### **RFS Issuer Testing Schedule**

The RFS Issuer testing schedule has been extended to include two additional testing periods, testing periods 3 and 4.

#### Issuer Testing Period 3

All Issuers may participate in testing period 3; however, Issuers that plan to "go-live" with RFS on July 1, 2009, must participate and successfully pass testing.

- Testing begins April 22, 2009, and ends June 15, 2009.
- Issuers will test with March 2009 data (as reported in the April 2009 reporting period) and April 2009 data (as reported in the May 2009 reporting period).

Those Issuers that do not participate or that do not pass the requirements for Issuer testing period 3 must participate and successfully pass Issuer testing period 4.

### Issuer Testing Period 4

All remaining Issuers (that did not “go live” on July 1, 2009) must plan for “go-live” on October 1, 2009 and must participate in period 4 of testing.

- Testing begins June 19, 2009, and ends August 26, 2009.
- Issuers will test with May 2009 data (as reported in the June 2009 reporting period) and June 2009 data (as reported in the July 2009 reporting period).

In order to complete RFS Issuer testing, Issuers must comply with the requirements set forth in the items listed below, which are described more fully in the IRTS and RFS Testing Guide.

- Issuers must submit data files that are in compliance with the RFS IRTS, Version 5.0. [http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/rfs\\_guide.pdf](http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/rfs_guide.pdf)
- Issuer data for testing must comply with the testing criteria set forth in the RFS Issuer Testing Guide, [http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/RFS\\_Issuer\\_Testing\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/RFS_Issuer_Testing_Guide.pdf).
- Issuers should continue to submit data files via their chosen reporting method (either online or through SFTP) using their existing user accounts. For Issuers that do not have a portal ID and password, registration information can be found at: [http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/gmep\\_faq.asp?subTitle=Issuers](http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/gmep_faq.asp?subTitle=Issuers).
- Issuers should continue to use the existing Ginnie Mae Enterprise Portal (“GMEP”), located at <https://uat.eginniemae.net>, for Issuer testing.
- Issuers that begin reporting via RFS beginning July 1 (June reporting period data) must continue to do so monthly thereafter. Issuers cannot revert back to previous monthly reporting formats and schedules.

### **Issuer Communication**

Ginnie Mae will conduct an industry conference call on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, to address Issuer concerns and questions in an effort to provide Issuers with continued support and guidance throughout the BPI/RFS implementation. Conference call details will be provided in a follow-up communication via Ginnie Mae’s e-Notification system.

No later than April 17, 2009, Issuers must inform Ginnie Mae of their intent to begin RFS reporting by selecting one of the two approved RFS “go-live” dates of either July 1, 2009, or October 1, 2009. Issuers must provide this information by accessing the RFS Issuer testing link below:

[RFS Issuer Testing](#)

In addition Ginnie Mae will host web-based RFS trainings in April 2009 and June 2009. Details will be provided via Ginnie Mae's eNotification. The training provides information on how Issuers are to complete monthly investor reporting through Ginnie Mae's RFS via the Ginnie Mae Enterprise Portal (GMEP). Issuers may access the training materials on Ginnie Mae's website by accessing the following link:

[RFS Training Presentation](#)

### **Portal IDs and Passwords**

The portal IDs that are used during Issuer testing, will also be used for production. However, the first time the portal is accessed in production, the system will require Issuers to change their password.

### **MBS Guide and Accounting Manual Changes**

In support of the RFS implementation, upcoming APMs will detail changes to Ginnie Mae's Guide and the Ginnie Mae Accounting Manual. Guide changes will be posted to Ginnie Mae's "What's New" web page no later than June 1, 2009.

### **Accelerated Reporting Timelines**

As stated in APM 09-09, beginning on July 1, 2009, all Issuers (not just those reporting via RFS) are expected to comply with the accelerated reporting timelines specified in the table below.

Reporting Method as of July 1, 2009	Cutoff Date	RPB Reporting	RPB Corrections	Monthly Pool Reporting	Monthly Pool Correction	Monthly Loan Level Reporting	Monthly Loan Level Corrections
Issuers Not Reporting via RFS	1st business day	2nd business day	4th business day	5th business day	10th business day	5th business day	10th business day
Issuers Reporting via RFS	1st business day	2nd business day	4th business day	2nd business day	10th business day	2nd business day	10th business day

### **RFS Issuer Resources**

Numerous helpful RFS documents can be accessed by visiting the RFS resource page at:  
[http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/rfs\\_toc.asp?Section=Issuers](http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/rfs_toc.asp?Section=Issuers)

The RFS FAQs and related information are available at:  
[http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/rfs\\_toc.asp?Section=Issuers](http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/rfs_toc.asp?Section=Issuers)

If you have any questions regarding this announcement, please submit them online by visiting the RFS Help Desk at [http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/rfs\\_ques.asp?Section=Issuers](http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/rfs_ques.asp?Section=Issuers).