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Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Loan Modifications and Refinancings Continue to Increase In Second Quarter

Washington, DC – Loan modifications and refinancings by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were up in the second quarter as the volume of permanent modifications under the Administration's Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) increased 65 percent while refinancings under the Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP) increased by 30 percent. The data were released in FHFA's Second Quarter 2010 *Foreclosure Prevention & Refinance Report*, which includes data on all of the Enterprises' foreclosure prevention efforts.

Findings of the quarterly report include the following:

- Overall volume of loan modifications increased 24 percent to nearly 171,200 during the quarter, with the majority of modifications completed through HAMP.
- More than half of completed loan modifications in the second quarter lowered borrowers' monthly payments by more than 30 percent.
- Loans modified in the last two quarters are performing substantially better than loans modified in earlier periods. Less than 10 percent of loans modified in the last two quarters were 60-plus-days delinquent three months after modifications.
- Short sales and deeds-in-lieu increased 27 percent during the quarter to nearly 30,900.
- Since the first full quarter in conservatorship (4Q08), combined completed foreclosure prevention actions total 1,013,700.
- Foreclosure starts increased 12 percent to nearly 275,100 while completed foreclosure sales and third-party sales increased 15 percent to nearly 112,400 in the second quarter.

<u>Link to Foreclosure Prevention & Refinance Report – Second Quarter 2010</u>

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The Federal Housing Finance Agency regulates Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the 12 Federal Home Loan Banks. These government-sponsored enterprises provide more than \$5.9 trillion in funding for the U.S. mortgage markets and financial institutions.