

## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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### Notice of Single Family Loan Sales (SFLS 2013-1)

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of sales of mortgage loans.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces HUD's intention to competitively sell certain unsubsidized single family mortgage loans, in a sealed bid sale offering called SFLS 2013-1, without Federal Housing Administration (FHA) mortgage insurance. This notice also generally describes the bidding process for the sale and describes certain persons who are ineligible to bid. This first sale of Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 is scheduled for March 2013. FHA also expects to conduct two additional sales in FY 2013 in June and September 2013.

**DATES:** The Bidder's Information Package (BIP) was made available to qualified bidders on or about February 20, 2013. Bids for the 2013-1 sale will be accepted on two Bid Dates and must be submitted on those dates, which are currently scheduled for March 20, 2013 and March 27, 2013 (Bid Dates). HUD anticipates that award(s) will be made on or about March 21, 2013, for the first offering, and March 28, 2013, for the second (the Award Dates).

**ADDRESSES:** To become a qualified bidder and receive the BIP, prospective bidders must complete, execute, and submit a Confidentiality Agreement and a Qualification Statement acceptable to HUD. Both documents are available via the HUD Web site at: <http://www.hud.gov/sfloansales> or via: <http://www.DebtX.com>.

Please mail and fax executed documents to SEBA Professional Services: SEBA Professional Services, c/o The Debt Exchange, 133 Federal Street, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02111, Attention: HUD SFLS Loan Sale Coordinator, Fax: 1-617-531-3499.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Lucey, Deputy Director, Asset Sales Office, Room 3136, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410-8000; telephone 202-708-2625, extension 3927. Hearing- or speech-impaired individuals may call 202-708-4594 (TTY). These are not toll-free numbers.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** HUD announces its intention to sell in SFLS 2013-1 certain unsubsidized non-

performing mortgage loans (Mortgage Loans) secured by single family properties located throughout the United States. A listing of the Mortgage Loans is included in the due diligence materials made available to qualified bidders. The Mortgage Loans will be sold without FHA insurance and with servicing released. HUD will offer qualified bidders an opportunity to bid competitively on the Mortgage Loans.

The Loans will be offered on two sale dates. On March 20, 2013, the Department will offer national loan pools for bid. On March 27, 2013, the Department will offer regionally-based pools, with additional purchaser requirements, that are called the Neighborhood Stabilization Outcome pools.

#### The Bidding Process

The BIP describes in detail the procedure for bidding in SFLS 2013-1. The BIP also includes a standardized non-negotiable Conveyance, Assignment and Assumption Agreement (CAA Agreement). Qualified bidders will be required to submit a deposit with their bid. Deposits are calculated based upon each qualified bidder's aggregate bid price.

HUD will evaluate the bids submitted and determine the successful bid, in terms of the best value to HUD, in its sole and absolute discretion. If a qualified bidder is successful, the qualified bidder's deposit will be non-refundable and will be applied toward the purchase price. Deposits will be returned to unsuccessful bidders. For the 2013-1 sale actions, settlements are expected to take place on or about April 22, 2013 and May 20, 2013.

This notice provides some of the basic terms of sale. The CAA Agreement, which is included in the BIP, provides comprehensive contractual terms and conditions. To ensure a competitive bidding process, the terms of the bidding process and the CAA Agreement are not subject to negotiation.

#### Due Diligence Review

The BIP describes how qualified bidders may access the due diligence materials remotely via a high-speed Internet connection.

#### Mortgage Loan Sale Policy

HUD reserves the right to remove Mortgage Loans from SFLS 2013-1 at any time prior to the Award Date. HUD also reserves the right to reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, and include any Mortgage Loans in a later sale. Deliveries of Mortgage Loans will occur in at least two monthly settlements and

the number of Mortgage Loans delivered will vary depending upon the number of Mortgage Loans the Participating Servicers have submitted for the payment of an FHA insurance claim. The Participating Servicers will not be able to submit claims on loans that are not included in the Mortgage Loan Portfolio set forth in the BIP.

There can be no assurance that any Participating Servicer will deliver a minimum number of Mortgage Loans to HUD or that a minimum number of Mortgage Loans will be delivered to the Purchaser.

The 2013-1 sale of Mortgage Loans are assigned to HUD pursuant to section 204(a)(1)(A) of the National Housing Act as amended under Title VI of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999. The sale of the Mortgage Loans is pursuant to section 204(g) of the National Housing Act.

#### Mortgage Loan Sale Procedure

HUD selected an open competitive whole-loan sale as the method to sell the Mortgage Loans for this specific sale transaction. For the SFLS 2013-1, HUD has determined that this method of sale optimizes HUD's return on the sale of these Mortgage Loans, affords the greatest opportunity for all qualified bidders to bid on the Mortgage Loans, and provides the quickest and most efficient vehicle for HUD to dispose of the Mortgage Loans.

#### Bidder Ineligibility

**Note:** Related Entities, as used in this Notice, are defined as (a) two entities that have (i) significant common purposes and substantial common membership or (ii) directly or indirectly substantial common direction or control; or (b) either entity owns (directly or through one or more entities) a 50 percent or greater interest in the capital or profits of the other. For this purpose, entities treated as related entities under this definition shall be treated as one entity.

In order to bid in the 2013-1 sale as a qualified bidder, a prospective bidder must complete, execute and submit both a Confidentiality Agreement and a Qualification Statement acceptable to HUD and applicable to the loan pool being purchased. If any of the following apply to (i) a prospective bidder, (ii) the prospective bidder's significant (>10%) owners and persons with authority or control over the prospective bidder; (iii) any individuals/entities related to the prospective bidder ("Related Entities" as defined below) or (iv) significant (>10%) owners and person with authority or control of such Related Entities, then the prospective bidder is

ineligible to bid on any of the Mortgage Loans included in SFLS:

1. The prospective bidder is an employee of HUD, a member of such employee's household, or an entity owned or controlled by any such employee or member of such an employee's household with household to be inclusive of the employee's father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, grandparent, grandson, granddaughter, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, first cousin, the spouse of any of the foregoing, and the employee's spouse;

2. The prospective bidder is an individual or entity that is currently debarred, suspended, or excluded from doing business with HUD pursuant to the Governmentwide Suspension and Debarment regulations at Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations, parts 180 and 24243) the prospective bidder is an individual or entity that has been suspended, debarred or otherwise restricted by any Department or Agency of the Federal Government or of a State Government from doing business with such Department or Agency;

3. The prospective bidder is an individual or entity that has been debarred, suspended, or excluded from doing mortgage related business, including having a business license suspended, surrendered or revoked, by any federal, state or local government agency, division or department;

4. The prospective bidder is a contractor, subcontractor and/or consultant or advisor (including any agent, employee, partner, director, principal or affiliate of any of the foregoing) who performed services for or on behalf of HUD in connection with single family asset sales;

5. The prospective bidder is an individual or entity that uses the services, directly or indirectly, of any person or entity ineligible under subparagraphs 1 through 3 above to assist in preparing any of its bids on the Mortgage Loans;

6. The prospective bidder is an individual or entity which employs or uses the services of an employee of HUD (other than in such employee's official capacity) who is involved in single family asset sales;

7. The prospective bidder is an entity or individual that serviced or held any Mortgage Loan at any time during the 2-year period prior to the Award Date;

8. The prospective bidder is an entity or individual that is: (a) Any affiliate or principal of any entity or individual described in the preceding sentence

(sub-paragraph 8); (b) any employee or subcontractor of such entity or individual during that 2-year period prior to Award Date; or (c) any entity or individual that employs or uses the services of any other entity or individual described in this paragraph in preparing its bid on such Mortgage Loan; or

9. The prospective bidder is an entity that has had its right to act as a Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae) issuer and its interest in mortgages backing Ginnie Mae mortgage-backed securities extinguished and terminated by Ginnie Mae.

#### Freedom of Information Act Requests

HUD reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to disclose information regarding SFLS 2013-1, including, but not limited to, the identity of any successful qualified bidder and its bid price or bid percentage for any pool of loans or individual loan, upon the closing of the sale of all the Mortgage Loans. Even if HUD elects not to publicly disclose any information relating to SFLS 2013-1, HUD will disclose any information that HUD is obligated to disclose pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and all regulations promulgated thereunder.

#### Scope of Notice

This notice applies to SFLS 2013-1 and does not establish HUD's policy for the sale of other mortgage loans.

Dated: February 27, 2013.

**Laura M. Marin,**

*Acting General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Invasive Species Advisory Committee; Meeting Cancellation

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Notice of meeting cancellation.

**SUMMARY:** The meeting of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2013 and Friday, March 8, 2013; is cancelled. The ISAC new member orientation scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2013 is also cancelled. Notice of this meeting was published in the February 11, 2013 issue of the **Federal Register** (78 FR 9724). A correction to meeting dates was published on February 20, 2013 (78 FR 11899). Both events are

cancelled due to budget sequestration, and will not be rescheduled.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Designated Federal Official, Lori Williams, NISC Executive Director, 202-513-7243; or email to [Lori\\_Williams@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Lori_Williams@ios.doi.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ISAC is comprised of 31 nonfederal invasive species experts and stakeholders from across the nation. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide advice to the National Invasive Species Council, as authorized by Executive Order 13112, on a broad array of issues related to preventing the introduction of invasive species and providing for their control and minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause. The Council is co-chaired by the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of Commerce. The duty of the Council is to provide national leadership regarding invasive species issues.

Dated: February 28, 2013.

**Lori Williams,**

*Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Wildland Fire Executive Council; Renewal

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior.  
**ACTION:** Renewal of the Wildland Fire Executive Council.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, and with the concurrence of the General Services Administration, the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture are renewing the Wildland Fire Executive Council (WFEC). The purpose of the WFEC is to provide advice on the coordinated national level wildland fire policy leadership, direction, and program oversight in support to the Wildland Fire Leadership Council.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Shari Eckhoff, Designated Federal Officer, 300 E Mallard Drive, Suite 170, Boise, Idaho 83706; telephone (208) 334-1552; fax (208) 334-1549; or email [shari\\_eckhoff@ios.doi.gov](mailto:shari_eckhoff@ios.doi.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The WFEC is being renewed as a discretionary