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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Participants in Ginnie Mae Programs
FROM: Theodore W. Tozer, President
SUBJECT: Alphanumeric Pool Numbers

As previously published in APM [09-06](#), dated February 11, 2009, and APM [10-25](#), dated December 21, 2010, Ginnie Mae announced that it would adopt an alphanumeric pool number format to ensure the availability of pool numbers, as numeric pool numbers diminish. Ginnie Mae intended to utilize the remainder of all outstanding numeric pool numbers for each pool type before migrating to the alphanumeric format. Furthermore, Ginnie Mae required all issuers to have their systems ready to accept alphanumeric numbers by no later than March 1, 2010.

Based on the remaining number of available unassigned numeric pool numbers and the current rate of usage, Ginnie Mae anticipates that it will begin assigning alphanumeric pool numbers in February 2012, starting with fixed rate pool types. Issuers should utilize all their remaining assigned numeric pool numbers before using their assigned alphanumeric pool numbers.

For additional assistance, Issuers may contact their Ginnie Mae Account Executive in the Office of Mortgage-Backed Securities at (202)708-1535.