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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Participants in Ginnie Mae Programs

FROM: Thomas R. Weakland, Acting Executive Vice President

SUBJECT: Reporting and Feedback System (“RFS”) Testing

In preparation for the upcoming RFS implementation, Ginnie Mae is requiring all Issuers to participate in the second round of testing, which will take place between January 19, 2009 and March 28, 2009.

### **RFS Issuer Testing**

The first cycle of RFS Issuer Testing ended on December 19, 2008. Because Issuers did not meet Ginnie Mae’s testing objectives, all Issuers regardless of their participation in the first cycle of Issuer testing are required to participate in a second cycle of RFS Issuer testing. The second test will take place between January 19, 2009 and March 28, 2009. This will provide Issuers with an opportunity to resolve problems encountered in the first test. During this second cycle, Issuers should report data for the following two reporting periods: December 2008 data (reported in January 2009); and January 2009 data (reported in February 2009).

Once again the objective of Issuer testing is to verify each Issuer’s ability to:

- Correctly apply Ginnie Mae Unique Loan IDs to the loan information in their own systems;
- Electronically transmit monthly reporting data to RFS;
- Produce data files that are compatible with the RFS record layout format;
- Produce data files that generate correct RPB validations; and
- Produce data files that generate similar financial summary results in both RFS and MBSIS.

Ginnie Mae will accept, review, and analyze this data to provide feedback to each Issuer. Issuers should continue to access RFS via the Ginnie Mae Enterprise Portal (GMEP) using their existing web address and user accounts. Issuers will be required to change their passwords. To access the GMEP during the second cycle of Issuer testing, Issuers should navigate to the following web address: <https://uat.eginniemae.net>.

### RFS Issuer Testing Dates

	<b>Begins</b>	<b>Ends</b>
RFS Issuer Testing-1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle (June 2008/July 2008 data)	October 20, 2008	December 19, 2008
RFS Issuer Testing-2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle (December 2008/January 2009)	January 19, 2009	March 28, 2009

### Issuer Support

Ginnie Mae will continue to offer various forms of support to Issuers, as described in the table below.

<b>Support Need(s)</b>	<b>Support Resource</b>	<b>Web Address or Telephone</b>
Detailed information about RFS Issuer Testing	RFS Issuer Testing Guide	<a href="http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/RFS_Issuer_Testing_Guide.pdf">http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/RFS_Issuer_Testing_Guide.pdf</a>
Basic Information about RFS	Ginnie Mae Reporting and Feedback System (RFS) and GinnieNET Information	<a href="http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/rfs_toc.asp?Section=Issuers">http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/rfs_toc.asp?Section=Issuers</a>
Answers to common questions about RFS	RFS Frequently Asked Questions (F.A.Qs)	<a href="http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/rfs_faq.asp?subTitle=Issuers">http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/rfs_faq.asp?subTitle=Issuers</a>
RFS File Layout	RFS Issuer Reporting Technical Specification (IRTS)	<a href="http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/RFS_Guide.pdf">http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/RFS_Guide.pdf</a>
Inquiries about your GMEP user account	GMEP Security Officer	Contact the GMEP Security Officer at your organization
Inquiries about GMEP Security Officer accounts	GMEP Help Desk	ginniemae@bankofny.com or call (800) 234-4662, Option 1.
Inquiries about RFS SFTP Access	GMEP Help Desk	ginniemae@bankofny.com or call (800) 234-4662, Option 1.
Inquiries about RFS Issuer Testing	RFS Help Desk	<a href="http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/rfs_ques.asp?Section=Issuers">http://www.ginniemae.gov/issuers/rfs_ques.asp?Section=Issuers</a>
Inquiries about RFS Issuer Testing Data Files and Feedback	Mr. Steve Audi	Tel. (301) 721-5927

Issuers that cannot meet the RFS implementation timeline or the RFS issuer testing timelines listed above should contact Mr. Gustavo Lopez at (703) 251-1182.