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E-MAIL ALERT

Dear James,

We think this information can't wait for our next newsletter. So we're sending it to you now.

The current way you transmit information to TRACS *won't be available after February 29, 2009* and this message contains the timetable for converting to the new system.

HUD issued the timetable to convert to iMAX



HUD's update to the TRACSMail system is called Integrated Multifamily Access eXchange (iMAX). As of the end of calendar year 2008, Sprint will no longer provide support for the existing TRACSMail system and all users will need to convert to iMAX.

To conform to this tight conversion schedule, HUD published a memorandum on October 8th that included an iMAX implementation schedule. Following is an overview of the schedule:

1. September 29, 2008: iMAX became operational. iMAX users will need a WASS ID and password as well as an iMAX ID and password. Persons who already have a valid (M) ID and TRACS online queries will automatically be assigned the iMAX role. If you don't have a WASS (M) ID, register for one by going to:

https://hudapps.hud.gov/public/wass/independent/indreg_page.jsp

To get assistance with access, call the Multifamily Helo Desk at 1-800-767-7588 or send an e-mail to TRACS@hud.gov

TRACS will accept and process both TRACS 202B and 202C Monthly Activity Transmissions (MATs).

2. December 1, 2008: PBCA's and TCA's must use iMAX to transmit tenant certification and voucher data effective March 1, 2009.

3. December 1, 2008 thru March 31, 2009: Both PBCAs and TCAs must be ready to accept both TRACS 202B and 202C Monthly Activity Transmissions.

4. February 28, 2009: HUD will terminate support for TRACSMail effective this date. Consequently, owners, PBCA's and TCA's must use iMAX to transmit tenant certification and voucher data effective March 1, 2009.

5. March 31, 2009: Last date that HUD will accept 202B Monthly Activity Transmissions.

6. April 1, 2009: Owners, PBCAs and TCAs must use TRACS Release 202C MAT format to transmit certifications and vouchers to HUD. TRACS will no longer accept TRACS 202B transmissions.

We recommend that you contact your TRACS software vendor to find out when your program will be updated to conform to the new HUD 202C format. If you don't have a WASS (M) ID, use the following link to get one:

https://hudapps.hud.gov/public/wass/public/independent/indreg_page.jsp.

If you have questions about the conversion to iMAX or would like us to send you a copy of HUD's October 8th memorandum, send us an e-mail at HUD's update to the TRACSMail system is called Integrated Multifamily Access eXchange (iMAX). As of the end of calendar year 2008, Sprint will no longer provide support for the existing TRACSMail system and all users will need to convert to iMAX.

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