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### MANAGING TIMEFRAMES & WORKLOADS IN A REMOTE WORKING ENVIRONMENT 2021 SMAC Conference

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# CONCEPT MEETINGS

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### CONCEPT MEETINGS

#### Timing

- Address all concept meeting responses within 5 business days
- Typically, 2-3 weeks out for scheduling
- Desk reviews being completed and sent to lender? Yes.

#### Coordinators

- SE Atlanta and Jacksonville

### 223(f)s

- Ask Lenders to request only if necessary
- Desk Review

#### **Examples of Issues**

- On site parking issues should be addressed at Concept Stage
- Others?

# CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

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### > Communication

- Better and regular communication between HUD and Lender
- HUD focused on customer service piece



### > Implementation of New Systems

- Single Underwriter Model which increases processing time
- How to make the communication more efficient and streamlined.
- Catalyst Right now, application submissions only, but possibly expanding to include concept meetings and FHA project numbers requests
- > Early testing with Microsoft Power BI
- CATS Construction Administrative Tracking System
- MUTS Multifamily Underwriting Tracking System

NEW LOAN COMMITTEE PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION FOR EFFICIENCY

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- **1. Submission to Loan Committee**
- 2. Distribute Firm within 72 hours of loan committee decision
- 3. Firm Amendments (Delegation Branch Chief)
- 4. Firm Invitation Extensions (Delegation Branch Chief)
- **5. Amendments Requests**

# SOUTHEAST PRODUCTION PROCESSING CLOSINGS AND CHALLENGES

### SOUTHEAST REGION CLOSING COORDINATORS AND CURRENT TERRITORIES

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### SOUTHEAST PRODUCTION PROCESSING CLOSINGS AND CHALLENGES

### **1. Closing Coordinator**

> Critical all communication related to closing flows through the closing coordinators

#### 2. Draws and Closing Statements needed with Draft Package

- > Timing HUD needs need complete drafts at least 3 business days prior to closing
  - Significant changes at the end creates issues

#### 3. Scheduling of Closings and Pre-construction Conference

- > Timing make sure there is enough time for HUD review
- > MAP Guide closing timeframe changes

#### 4. Construction issues prior to final endorsement

> Examples

# ON-GOING TRAINING EFFORTS

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### > New Hires: Road MAP for Success

- HUD to provide outline to new hires and better formal and informal training
- Show growth path they could achieve (2year plan)

- > Underwriting Training
- Weekly training with HUD UW staff to make sure underwriters are getting more experience and can work on all deal types
- Given the volume of deals HUD will continue to stress risk-based underwriting to staff

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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