

Use of the Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System Became Mandatory January 31, 2010

Over 4,000 Contracts Still Don't Have EIV Access!

Lack of Access and Use Will Result in Penalties

**Coordinators – Submit Your Coordinator Access Authorization
Form to the Multifamily Helpdesk ASAP
(See below for further instructions)**

Use of the EIV system for Multifamily Housing Programs became mandatory on **January 31, 2010**, the effective date of the "Refinement of Income and Rent Determination Requirements in Public and Assisted Housing Programs: Implementation of the Enterprise Income Verification System – Amendments; Final Rule" published in the Federal Register on December 29, 2009 (FR-5351-F-02).

Owners and management agents who do not have access to EIV must act now by taking the steps outlined below.

Step 1: Determine EIV Role

When applying for initial EIV access rights, applicants must first decide what their role will be in EIV; whether they will be an EIV Coordinator (HSC) or an EIV User (HSU), as the application process is different depending on their role. An EIV Coordinator has the same functionality in EIV as an EIV User but also has the administrative functions of assigning access rights to EIV Users and recertifying their EIV Users on a biannual basis.

Step 2: Application Process for Coordinators

When applying for EIV access rights as an EIV Coordinator (HSC), an applicant must:

1. Be a WASS Coordinator and have an active WASS ID (M-ID) that was assigned to them by HUD, based on owner authorization;
2. Have a written owner authorization (letter of approval) to access EIV on the owner's behalf for their property(ies);
3. Complete and submit a hardcopy Coordinator Access Authorization Form (CAAF) to HUD's Multifamily Helpdesk by fax at 202-401-7984 or by email at Mf_Eiv@hud.gov. You need only fax pages 1, 2, and 5 of the CAAF. Do **not** fax the owner letters of approval with your request. Note, only one CAAF needs to be submitted per Coordinator. A separate CAAF should not be submitted for each property. The deadline for submission in order to have access to EIV by January 31, 2010, was December 15, 2009. **This deadline has passed; however, you must still submit your CAAF;**
4. Complete property assignments in EIV after receiving an approval email from the Helpdesk; and

5. Complete the EIV on-line certification process.

Step 3: Application Process for EIV Users

Users must have an active WASS ID (M-ID) in order to apply for access authorization rights to EIV. To apply for EIV access, Users will need to complete the User Access Authorization Form (UAAF) in hardcopy and submit it to their assigned EIV Coordinator for approval. The EIV Coordinator can approve and certify the EIV User and make the appropriate property assignments. UAAFs are **not** to be faxed to the Multifamily Helpdesk.

Detailed instructions for the application process which include how to apply for a WASS ID, upgrade to a WASS Coordinator role (necessary if applying as a Coordinator) and application forms for EIV Coordinators and EIV Users are located at:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/rhiip/eiv/applyforeivaccess.pdf>

If you have any questions related to getting access to EIV, you may contact Kevin Garner on 202-402-2057 or Zeljko Jovanovic on 202-402-3157.

Reminder

**Question and Answer Session to Supplement
December 2009 Taped EIV Webcast**

As a reminder, the live Question and Answer session to supplement the taped EIV webcast will be held on **Thursday, February 25, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. EST to 1:00 p.m. EST**. Since the Notice with implementing instructions on the Final Rule on Refinement of Income and Rent Determination Requirements in Public and Assisted Housing Programs has not been issued, the webcast will no longer cover further information on the Final Rule. A webcast dedicated to the Final Rule has been scheduled for March 31, 2010. More information will be provided in a future listserv message.

To benefit the most from the live Question and Answer session on February 25, 2010, it is strongly recommended that the webcast be viewed in its entirety and EIV Notice H09-20, *Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System* be read prior to the Question and Answer session. The webcast can be found at <http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/webcasts/archives/multifamily> and the EIV Notice at http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/administration/hudclips/notices/hsg/files/09-20hsgn.doc.