



**U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Regional Administrator  
Region IV**

Welcome Community Partners:

Allow me to thank you for your commitment to participate in the first Georgia HUD Partners' Planning Meeting. HUD, along with our partners is proud to provide you with a fresh perspective on, "**The Changing Landscape: Partnering to Create Sustainable Communities**".

I don't need to tell you that these are challenging times and it requires leadership, vision and a willingness to work together collaboratively to leverage resources in order to make a positive difference for those we serve. This Partner's Planning Meeting is designed to do just that. It is unlike any other planning meeting you may have participated in. We will summarize HUD's Fiscal Year 2012 and 2013 Agency Priority Goals while exchanging information to ensure we meet your community needs.

There is no doubt that change is upon us and it will require innovative leadership for us to cooperatively "**Win the Future**". In order to the "**Win the Future**", we have to get Americans and America back to work. That starts right here on the ground in urban/rural communities here in Georgia. The Administration wants to build on our recent successes to "out build" our neighbors around the world. Together, we can create strong, sustainable, and inclusive communities that provide quality, affordable homes for all.

I have no doubt that we can count on each of you to help us to put our arms around the issues. Together we can work towards developing specific recommendations to assist in meeting your local community needs. I am optimistic that at the end of the day you will leave this meeting with a renewed commitment to build and sustain stronger more transparent partnerships and with many tools to help better serve your clients and meet the established objectives of your communities.

Thank you again for being our Partner. We greatly appreciate your support, cooperation and hard work. We need renewed energy and innovative ideas to put America and Americans back to work. We can't do it without you because all of the best ideas come from you and not from Washington. We don't have a moment to waste. Let's get to work!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Jennings, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Ed Jennings, Jr.  
Regional Administrator