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## MEMORANDUM

TO: AAA Executive Directors                      **NOTICE#: 022305-1-T-PE**

FROM: Susan M. Tucker  
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DATE: February 22, 2005

SUBJECT: **Notice of Transmittal: Hurricane Housing Work Group Final Report**

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As part of Florida's response to the widespread damage caused by the hurricanes of 2004, Governor Jeb Bush and Lieutenant Governor Toni Jennings have recommended that the Florida Legislature appropriate \$354.4 million in one-time hurricane housing recovery funds, above and beyond the \$192.9 million in recurring state affordable housing funds that they have recommended in the traditional Florida programs. To identify the most effective ways to leverage these one-time hurricane-housing funds to best help the markets respond, Governor Bush created the Hurricane Housing Work Group and named Lt. Governor Jennings as its chair.

Enclosed is a copy of the final Report and Recommendations of the Hurricane Housing Work Group that was delivered to the Governor, the Senate President and the Speaker of the House on February 18, 2005.

The Work Group's recommendations would leverage these one-time funds in unique ways by creating various hurricane housing recovery programs, as well as provide various incentives to encourage the involvement of local community organizations, including the Area Agencies on Aging. The recommendations would also create the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program (HHRP), which, if funded, would allow local governments to use up to 15 percent of its allocation for costs to administer the program. Local governments would be encouraged to subcontract some portion of these administrative funds to entities such as the Area Agencies on Aging.

Please review the final Report and Recommendations. There will be an opportunity to further discuss the final recommendations during the next F4-A meeting in Tallahassee. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Mr. George Tokesky at telephone number: (850) 414-2137.

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