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*Ironwood's purpose is to help FHA resolve the mortgage crisis — now* 

- 55 million home mortgages
- Since housing crisis began, 8.6 million homes have gone into foreclosure. System has choked.
- 11.5 million more homes could be heading for foreclosure. What will that do to the U.S. economy?
- Approximately \$1 trillion in U.S. mortgages are in distress now or soon will be.



## *Most onerous problem is underwater mortgages*

 2.75 million borrowers (one out of twenty) are underwater by more than 20% of current value and they are defaulting at a rate of 20% per annum.



*Government initiated loan-modification programs to date are not solving default problem* 

Modified loans must be re-underwritten — which requires verifying borrower and property qualifications, negotiating with multiple lien holders, ensuring validity of title and preventing fraud and abuse

- Loan modification is an origination task, not a servicing task. Most loan servicers are ill equipped to perform modifications.
- Modifications have had minimal overall impact. More than half of these "dirty current" loans are likely to re-default per annum.



*More than 612,000 singlefamily mortgages in default are FHA-insured* 

- 10% of home mortgages carry FHA Mutual Mortgage Insurance (MMI)
- Large quantities of FHAinsured, non-performing loan pools held by servicers are reverting to bank balance sheets
- Some banks need capital relief and are anxious to shed FHA default pools
- Some banks seem to be in no hurry to foreclose because FHA covers 100% of banks' costs
- 612,000 FHA-insured singlefamily mortgages— and counting— are in default
- 65,000 homes are in the FHA REO inventory— bucket is full



# HOMEOWNERSHIP

90-Day Defaults



As of January 31, 2011 the number of defaults reported was 612,443.

*Current procedures for resolving FHA default claims are expensive and destroy economic value* 

- Before paying default claims, HUD has required foreclosure and eviction
- Homeowners who face foreclosure do not maintain and preserve home value
- Foreclosures drag down values of neighbors' homes
- Foreclosures and evictions are expensive for HUD, banks, homeowners and neighbors
- Public policy is to minimize number of foreclosures and evictions
- The longer mortgage crisis drags on, the more it will cost the FHA and the economy



*The proposed short-claim procedure is within HUD's existing legal authority* 

Executing the procedure will: Serve economic goals

- 1.Save the FHA default loancarry and foreclosure costs
- 2.Slow the growth of the FHA's REO inventory
- 3. Accelerate resolution of the FHA default backlog
- 4. Free up FHA financial and personnel resources
- Serve policy goals
  - Give homeowners positive equity in their homes
  - Strongly incentivize homeowners to pay mortgages
  - Trigger more positive homeowner behavior
  - Increase workforce mobility
  - Reduce banks' accrual of FHA-guaranteed interest



#### Short-claim procedure







Bank/Issuer NPL Pool

- Start with a bank that has a portfolio of FHA-insured mortgages that are in default.
- For illustration, assume each mortgage has an unpaid balance of \$100,000.
- With home values down roughly 25% on average since the bulk of these mortgages were made, a representative fair market value for the mortgaged home is \$75,000.
- A \$100,000 unpaid balance and \$75,000 fair market value give us a loan-to-value ratio of 133%.

#### Short-claim procedure









\$104

- Ironwood negotiates with the bank bulk purchases of pools of their FHA-insured NPL's.
- Because mortgages are FHA insured, Ironwood expects to pay near par for them.
- \$99 + \$5 of advances = \$104

### Short-claim procedure





The bank places the mortgages in an Ironwood special purpose vehicle and awaits payment.





















Loan Resolution/Disposition Channel: Once mortgages are in our SMV, Ironwood will move each homeowner along one of several paths

- Ironwood will contact each homeowner (single point of contact) and assess desire and ability to pay mortgage based on FHA modification
- To homeowners who want to keep their homes but need easier terms, Ironwood will offer structures suited to local and demographic markets
- For homeowners who return their loan to performing status, foreclosures in progress will cease
- Re-performing loans will be held and seasoned until they are marketable
- Resolution of re-performing loans will be through market mechanisms like REITs or securitization, not through GSEs



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If homeowner is unwilling or unable to take on new mortgage but ...

- a. Wants to stay in the home, Ironwood will:
  - Offer to rent house to homeowner at subsidized rates (as needed) and possibly with a repurchase option in exchange for his or her surrendering deed. (As many as 40% of homes facing foreclosure are still owner-occupied.)
- b.Wants to move, Ironwood will:
  - Assist with a negotiated short sale (with or without profit-sharing)
  - Assist with refinancing



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#### If negotiations fail:

- Ironwood will proceed to foreclose, evict and capture property
- Captured homes will go into our REO pool from which we will sell or rent them
- For both economic and policy reasons, Ironwood wants to minimize number of mortgages that go down foreclosure path
- We expect as little as 20% of mortgages to end up in foreclosure and eviction



*Ironwood's success requires excellent valuation analytics* 

- For FHA to reduce unpaid principal balance of each loan in pool to 95% LTV, Ironwood must accurately determine fair market value of each home in pool
- To quantify potential cost savings to FHA, Ironwood must calculate for each home the likely cost to FHA of following current default procedures of foreclosure, eviction and distress sale
- To improve our loanresolution process over time, we must model probabilities, processes and timing of moving mortgages in pool and their associated homes down different paths toward resolution and disposition



*Ironwood has best valuation analytics and disposition modeling in the industry* 

- Analytics and modeling makes loan-by-loan estimations of :
  - Property value
  - Collateral impairment
  - Carry costs
  - □ Recapture costs and
  - Disposition value
- Analytics and modeling supports:
  - 🗆 Loan pool underwriting
  - FHA claim pricing
  - Servicer valuations
  - □ REO modeling
  - REIT underwriting
  - REIT ongoing valuations
  - Loan disposition



# *The sooner we move forward, the better*

- Mistakes that led to housing bubble and crash are in past
- Housing and mortgage markets are in a logjam
- Homeowners' mortgage obligations are misaligned with economic reality
- NPL pools are a drag on bank capital....preventing new origination?
- Real estate market remains fragile
- Home sales are low and need new mortgage capacity
- Underwater mortgages impair workforce mobility
- Housing and mortgage crisis may be adding as much as 2% to unemployment rate
- More expected defaults...



*Collaboration of FHA and Ironwood will succeed because it will benefit everyone* 

- FHA/HUD will pay out less in default-insurance claims
- FHA/HUD will unburden its staff and free resources
- Banks and issuers will get NPL's off their balance sheets
- Homeowners will get positive equity in their homes, be able to rent and/or repurchase their homes and participate in short sale equity
- Homeowners will see value improvement through fewer foreclosures
- Short-claim implementation has the ability to move the market





