



## News Release

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### **HUD Warns Against Using Deceptive Website**

**Laurinburg, NC, March 18, 2009** – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development issued a warning yesterday concerning a “bogus and deceptive website” that could be mistaken for an official HUD website. The website (<http://bailout.hud-gov.us>) belongs to the House and Urban Department, a for-profit organization not affiliated with HUD, and includes information on various housing and economic recovery programs and initiatives.

On the disclosure page of its website, the House and Urban Department states that it “educates the general public and works with attorneys and brokers to reduce monthly mortgage payments through loan modifications.”

In its warning, HUD expressed concern that the “website attempts to dupe people into providing personal information. And because it has been designed to appear to be an official U.S. government website, people may fall prey to this scam.”

Those wishing to obtain information from HUD’s official website for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 should visit [www.hud.gov/recovery](http://www.hud.gov/recovery).

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