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The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers

Announcing HACFM's Landlord Direct Deposit

April 1, 2014

Dear Landlord:

The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers has been significantly affected by the ongoing cuts in federal spending.   Over the past few years, funds provided to us for operating the Section 8 program has been continually decreased. We are forced to look for ways in which we can achieve cost saving measures without reducing the amount of clients we serve or the services we provide. Over the past year we have taken steps to reduce our operating expenses, including a reduction in our overall staffing levels. In the face of further funding cuts, we will be reducing our operating costs even further to include the following:

- **Reducing our mailing and postage expenses.**
- **We will eliminate paper check payments to Landlords by converting to Direct Deposits.**
- **The majority of correspondence from our office to you will be by electronic mail (email). This will include items such as notification of inspection, notification of inspection results and notification of changes in our HAP payments, to name a few.**

We are aware that some of you may find these changes to be inconvenient. We ask for your cooperation and understanding as we work through these challenging financial times.

 Effective July 1, 2014 we will require all participating and future landlords to enroll in Direct Deposit for all monthly Housing Assistance Payments (HAP). The June HAP check will be the last HAP check you will receive.   Further information regarding enrolment for Direct Deposit will be provided at a later date.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention in this matter. Should you have any questions regarding the direct deposit requirement, please contact Kim Hagan at (239) 344-3262 or email at kim@hacfm.org.

Sincerely,

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 Director of Housing Operations