## **Appendix E**

Household Outcomes Study Advance Letter
Household Outcomes Study Tracking Letter



Abt Associates Inc.

OMB Expiration Date

January xx, 2008

## Advance Letter

```
<<name_first_hh>> << name_middle_hh>> <<name_last_hh>> <<name_suffix_hh>> <<street_address>> <<apt>>><city>>, <<state>> <zip5>>
```

Dear <<name\_first\_hh>> <<name\_last\_hh>>,

Has your family been relocated as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Rita? Have you applied for a special housing unit from [STATE AGENCY NAME]? If so, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and FEMA want to hear about your experiences. In order to help improve housing options for people displaced by natural disasters in the future, they want to find out what happened to everyone affected by the Hurricanes Katrina and Rita who applied for an Alternative Housing Pilot Program (AHPP) unit.

To do this, HUD has funded Abt Associates to contact families like yours to learn more about your experiences. To make sure that our staff can contact you, please review the information in the attached form. If the information is correct, please check the box that says 'yes'. If any of the information needs to be updated, please use the space provided to make any corrections. When you are done, simply put the form into the postage paid envelope and mail it to Abt Associates (postage is included). If you have any questions, please call {INSERT TOLL FREE NUMBER}. This information will only be used to help us to contact you once the study begins.

This study is scheduled to take place during the summer of [2008/2009]. As part of this study, an interviewer will contact you at that time to explain the study and select a time that is best for you to complete the interview. We would like to interview the head of your household. The interview will last about 45 minutes, and you will be paid \$25 as a token of our appreciation. You will be one of approximately 1,100 people to complete this study.

Your comments and opinions will not be linked to your name, and your participation will not affect your housing assistance or any other services you may be receiving in any way. The survey may contain information that you feel is private. You can refuse to answer any question(s) that make you uncomfortable. Refusal to answer certain questions or participate in the study will not affect any housing assistance that you currently receive, or will be eligible to receive in the future. Any information you provide to us will be kept private.

Sincerely,

Abt Associates Survey Director



OMB Control Number	
OMB Expiration Date	
Tracking Letter	

DATE

<<name\_first\_hh>> << name\_middle\_hh>> <<name\_last\_hh>><<name\_suffix\_hh>>
<<street address>> <<apt>>><city>>, <<state>> <zip5>>

Dear <<name\_first\_hh>> <<name\_last\_hh>>,

Has your family been relocated as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Rita? Have you applied for a special housing unit from [STATE AGENCY NAME]? If so, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and FEMA want to hear about your experiences. In order to help improve housing options for people displaced by natural disasters in the future, they want to find out what happened to everyone affected by the Hurricanes Katrina and Rita who applied for an Alternative Housing Pilot Program (AHPP) unit.

In order to do this, HUD has funded Abt Associates to contact families like yours from time to time in order to learn more about your experiences. At this time, we'd like to update our records to make sure we can reach you in the future.

On the next page, you'll find a form with your name, address and phone number on it. Please review the information on this form and **fill in any missing or incorrect address and telephone number information**. Further down the page, please fill in the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of **two people outside your household** with whom you visit on a regular basis. We will call these friends or relatives only if we cannot locate you at your own address.

If you choose not to return this form, any housing assistance that you currently receive, or may be eligible to receive in the future will not be affected. However, in order to make improvements to alternative forms of emergency or temporary housing in the future, it is important that we talk to as many people as possible. You are one of just 1,100 people we will talk to, so your cooperation is important. Any information you provide to us will be kept private. Please take just a few minutes to review the enclosed form and return it to Abt Associates in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

Sincerely,

Abt Associates Survey Director

Apartment # / Número de

Address / Dirección

Address / Dirección

	Apt.	
State / Estado	Zip Code / Codigo Postal	Phone   NUMERO DE TELEFONO ( ) -