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Audit of Government National Mortgage Association's Fiscal Years 2024 and 2023 Financial Statements

Audit Report Number: 2025-FO-0001

November 13, 2024

Date: November 13, 2024

To: Sam Valverde
Acting President, Government National Mortgage Association, T

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From: Kilah S. White
Assistant Inspector General for Audit, GA

Subject: Transmittal of Independent Public Accountant's Audit Report on the Government National Mortgage Association's Fiscal Years 2024 and 2023 Financial Statements

Attached are the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Inspector General's (OIG) results of the audit of the Government National Mortgage Association's (Ginnie Mae) fiscal years 2024 and 2023 financial statements and reports on internal control over financial reporting and compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters.


We contracted with the independent public accounting firm Sikich CPA LLC to audit the financial statements of Ginnie Mae as of and for the years ending September 30, 2024 and 2023,¹ and to provide reports on Ginnie Mae's (1) internal control over financial reporting and (2) compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. Our contract with Sikich required that the audit be performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, Office of Management and Budget audit requirements, and the Financial Audit Manual of the U.S. Government Accountability Office and the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.

In its audit of Ginnie Mae, Sikich reported

- That Ginnie Mae's financial statements as of and for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, were presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.
- No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies² for fiscal year 2024 in internal control over financial reporting, based on limited procedures performed.

¹ The accompanying financial statements as of and for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, were audited by other auditors, whose Independent Auditor's Report, issued on November 13, 2023, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

² A material weakness is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of Ginnie Mae's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that is less severe than a material weakness yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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- No reportable noncompliance for fiscal year 2024 with provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements or other matters.

In connection with the contract, we reviewed Sikich's reports and related documentation and questioned its representatives. Our review, as differentiated from an audit of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted government auditing standards, was not intended to enable us to express and we do not express opinions on Ginnie Mae's financial statements or conclusions about (1) the effectiveness of Ginnie Mae's internal control over financial reporting and (2) Ginnie Mae's compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements or other matters. Sikich is responsible for the attached Independent Auditors' Report, dated November 13, 2024, and the conclusions expressed therein. Our review disclosed no instances in which Sikich did not comply, in all material respects, with U.S. generally accepted government auditing standards.

The Inspector General Act, as amended, requires that OIG post its reports on the OIG website. Accordingly, this report will be posted at <https://www.hudoig.gov>.

If you have any questions or comments about this report, please do not hesitate to call Brittany Wing, Audit Director, at (202) 320-7296.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Inspector General
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Acting President
Government National Mortgage Association

In our audit of the fiscal year 2024 financial statements of the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), we found:

- The financial statements as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America;
- No material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting based on the limited procedures we performed;
- No reportable noncompliance for fiscal year 2024 with provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that we tested.

The following sections contain:

1. Our report on Ginnie Mae's financial statements, including an other matter paragraph related to the prior period financial statements having been audited by a predecessor auditor, required supplementary information (RSI) and other information included with the financial statements; and
2. Other reporting required by *Government Auditing Standards*, which is our report on Ginnie Mae's (a) internal control over financial reporting and (b) compliance and other matters. This section also includes Ginnie Mae's comments on our report.

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ginnie Mae, which comprise the balance sheet as of September 30, 2024, and the related statement of revenues and expenses and changes in investment of U.S. Government, and cash flows for the fiscal year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements (collectively, the basic financial statements).

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ginnie Mae as of September 30, 2024, and its revenues and expenses and changes in investment of U.S. Government, and cash flows for the fiscal year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); standards applicable to financial statement audit contained in Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and guidance contained in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin 24-02, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial Statements*. Our responsibilities under those standards and OMB



Bulletin 24-02 are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements subsection of our report. We are required to be independent of Ginnie Mae and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Other Matter

Ginnie Mae's financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, were audited by other auditors, whose Independent Auditors' Report thereon dated November 13, 2023, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. We were not engaged to audit, review, or apply any procedures to Ginnie Mae's fiscal year 2023 financial statements and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the fiscal year 2023 financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for (1) the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; (2) preparing, measuring, and presenting the RSI in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; (3) preparing and presenting other information included in Ginnie Mae's Annual Report, and ensuring the consistency of that information with the audited financial statements and the RSI; and (4) for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Ginnie Mae's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, GAGAS, and OMB guidance will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgments made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, GAGAS, and OMB guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements in order to obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Ginnie Mae's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Ginnie Mae's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.
- Perform other procedures we consider necessary in the circumstances.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

OMB Bulletin 24-02 requires that the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) and other required supplementary information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such required supplementary information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by OMB, who consider it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, and historical context.

We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These procedures consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit, and we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures we applied do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Ginnie Mae's other information contains a wide range of information, some of which is not directly related to the financial statements. This information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements or the required supplementary information. Management is responsible for the other information included in Ginnie Mae's Annual Report. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.



OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In connection with our audit of Ginnie Mae's financial statements, we considered Ginnie Mae's internal control over financial reporting, consistent with our auditors' responsibilities discussed below.

Results of Our Consideration of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described below and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies or to express an opinion on the effectiveness of Ginnie Mae's internal control over financial reporting. Given these limitations, during our 2024 audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

During our fiscal year 2024 audit, we identified deficiencies in Ginnie Mae's internal control over financial reporting that we do not consider to be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Nonetheless, these deficiencies warrant Ginnie Mae management's attention. We have communicated these matters to Ginnie Mae management and, where appropriate, will report on them separately.

Basis for Results of Our Consideration of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We performed our procedures related to Ginnie Mae's internal control over financial reporting in accordance with GAGAS and OMB audit guidance.

Responsibilities of Management for Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Ginnie Mae management is responsible for designing, implementing, and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibilities for Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of Ginnie Mae's financial statements as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, in accordance with GAGAS, we considered Ginnie Mae's internal control relevant to the financial statement audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Ginnie Mae's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on Ginnie Mae's internal control over financial reporting. We are required to report all deficiencies that are considered to be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not consider all internal controls relevant to operating objectives, such as those controls relevant to preparing performance information and ensuring efficient operations.



Definition and Inherent Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

An entity's internal control over financial reporting is a process effected by those charged with governance, management, and other personnel. The objectives of which are to provide reasonable assurance that (1) transactions are properly recorded, processed, and summarized to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition, and (2) transactions are executed in accordance with provisions of applicable laws, including those governing the use of budget authority, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements due to fraud or error.

Intended Purpose of Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our consideration of Ginnie Mae's internal control over financial reporting and the results of our procedures, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Ginnie Mae's internal control over financial reporting. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with GAGAS in considering internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, this report on internal control over financial reporting is not suitable for any other purpose.

Compliance and Other Matters

In connection with our audit of Ginnie Mae's financial statements, we tested compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements consistent with our auditors' responsibilities discussed below.

Results of Our Tests for Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Contracts, and Grant Agreements and Other Matters

Our tests for compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters for fiscal year 2024 that would be reportable under GAGAS. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to Ginnie Mae. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Basis for Results of Our Tests for Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Contracts, and Grant Agreements and Other Matters

We performed our tests of compliance in accordance with GAGAS and OMB audit guidance.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Contracts, and Grant Agreements

Ginnie Mae management is responsible for complying with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to Ginnie Mae.

Auditors' Responsibilities for Tests of Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Contracts, and Grant Agreements

Our responsibility is to test compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in Ginnie Mae's financial statements, and to perform certain other limited procedures. Accordingly, we did not test compliance with all laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements applicable to Ginnie Mae. We caution that noncompliance may occur and not be detected by these tests.



Intended Purpose of Report on Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Contracts, and Grant Agreements and Other Matters

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance with selected provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with GAGAS in considering compliance. Accordingly, this report on compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters is not suitable for any other purpose.

Ginnie Mae's Comments

Ginnie Mae's comments on this report are included in Attachment A.

SiKich CPA LLC

Alexandria, VA
November 13, 2024

Attachment A

Ginnie Mae's Comments to the Audit Report



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DATE: November 6, 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR: Kilah White, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Contracted Financial Statement Audits, Financial Audits Division, HUD Office of Inspector General (OIG)

FROM: Sam Valverde, Acting President, Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae)

SUBJECT: Management Response to Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Audit Report

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Sam Valverde*

As Acting President of Ginnie Mae, I am pleased to respond to the Independent Auditors' Report for FY 2024, conducted by Sikich on behalf of the Office of Inspector General (OIG). After acquiring CliftonLarsonAllen's federal government practice, Sikich seamlessly continued this critical audit process, allowing us to uphold our high standards of accountability and transparency for the American taxpayer. We deeply value the role of our auditors in enhancing our financial reporting's integrity, benefiting investors, borrowers, and the broader capital markets.

This year, we are proud to announce another unmodified audit opinion, a testament to the rigorous internal controls and transparency Ginnie Mae upholds. This positive outcome reflects our ongoing commitment to a robust internal control environment, strengthened by continuous investment in our financial reporting capabilities. These audit results play a vital role in maintaining trust in our guarantee, reinforcing Ginnie Mae's role in U.S. housing finance.

Our FY 2024 accomplishments underscore Ginnie Mae's impact and progress. Our operations increased the Investment of U.S. Government by \$3.05 billion, and Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) issuances of \$423.4 billion raised our total portfolio to an all-time high of \$2.64 trillion. This growth is fueled by our core mission within HUD to advance affordable housing and attract capital globally into the U.S. housing market.

In March, the passage of the FY 2024 funding bill provided essential support for our mission, increasing our salaries and expenses budget by 34 percent to \$54 million – the largest increase in our 56-year history. This funding has allowed us to scale our team to meet the growing size and complexity of our portfolio and operations, and address emerging risks, such as cybersecurity threats. It also enables us to modernize our securitization platform, positioning Ginnie Mae to remain competitive and responsive to market needs.

Our efforts this year were especially critical in a challenging economic environment. High interest rates presented liquidity and operational hurdles for issuers, especially in the reverse mortgage sector. To support American seniors and stabilize the reverse mortgage market, we

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explored the development of a new reverse securitization product, HMBS 2.0, to improve liquidity for issuers. We also modernized our Manufactured Housing MBS program to increase program participation, expanded our social impact disclosures, and continued to grow and improve our digital collateral program.

Ginnie Mae also prioritized cybersecurity, responding to rising cyber risks by expanding our cybersecurity team and platform protections. We strengthened the cybersecurity framework for issuers, introduced a new incident notification requirement, and enhanced recovery planning for major issuers. These steps support a secure, resilient MBS program and safeguard our operations, adding further value to the securities we guarantee.

Throughout FY 2024, Ginnie Mae made substantial strides in financial risk management, control environment improvements, and collaboration with our auditor, contributing to a successful and transparent audit. We remain committed to operational excellence, integrity in financial reporting, and our mission to expand affordable housing access for underserved Americans.

We look forward to ongoing collaboration with OIG and other stakeholders to continue building on the success of the Ginnie Mae MBS Program, benefiting homeowners and supporting the nation's housing finance system.