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**New Release of NSLDS Guaranty Agency DataPrep for PC, Version 3.1
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This information is intended for the person in your organization who is responsible for working with NSLDS. If that person is not you, please forward this update to the appropriate person.

What's New for Guaranty Agency DataPrep, Version 3.1

The U.S. Department of Education is pleased to announce the availability of NSLDS Guaranty Agency DataPrep, Version 3.1 (GA DataPrep). This version incorporates the following updates:

- *Downloading*—Beginning with this version, GA DataPrep is available at www.fsadownload.ed.gov. This method replaces the distribution of the GA DataPrep on CD-ROM.
- *Operating System*—GA DataPrep, Version 3.1, is fully compatible with Windows 2000 and Windows XP Professional operating systems.

(This new version of GA DataPrep is *not* compatible with Windows 95, Windows 98, or Windows NT. If you are using Windows 95, Windows 98, or Windows NT, you can only use the previous version of GA DataPrep and cannot take advantage of the enhancement to GA DataPrep as listed below.)

- *Software Enhancement*—GA DataPrep has been enhanced to process and display the following fields in the Load Process Detail Error Report:
 - Code for Current Holder Lender
 - Code for Servicer
 - Conflict Value
 - Date of Loan Status
 - Supplemental Error Data

NSLDS added these fields to the Load Process Error Data File to help GAs resolve errors.

You can download the new GA DataPrep software at www.fsadownload.ed.gov. On the GA DataPrep download page, in the Documentation area, you can click either the Cover Letter or the Installation link to read step-by-step instructions on how to download GA DataPrep, Version 3.1.

For complete details on how to use the GA DataPrep software, you can access the Guaranty Agency Data Provider Instructions at www.ifap.ed.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact the NSLDS Customer Service Center at (800) 999-8219 or e-mail them at nslscoe@raytheon.com.