

# **Common Securitization Platform and FHFA's Strategic Plan**



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# Backdrop for Today's Mortgage Market



- Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (Enterprises) were placed into Conservatorship in 2008.
- “Time Out” for policymakers to decide on the future structure of housing finance.
- Over four years later, the Federal government is supporting over 90 percent of the mortgage market.
- Direction of housing finance reform remains uncertain.
  - Administration White Paper in 2011 set forth 3 options for the government's role in housing finance: multiple guarantors; catastrophic guarantor; and no guarantor.
  - Some proposals have emerged, but only consensus seems to be not to recreate the Enterprises.

# FHFA's Strategic Plan – Why?



- Conservatorship is not a long-term option.
- Need to provide clarity for multiple groups, in an environment characterized by an unknown future.
  - Policymakers – activities in conservatorship, including providing a transition to multiple housing finance reform options.
  - Enterprises – need to make business investment decisions.
  - Market Participants – provide a clearer sense of future activities.

# Goals in FHFA's Strategic Plan



- **Build.** Build a new infrastructure for the secondary mortgage market.
- **Contract.** Gradually contract the Enterprises' dominant presence in the marketplace while simplifying and shrinking their operations.
- **Maintain.** Maintain foreclosure prevention activities and credit availability for new and refinanced mortgages.

# Build Context



- The Enterprises' outmoded proprietary infrastructures need to be updated and maintained, and any such update should provide enhanced value to the mortgage market with a common and more efficient model.
  - There must be some updating and continued maintenance of the Enterprises' securitization infrastructure, and to the extent possible, we should invest taxpayers' dollars to this end once, not twice.
  - We also have undertaken this effort with the goal that it will have benefits beyond the Enterprise business model.
- FHFA issued a white paper in October 2012 on the build goal, which includes the development of a common securitization platform and a model contractual framework.
- The build goal also includes important efforts related to data standards through the Uniform Mortgage Data Program – loan delivery data; appraisal data; and servicing data.

# Current Enterprise Scope vs. Proposed Platform

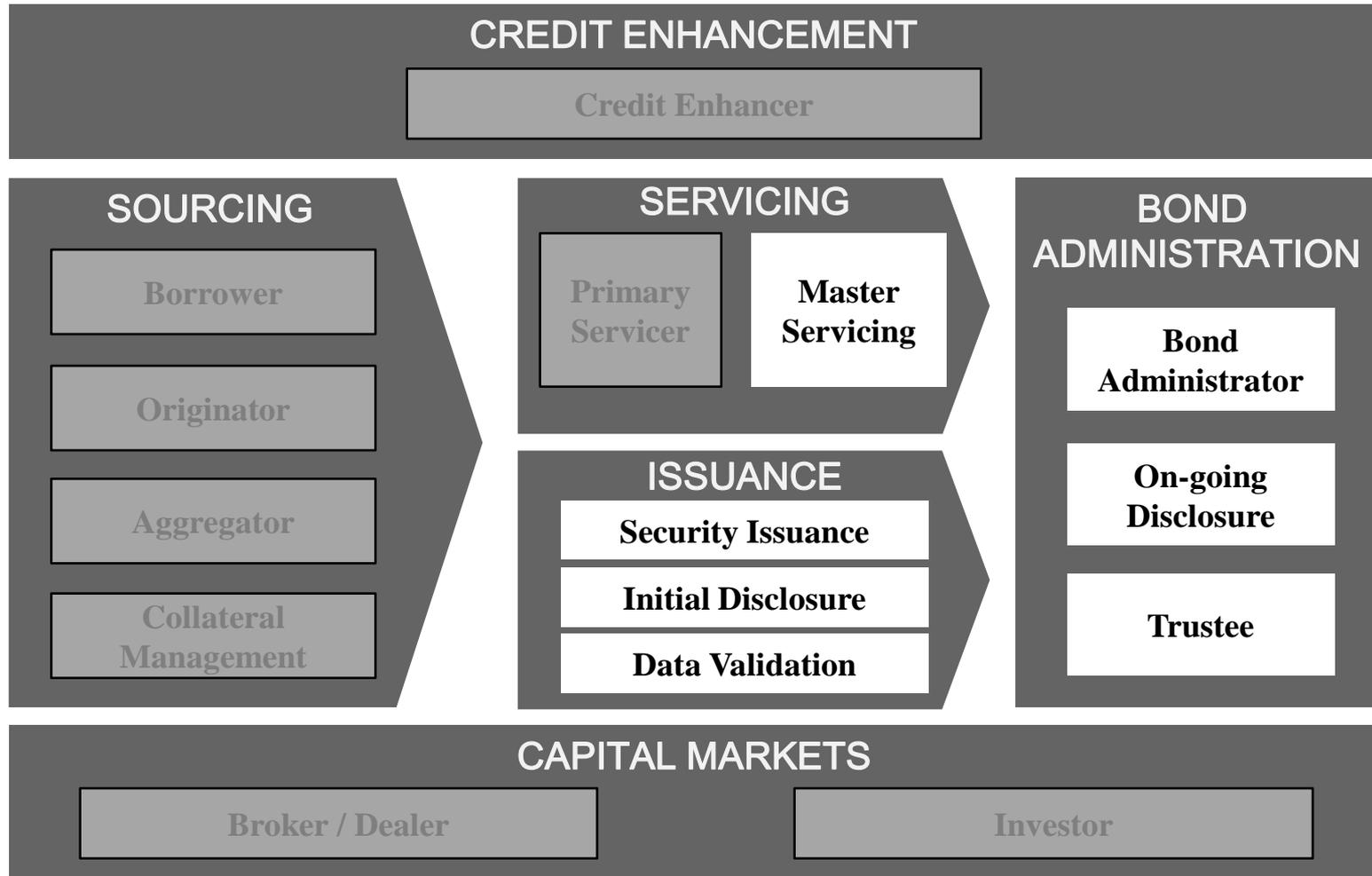


- **GSEs currently engaged in:**
  - Credit enhancement
  - Securitization
    - Sourcing
    - Servicing
    - Issuance
    - Bond Administration
    - Capital Markets
  
- **Proposed scope of securitization platform narrows to commoditized functions within the Securitization infrastructure.**

# Proposed Common Securitization Platform Scope



Proposed platform narrows scope to commoditized functions (white boxes).



Proposed as in scope for the platform



Proposed as out of scope for the platform

# Platform Priorities for 2013



- New business entity will be established between Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
  - Headed by a CEO and Chairman of the Board that are independent from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
  - Physically located separate from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
  - Institute a formal structure to allow for input from industry participants.
  
- Platform may be able to function like a market utility, as opposed to rebuilding the proprietary infrastructures of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
  
- Continue testing of platform modules and evaluating scope of platform. FHFA will issue progress reports.

# Contract and Risk Transfer



- With an uncertain future and a general desire for private capital to re-enter the market, the Enterprises market presence should be reduced gradually over time.
- Increase in guarantee fees since conservatorship.
- Credit risk transfer in the single family business.
  - Set goals in 2012 of executing on risk sharing transactions, did not execute, but laid the groundwork for 2013.
  - For 2013 we have set a target of \$30 billion of unpaid principal balance in credit risk sharing transactions for both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.
  - Each Enterprise must conduct multiple types of risk sharing transactions to meet this target.
  - The goal for 2013 is to move forward with these transactions and to evaluate the pricing and the potential for further execution in scale.
- Risk sharing transactions will also provide a real time test of contractual features important to transferring credit risk.