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# NATIVE HOUSING UPDATE

February 6, 2009

## Join us for the 2009 Legislative Conference

The NAIHC 2009 Legislative Conference will be held February 24-26, at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

Register today at [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net)



### Hotel Information:

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill – **SOLD OUT**

### Alternate Hotels Nearby

**Red Roof Inn**  
500 H Street NW  
202-289-5959  
[www.redroof.com](http://www.redroof.com)

**Phoenix Park Hotel**  
520 North Capitol Street  
202-638-6900  
[www.phoenixparkhotel.com](http://www.phoenixparkhotel.com)

**Holiday Inn Washington Capitol**  
550 C Street SW  
202-479-4000

[www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/home](http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/home)

## Draft Agenda

### February 24, 2009

**1:00 pm to 4:30 pm** --- Legislative Committee Meeting

The NAIHC Legislative Committee will meet to discuss legislative priorities for the 111th Congress, implementation of the NAHASDA amendments enacted in 2008, including the negotiated rulemaking process, and related housing and economic development matters.

## **Wednesday, February 25, 2009**

**8:30 am to 11:45 am** --- Government Affairs Morning Session at Hyatt Hotel

Beginning with a breakfast session, NAIHC Office of Governmental Affairs will lead discussions related to housing issues, advocacy, and issue briefings throughout the day. NAIHC and guest presenters will provide updates on Native American housing and economic issues in the new Obama administration and the 111th Congress. Speakers confirmed to appear:

- Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK);
- Ms. Paula Blunt, Acting Assistant Secretary of Public and Indian Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**12:00 pm** --- Lunch (On Your Own)

**1:30 pm to 4:30 pm** --- Government Affairs Afternoon Session at **Dirksen Senate Building Room 628**

In the afternoon session, NAIHC Office of Governmental Affairs will continue discussions on the Senate side of Capitol Hill in the Hearing Room of the Committee on Indian Affairs. Speakers confirmed to appear include:

- Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK).

NAIHC members will be provided legislative materials and briefing for meetings with their congressional offices on Thursday, February 26, 2009. Special guests will visit NAIHC members and share their legislative goals for the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.

## **Thursday, February 26, 2009, Capitol Hill Visits**

Thursday is reserved for meetings you might wish to schedule with the Members of your Senate and House delegation, key Committee Members, and Administration Officials. As soon as possible, you are encouraged to establish your meetings for this day. Please contact NAIHC for any assistance you may need.

[US Senate Website \(http://senate.gov\)](http://senate.gov)

[House of Representatives Website \(http://www.house.gov\)](http://www.house.gov)

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## **ECONOMIC STIMULUS BILLS**

### **H.R. 1: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

#### **House Bill**

(as sent to the Senate on January 29, 2009)

#### **Native American Housing Block Grants**

For an additional amount for 'Native American Housing Block Grants', as authorized under title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 ('NAHASDA') (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.), \$500,000,000:

*Provided*, That \$250,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this heading shall be distributed according to the same funding formula used in fiscal year 2008:

*Provided further*, That in selecting projects to be funded, recipients shall give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days from the date that funds are available to the recipients:

*Provided further*, That in allocating the funds appropriated under this heading, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall not require an additional action plan from grantees:

*Provided further*, That the Secretary may obligate \$250,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this heading for competitive grants to eligible entities that apply for funds as authorized under NAHASDA:

*Provided further*, That in awarding competitive funds, the Secretary shall give priority to projects that will spur construction and rehabilitation and will create employment opportunities for low-income and unemployed persons.

## **Senate Bill**

(amendment 98)

### **Native American Housing Block Grants**

For an additional amount for 'Native American Housing Block Grants', as authorized under title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 ('NAHASDA') (25 U.S.C. 4111 et seq.), \$510,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2011:

*Provided*, That \$255,000,000 of the amount provided under this heading shall be distributed according to the same funding formula used in fiscal year 2008:

*Provided further*, That in selecting projects to be funded, recipients shall give priority to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 180 days from the date that funds are available to recipients:

*Provided further*, That the Secretary shall obligate \$255,000,000 of the amount provided under this heading for competitive grants to eligible entities that apply for funds authorized under NAHASDA:

*Provided further*, That in awarding competitive funds, the Secretary shall give priority to projects that will spur construction and rehabilitation and will create employment opportunities for low-income and unemployed persons:

*Provided further*, That recipients of funds under this heading shall obligate 100 percent of such funds within 1 year of the date of enactment of this Act, expend at least 50 percent of such funds within 2 years of the date on which funds become available to such jurisdictions for obligation, and expend 100 percent of such funds within 3 years of such date:

*Provided further*, That if a recipient fails to comply with either the 1-year obligation requirement or the 2-year expenditure requirement, the Secretary

shall recapture all remaining funds awarded to the recipient and reallocate such funds to recipients that are in compliance with those requirements:

*Provided further*, That if a recipient fails to comply with the 3-year expenditure requirement, the Secretary shall recapture the balance of the funds awarded to the recipient:

*Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, the Secretary may institute measures to ensure participation in the formula and competitive allocation of funds provided under this paragraph by any housing entity eligible to receive funding under title VIII of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4221 et seq.):

*Provided further*, That in administering funds provided in this heading, the Secretary may waive any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with the obligation by the Secretary or the use by the recipient of these funds except for requirements imposed by this heading and requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment, upon a finding that such waiver is required to facilitate the timely use of such funds and would not be inconsistent with the overall purpose of the statute or regulation:

*Provided further*, That, of the funds made available under this heading, up to 1 percent shall be available for staffing, training, technical assistance, technology, monitoring, research and evaluation activities:

*Provided further*, That any funds made available under this heading used by the Secretary for personnel expenses shall be transferred to and merged with funding provided to 'Personnel Compensation and Benefits, Office of Public and Indian Housing':

*Provided further*, That any funds made available under this heading used by the Secretary for training or other administrative expenses shall be transferred to and merged with funding provided to 'Administration, Operations, and Management', for non-personnel expenses of the Department of Housing and Urban Development:

*Provided further*, That any funds made available under this heading used by the Secretary for technology shall be transferred to and merged with the funding provided to 'Working Capital Fund'.

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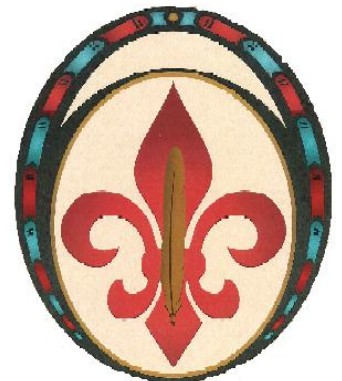
### **35th Annual NAIHC Convention & Trade Show**

The NAIHC 35th Annual Convention & Trade Show will be held May 12-14, 2009 at the Marriott New Orleans in New Orleans, Louisiana. Continue to check our website at [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net) for more information.

**Sponsorship Opportunities:** Contact Phillip Hillaire, [phillaire@naihc.net](mailto:phillaire@naihc.net) , or call (202) 789-1754

**Hotel Information:**

Marriott New Orleans



555 Canal Street

**Rates:** \$154 single/double

**Reservations:** 800-228-9290

**Hotel Cut-off Date:** April 24, 2009

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## **Indian Housing Training Opportunities—REGISTER NOW**

NAIHC offers a wide range of training opportunities for Indian housing professionals. Individuals who successfully complete Leadership Institute courses will earn credits towards their Professional Indian Housing Manager certification.

“Pathways Home: A Guide to Native Homeownership” participants will learn how to deliver a comprehensive homebuyer education program designed to help educate prospective Native homebuyers on how to become successful homeowners. The curriculum is specifically tailored for Native American communities. Those who successfully complete the Pathways Home course will earn national certification as Homebuyer Education Instructors.

To register for all, visit our webpage: [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net)

### **Leadership Institute Courses**

#### **Admissions & Occupancy I**

February 17 - 20      Palm Springs, California

#### **Force Account Construction Management**

March 3 – 6      Portland, Oregon

#### **Procurement & Contract Administration**

March `17 - 20      Oklahoma City, OK

### **Tuition Free Courses**

#### **Low-Income Housing Tax Credits - Basics**

February 10-11      Portland, Oregon

#### **Methamphetamine Awareness & Abatement**

March 10 - 11      Las Vegas, Nevada

#### **Pathways Home:**

#### **A Native Guide to Homeownership**

March 23-27      Seattle, Washington

## **Training and Technical Assistance now available to Regional Indian Housing Associations**

With renewed federal funding now available and training and technical assistance (T&TA) consultants under contract, NAIHC is once again able to offer T&TA in conjunction with quarterly and annual Regional Indian Housing Association meetings. If you are interested in this service, please visit our website ([www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net)) and submit an on-line T&TA request, or fax your request to our office. Please indicate the type of T&TA desired and the dates your association would like that T&TA provided. While there is NO COST to the association for this service, it is recommended that T&TA requests be submitted at least 45 days in advance. For additional information about this service, please contact Dennis Daniels, NAIHC Deputy Executive Director, at 202-454-0912 or via email at [ddaniels@naihc.net](mailto:ddaniels@naihc.net).

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## BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

### **ANNOUNCEMENT 2009**

#### **WATER RESOURCES TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM SPRING / SUMMER**

#### **For AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES 2009**

**The Tentative Date for the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) Water Resources Technician Training Program June 1 to 26, 2009 (4 weeks) at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico.**

Applications are now being accepted. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS April 3, 2009.** PLEASE SEND APPLICATIONS TO: Mr. Mo Baloch, BIA, Br. of Water Resources, Mail Stop-4655, 1849 C St., NW, Washington DC 20240. For additional information regarding applications and qualifications, please contact Mo Baloch (202)208-6042 or Toni Village Center at (202)208-3956 or 208-4004.

#### **Candidates must meet the following requirements to be considered for the training program:**

1. Endorsement letter from her/his federally-recognized tribal government, preferably the Chairman, Governor, or Head of Nations;
2. High School Diploma or GED;
3. Have plans for future higher education or career development;
4. A brief, one-page statement on reasons for wanting to join the program;
5. Provide general information using the old Standard Form 171 (A copy is Attached to this Announcement) available at BIA's Branch of Water Resources, Washington, D.C., (202) 208-4004. This old SF-171 will be used for general information only, and is **NOT** an offer, intent, or consideration for Federal employment;
6. Provide a **copy** of Certification of Membership in a federally-recognized tribe, signed by a tribal government official.  
**(Do Not send an original certificate);**
7. Submit your application for the training program on or before **April 3, 2009;**
8. A signed pledge (A form is Attached to this Announcement) stating that the participant will remain alcohol and substance free during the program. A violation of the pledge will result in immediate dismissal from the program;
9. The students are expected to complete all classroom and homework assignments in a professional manner. Daily attendance and active classroom participation are required to graduate.

Government employees (Federal, State, or Tribal), if selected, will not receive the voucher from the BIA, since they already have a job. **All selected students will be staying in the dormitory. Commuting to and from the training center is not allowed. Sorry, but no room and board is available at the training center for family members, friends, or pets.**

### **NAIHC Job Opportunities & Announcements**

#### **Training & Technical Assistance Specialists**

Application Deadline: Applications for the Training & Technical Assistance Specialist positions will remain open until filled. Please visit [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net) for qualification requirements.

#### **Contact Information Updates**

We are in the process of updating our membership directory. Please help us to ensure we have the correct contact information for your housing authority. If your contact information and/or executive director has changed (address, phone, fax, or email address), please forward information to Phillip Hillaire at (202) 789-1758 (fax), or email [phillaire@naihc.net](mailto:phillaire@naihc.net).

## NAIHC Needs Your Email Address (GO GREEN)

We want to help you cut down on paper costs, as well as help the environment by sending emails as opposed to faxes. **If you are currently receiving faxes of the Native Housing Update, but would prefer to receive them by email**, please send us your updated email addresses. We can add multiple email addresses, which is not an option for faxes. If you are interested, please email your request to [drodriguez@naihc.net](mailto:drodriguez@naihc.net).

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The National American Indian Housing Council is a national non-profit organization that assists tribes and tribal housing entities reach their goals of providing culturally relevant, decent, safe, sanitary and quality affordable housing for Native people in Indian communities, Alaska Native Villages, and Hawaiian Home Lands.