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### **National American Indian Housing Council**

NAIHC, a not-for-profit organization, assists tribes and tribal housing entities in reaching their goal of providing culturally relevant, decent, safe, sanitary and quality affordable housing for Native people in Indian communities, Alaska Native Villages and Hawaiian Home Lands.

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### **A NEW YEAR, A NEW NAHASDA, A NEW ROUND OF NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING**

Now that 2009 is here, it is time to pull up our sleeves again. The NAHASDA amendments are ready for implementation. New timelines have been placed on the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for negotiated rulemaking. HUD must initiate the process by January 12, 2009. The Negotiated Rulemaking committee must be established by April 12, 2009. HUD must promulgate regulations by October 14, 2010. OGA will be posting background material and updating you on the current issues via the NAIHC website at [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net).

### **NEW CABINET MEMBERS**

A new HUD Secretary has been named by President-elect Barack Obama. Shaun Donovan currently serves as the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development.

U.S. Senator Ken Salazar (D.Colo.) has been named to be the Interior Secretary who will oversee the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Both candidates will undergo confirmation hearings and final ratification by the Senate, which are expected to go very rapidly in early January and upon the Inauguration.

### **A SUCCESSFUL LEGAL SYMPOSIUM!**

So much information to go over, so much strategizing to do. Thanks to you, over 500 Native Housing professionals attended the NAIHC Legal Symposium in Las Vegas, NV. See special messages from Senator Harry Reid and Senator Lisa Murkowski, the Symposium Program, and breakout session materials at [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net).

### **LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

The Legislative Conference is February 24-26, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill in Washington DC. Quick agenda: February 24: Legislative Committee meeting; February 25: Plenary and Advocacy Briefing; February 26: Hill visits. Registration is now open. Go to [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net).