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NATIVE HOUSING UPDATE

May 21, 2009

35th Annual Convention & Trade Show

The 2009 Annual Convention was a huge success in the Big Easy. The Convention drew a large crowd with over 700 attendees and the trade show was filled to capacity. NAIHC would like to thank everyone that attended in this year's Convention & Trade Show and a special thanks to our sponsors that helped make our event a success. We could not have done this without you. Log onto www.naihc.net to view photos

Approved Resolutions – Six resolutions were adopted during the Annual Business Meeting, which will be posted at www.naihc.net on May 22, 2009.

Letters – NAIHC would like to thank all of you who signed Congressional letters at the convention in support of increased funding for Native American housing programs—we received over 330 letters! The letters will be delivered to your key Congressional members. If you are interested in sending a letter on your organization/tribal letterhead, please download the letter from www.naihc.net.

NAIHC's 2010 Annual Convention & Trade Show will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

USA Today Runs Feature Article on Tribal Use of Recovery Funds

USA Today reported that tribes will be sharing \$3 billion of stimulus funds provided under the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)*. NAHASDA recipients can apply for the stimulus money to build and repair distressed infrastructure on their reservations. This past July, the congressional Joint Committee on Taxation reported that Native Americans are even more economically disadvantaged compared to other minority groups. Various federal departments will distribute stimulus funds to NAHASDA recipients through grants, with additional funding available on a competitive basis. Tribes have proposed to use some of their funding to construct, renovate, and repair homes. To view the full article, visit www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2009-05-12-indianstimulus_N.htm.

2008 NAHASDA Amendments: Purchases under \$5,000

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing issued a notice to implement a Micro Purchase threshold for the IHBG program. Micro Purchasing will allow the grantee to purchase goods and services costing less than \$5,000 without obtaining and documenting price quotes. On May 18th, ONAP issued the notice (PIH 2009-14) on how to take advantage of flexibility provided by this provision. For further information, contact your Grants Management Specialist for assistance. View the notice at www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/regs/notices.cfm.

White House Visit

On May 20, 2009, Chairman Marty Shuravloff and NAIHC Executive Director Paul Lumley attended a bill signing by President Barack Obama at the White House. The President signed the *Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009* and *Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act 2009*. Mr. Shuravloff and Mr. Lumley were excited to be within a few feet of the President and witness him signing the bills.

Scholarships

Starting May 8, 2009 to the end of the year, the maximum award amount has increased from \$500 to \$1,200 per awardee per training for the tuition free and Leadership Institute trainings this year. The increase in scholarships applies to any event after May 8, even if you were previously approved for a scholarship at the level of \$500. Tribes are eligible for up to 12 scholarships per year (based on the availability of funds) and 6 scholarships per training. For eligibility requirements and how to apply, please contact Vanessa Van Pelt directly at 202-454-0929 or vpelt@naihc.net.