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NATIVE HOUSING UPDATE

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NAIHC Names New Executive Director

Mellor Willie, a Native American affairs advocate with extensive experience at the tribal, state and federal level, was named the new NAIHC Executive Director. Willie will direct the organization's operations and programming, as well as publicly promote and advance the American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian housing policy agenda in Washington, D.C. and abroad. Willie is a member of the Navajo Nation, born and raised in Window Rock, Ariz. In 1998, he received his bachelor's degree in political science from Southern Utah University. In May 2009, Willie graduated from The George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management, being the first American Indian to graduate from the program.

1st Annual Great Plains Housing Forum

The 1st Annual Great Plains Tribal Housing Forum was a huge success. There were over 160 participants during the three-day training event in Rapid City, South Dakota. On behalf of Senator Tim Johnson (D-SD), Ms. Elli Wicks announced the introduction to "Public and Indian Housing Crime and Drug Elimination Program Reauthorization Act of 2009." Also in attendance were Mr. Jesse Ewing on behalf of Senator John Thune (R-SD) and Mr. Rick Hanson on behalf of Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D-SD). A special thanks to the Oglala Sioux (Lakota) Housing for being instrumental in its success. If your region is interested in hosting a housing forum, please contact NAIHC at 800-284-9165.

Technical Assistance Available at NO COST

Are you new to Indian housing? Are you trying to solve operational problems but are not sure where to start? NAIHC stands ready to assist you and your organization in carrying out your affordable housing activities under NAHASDA. All recipients of NAHASDA funding are eligible to receive technical assistance from NAIHC—**free of charge!** All you need to do is complete an on-line Technical Assistance Request Form and submit it. NAIHC's T&TA Providers are standing by ready to work with you on-site (where necessary) to address issues, show you the best approach to overcome common operational problems, and teach you valuable capacity building skills within your organization. Contact NAIHC today at 800-284-9165 or visit www.naihc.net for additional information on the Technical Assistance program.

Request for Proposals (RFP) - Delivery of Training and Technical Assistance Services

The NAIHC is still accepting written proposals from qualified individuals for professional services involving the delivery of T&TA to tribes, IHAs, and TDHEs that receive Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). These professional services include providing on-site technical assistance and the teaching of selected NAIHC classroom courses that involve the administration of Indian housing programs. The period during which these services will be provided, on an as needed basis, is **September 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. Deadline for submission is 5:00 PM, EST, July 15, 2009.** To view the full RFP, please visit www.naihc.net. For more information please call 800-284-9165.

9th Annual Travois Indian Country Tax Credit Conference

Travois will host this year's conference on August 17-19, at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico. The early bird registration fee of \$250 is available through Thursday, July 16—thereafter, the fee is \$300. To learn more about the conference or to register, please visit www.travois.com. If you have any questions, contact Beth Heap at bheap@travois.com or call 816-442-8986.

Upcoming NAIHC Training

To register for training, please call 888-625-7667 or visit www.naihc.net. Scholarships are available. For more information, please contact Carrie Cuch at ccuch@naihc.net or call 800-284-9165.

Methamphetamine Awareness & Abatement

Instructor: Mr. Steve Juneau

July 14-15 Seattle, Washington

Hotel Information

The Paramount Hotel – 724 Pine Street

Rates: \$ 145

Reservations: 206-292-9500

HOTEL DEADLINE: June 29, 2009

Admission & Occupancy I (Introduction to Admission & Occupancy Program Management)

Instructor: Mr. Tom Yellow Wolf

August 4-7 Minneapolis, Minnesota

Hotel Information

Radisson Hotel – 1700 East American Blvd.

Rates: \$ 119

Reservations: 952-854-8700

HOTEL DEADLINE: July 13, 2009

Supervisory Management

Instructor: Mr. Tom Yellow Wolf

September 15-18 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Hotel Information

Knickerbocker on the Lake – 1028 East Juneau Ave

Rates: \$ 99

Reservations: 414-276-8500

HOTEL DEADLINE: August 31, 2009

Financial Management II (Accounting Systems Training)

Instructor: Mr. Rick Farrell

July 28-31 Denver, Colorado

Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Select – 455 South Colorado Blvd.

Rates: \$ 115

Reservations: 888-388-6129

HOTEL DEADLINE: July 13, 2009

Strategies for Affordable Indian Housing Finance

Instructor: Mr. Charles Anderson

August 18-21 Salt Lake City, Utah

Hotel Information

Hotel Monaco – 15 West 200 South

Rates: \$ 102

Reservations: 801-595-0000

HOTEL DEADLINE: July 20, 2009

***Note:** Hotel rates do not include any applicable taxes.*

***Note:** These schedules are subject to change. You are encouraged to monitor our website for the most current information available on Leadership Institute classes, Tuition Free classes, and other training opportunities from NAIHC and our national training partners.*

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 and quality affordable housing for Native people in Indian communities, Alaska Native Villages, and on Hawaiian Home Lands.