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### **National American Indian Housing Council Releases Revised 2010 Indian Housing Development Handbook**

*A comprehensive guide into the tribal housing arena*

WASHINGTON—July 8, 2010—The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), the only national Indian organization solely advocating on behalf of tribal housing issues, released its 2010 revised edition of the Indian Housing Development Handbook, which will serve as a valuable guide for tribal housing programs, federal and state government agencies, lenders, contractors, investors, attorneys and other housing professionals.

“Our goal is that this handbook will serve as a primary resource for tribal housing issues not only for our membership but also for the agencies and institutions that work with tribes to meet Indian Country’s acute need for decent and affordable housing,” said NAIHC Chairperson Cheryl A. Causley. “The handbook is intended as a supplement to our technical assistance and training activities. As this is the second edition of the handbook, we welcome comments and suggestions for improvement.”

The handbook was first published in early 2009, shortly after Congress enacted the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The 2010 edition updates the statutory and regulatory references and provides current information relating to federal budgets for tribal housing.

The author of the handbook, Brian Pierson, leads the Godfrey & Kahn’s Indian Nations Law Team in Milwaukee. Mr. Pierson has nearly 20 years of experience representing tribes. His practice today focuses on housing, development of tribal legal infrastructure and Indian Country economic development.

An online version of the handbook can be found on the NAIHC website – [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net). Please contact the NAIHC office to order a hardcopy of the handbook – 202.789.1754.

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*The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) was founded in 1974 as a 501(c)(3) corporation. NAIHC is the only national organization representing housing interests of Native people who reside in Indian communities, Alaska Native Villages and on native Hawaiian Home Lands.*