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Welcome to the First NPONAP Bulletin

The Northern Plains Office of Native American Programs would like to welcome you to the first NPONAP Bulletin. This bulletin will be used to inform you of updates to grant programs, upcoming training opportunities, current issues within HUD Region VIII, funding updates, and highlights of outstanding projects.



NPONAP Staff

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Second Quarter Reporting

In accordance with section 1512 of the Recovery Act, grantees with active grants must report through FederalReporting.gov on the status of their grants each quarter. Second quarter reporting for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds will begin on April 1, 2010. You will have until April 16, 2010 to input your second quarter data.

HUD also has additional reporting requirements which must be entered into the Recovery Act Management and Performance System (RAMPS). Section 1609 of the Recovery Act requires agencies to report on the status of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for all Recovery Act-funded projects and ac-

tivities. In order to provide this information to the Council on Environmental Quality, HUD grantees who complete NEPA reviews according to Part 58 must report NEPA-related data directly into RAMPS. Core activities must also be entered into RAMPS. RAMPS can be accessed at http://portal.hud.gov/app_ramps/



Second quarter reporting deadlines for RAMPS are as follows: NEPA updates must be input by April 10, 2010; and Core Activities must be input by April 30, 2010. For additional help with ARRA reporting, please contact your customer service team (listed on page 6).

HUD Region VIII New Regional Director

On March 15, 2010, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Rocky Mountain Region (Region VIII) swore in the new Regional Director, Rick Garcia. The region includes the states of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming and Utah.

As Regional Director, Mr. Garcia will serve as HUD's liaison to mayors, city managers, elected federal, state and local officials, congressional delegations, stakeholders and customers. HUD is focused on addressing housing, transportation, education, and energy needs in order to develop communities and improve their sustainability.

Mr. Garcia said that his "understanding of western cultures, land use, transportation, housing and community economic development allow [him] to hit the ground running and lead the Rocky Mountain region in achieving HUD's national objectives."

Since 2003, Mr. Garcia served on the Denver City Council where he made economic revitalization, access to new transit projects and business develop-

ment his priorities.

Mr. Garcia served as the Board Chair of the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) and Chairman of the Metro Vision Issues Committee and as a voting member of the Regional Transportation Committee of DRCOG. He is also the former Board Chair of the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority V of the NEWSED Community Development Corporation and is a founding Community Advisor to the University of Colorado's Latino/a Research and Policy Center.

Mr. Garcia also served as a consultant on Denver business development and government affairs; as a senior manager for the Colorado Department of Administration and Personnel; the state director for Small Business Development and Policy; and president of the Denver Urban Economic Development Corporation.

He earned his Business Administration degree from Columbia College and his MPA from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.



HUD's Region VIII new Regional Director, Rick Garcia

Audit Extension Requirements

If a recipient expended \$500,000 or more in Federal funds during its fiscal year, it must have an audit conducted by an Independent Public Accountant (IPA), as required by the Single Audit Act, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133. Funds expended under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) must also be included in the audit.

Recipients may request an extension in submitting an audit by following these

requirements: HUD must be the cognizant or oversight agency; requests must be submitted prior to the audit due date; requests must come from the recipient; and the request must include the recipient's fiscal year end, time requested for extension, proposed deadline date for audit submission, and an explanation for the extension. However, if ARRA funds have been expended, extension requests will not be granted.

ARRA Funding Obligation Deadlines

All Recovery Act grantees are reminded that 100 percent of ARRA funds must be obligated one year from the date the funds were made available.

This is in accordance with the Grant Agreement and the Recovery Act.

These one-year obligation deadlines are fast approaching for many grantees.

If you need additional assistance on de-

termining what constitutes obligation, please refer to *NAHASDA Guidance 2001-12 IHBG*, or contact your customer service team with NPONAP.

HUD's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Programs encourages all ARRA grant recipients to make every effort to expedite work under the Recovery Act.

All ARRA funds must be obligated one year after receipt of those funds.

Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

On March 10, 2010, Northern Plains Office of Native American Programs (NPONAP) staff met with representatives from the Oglala Sioux Lakota Housing Authority (OSLH), the HUD Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, and non-profit faith-based organizations. The group participated in a Faith-Based Tribal Conference-Planning Session in Rapid City, South Dakota. Participants included Paul Iron Cloud, CEO, OSLH; *Michael Her Many Horses*. Board President, Mazaska Owecaso Otipi Financial; Doyle Pipe on Head, Chief Contract Officer, OSLH; Emma (Pinky) Clifford, Executive Director, Oglala Sioux Tribal Partnership for Housing; Jackie

Gray, Administrative Assistant, OSLH; Kevin D. Yellow Bird Steele, Administrative Assistant, Oglala Sioux Tribe; Virgil Randall, Maintenance Superintendent, OSLH; Ed Vaughan, NPONAP; David Carradini, Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships; and Gayela Bynum, Program Manager, Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

The Oglala-Lakota Housing Faith-Based Leadership Conference will be held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City, South Dakota, May 4-7, 2010. In addition to a faith-based track for volunteer organizations working on the reservation, the conference will address economic develop-

ment, housing and health, IT infrastructure, and long-term community planning. Technical assistance workshops, including HUD's Grant Writing Training and the Federal Reserve's Streamlining the Mortgage Process in Indian Country will be offered to meeting participants. A final agenda and invitations to the conference are expected to be available in early April.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
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Calendar of Events

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April 12-13—Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce 6th Annual Indian Business Expo, Double Tree Hotel Quebec, Denver, CO

April 13-16—NAIHC Training: Intro to Indian Housing Management, Westin, Long Beach, CA

April 12-16—NAIHC Training: Pathways Home: A Native Homeownership Guide, Catoosa, OK

April 20-23—NAIHC Training: Admissions and Occupancy I, Hyatt Place Dallas, Grapevine, TX

April 20-23—NAIHC Training: Force Account Construction Management, Hilton, Anchorage AK

April 20-23—2010 Amerind Institute, Sheraton Uptown, Albuquerque, NM

April 26-27—Foundations in Environmental Review, HUD Region VIII Office, Denver, CO

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May 1-6 —2010 Annual Tribal Self-Governance Conference, Scottsdale, AZ

May 4-7 —Oglala-Lakota Housing Faith-Based Leadership Conference, Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD

May 4-6—NAIHC Training: Tribal Housing Inspections, Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, Acme, MI

May 4-7—NAIHC Training: Procurement & Contract Administration, Anchorage, AK

May 11-13—NAHASDA Reauthorization Act of 2008: Negotiated Rulemaking Meeting, Denver, CO

May 12-13—NWIHA Quarterly Meeting, Kah-Nee-Tah Resort, Warm Spring, OR

May 17-20—Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) Mid-Year Conference, Spirit Mountain Casino, Grand Ronde, OR

May 25-27—NAIHC Annual Convention and Trade Show, Marriott City Center Hotel, Minneapolis, MN

JUNE 2010

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June 1-2—NAIHC Training: Developing Tribal Housing with "Green" Building Techniques DoubleTree City Center, Milwaukee, WI

June 8-11—NAIHC Training: Admissions & Occupancy II, Hilton Ft. Lauderdale, Dania Beach, FL

June 15-16—NAIHC Training: Combating Prescription Drug Abuse in Tribal Housing Bismarck, ND

June 20-23—NCAI Mid Year Conference, Rapid City, SD

June 22-23—NAIHC Training: Policy Development, Loews Denver Hotel, Denver, CO

June 22 —Federal Labor Standards Workshop for CDBG, Biloxi, MS

June 30—Close of 3rd Quarter ARRA Reporting Grant Cycle

TBD—Indian Housing Plan (IHP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) Training, TBD, Denver, CO

Get More Information About Events on the Web:
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TRIBE/TDHE	Grants Evaluation	Grants Management
Apsaalooke	Flood	McKale
Blackfeet	Wagner	Gress
Cheyenne River	Sylvan	Gress
Chippewa Cree	Richards	Flowers
Crow Creek	Sereff	McKale
Eastern Shoshone	Sylvan	Bonilla
Flandreau	Sereff	Roget
Fort Belknap	Quinlan	Szymialis
Fort Berthold	Paschke	Szymialis
Fort Peck	Flood	Szymialis
Goshute	Paschke	Roget
Lower Brule	Sereff	Flowers
Northwest Band of Shoshone	Shea	Flowers
Northern Arapaho	Richards	Scott
Northern Cheyenne	Paschke	Flowers
Northern Ponca	Sylvan	Scott
Oglala Sioux	Flood	Gress
Omaha	Richards	Szymialis
Rosebud	Sylvan	Flowers
Salish-Kootenai	Wagner	Gress
Santee Sioux	Wagner	Roget
Sisseton Wahpeton	Paschke	Roget
Skull Valley	Shea	Gress
Southern Ute	Sylvan	Szymialis
Spirit Lake	Wagner	Scott
Standing Rock	Sereff	McKale
Trenton	Shea	McKale
Turtle Mountain	Richards	Scott
Utah Paiute	Paschke	Flowers
Ute Indian	Paschke	Scott
Ute Mountain Ute	Wagner	McKale
Winnebago	Richards	Szymialis
Yankton Sioux	Flood	Roget

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