



# NATIVE HOUSING UPDATE

*A Tradition of Native American Housing*

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## NAIHC SIGNS ONTO NATIONAL *CARCIERE* LETTER TO CONGRESS

In conjunction with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET), the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) signed onto a national letter to Congress regarding the immediate need for a legislative fix to the *Carciere* decision. The letter asks the Senate Indian Affairs Committee and

## NAHASDA NEG REG UPDATE

HUD Announces 5th and 6th Negotiated Rulemaking Meetings



the House Natural Resources Committee to ensure enactment of S. 1703, H.R. 3697 or H.R. 3742 this year due to an Indian Country "common concern that if the Supreme Court's decision in *Carcieri v. Salazar* is not addressed immediately there will be irrevocable damage done to tribal sovereignty, tribal culture and the federal trust responsibility."

NCAI and USET co-sponsored a *Carcieri* Summit on July 13 for tribal leaders and national and regional Indian organizations. Participants heard from Members of Congress, including Representative Donna Christensen (D-VI), Senator Tom Udall (D-NM), Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND), Representative James Moran (D-VA), Representative Tom Cole (R-OK) and Representative Raul Grijalva (D-AZ). The Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and Kim Teehee, Senior Policy Advisor for the White House's Native American Affairs Domestic Policy Council also addressed the group.



On February 24, 2009, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Carcieri v. Salazar* decision that the Secretary of the Interior lacks the authority to take land into trust under the Indian Reorganization Act for Indian tribes that were not federally recognized at the

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Office of Native American Programs will host the fifth Negotiated Rulemaking session on July 20-22, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Seattle, 1113 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101. Please call 206.464.1980 for hotel reservations. (Please note this is not a toll-free number)

The sixth meeting will take place on August 17-20, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza St. Paul Hotel Riverfront, 11 East Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55101. Please call 651.292.1900 for hotel reservations. (Please note this is not a toll-free number).

The sessions will commence at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. each day.

#### Public meeting:

Please note the Negotiated Rulemaking sessions are open to the public. NAIHC strongly encourages tribes and tribal housing professionals to be actively involved in the process. There is limited space available. You are encouraged to listen, gather information, and provide your input when recognized by the committee and during public comment sessions. NAIHC staff will be present at each meeting to provide support.

To view documents from the Negotiated Rulemaking sessions, view our website at [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net).

For more information regarding the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee, please contact Erna Reeves, NAIHC Lead Training & Technical Assistance Specialist, at 918.718.9058 or [ereeves@naihc.net](mailto:ereeves@naihc.net).

## **NAIHC ISSUES A CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS FOR 2010 LEGAL SYMPOSIUM**

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) is requesting presentation proposals for training sessions during NAIHC Legal Symposium on December 8-9, 2010, in Las Vegas, NV. The conference

time of its passage in 1934.

According to a NCAI resolution, the *Carcieri* decision "interferes with trust land acquisitions for Indian tribes who, arguably, were not under federal jurisdiction in 1934 and may give rise to federal court challenges to the Indian trust land of such Indian tribes and so threatened Indian lands."

During the Summit, tribal leaders visited a number of Congressional offices asking for their support for a swift legislative fix. Sen. Dorgan said, "The *Carcieri* decision undermines a whole series of actions made over decades. We have to fix it this year."

For more information regarding the *Carcieri* decision and its affects on Indian Country, please visit the NCAI website - [www.ncai.org](http://www.ncai.org).

## **NAIHC RELEASES REVISED 2010 INDIAN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT HANDBOOK**

**A comprehensive guide into the tribal housing arena**

NAIHC has 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

will be held December 7-9, however, breakout sessions will only take place on December 8th and 9th.

Proposals must pertain to legal or regulatory issues that affect tribal housing. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for a presentation, the [Guidelines for Proposals](#) and the [RFP Submission Form](#) can be found on the NAIHC website.

**The deadline for proposals is July 30, 2010, at the close of business (5:30 p.m. EDT).**

For questions, please contact Traci Hobson, NAIHC Director of Governmental Affairs, at 202.789.1754 or [thobson@naihc.net](mailto:thobson@naihc.net).

## **NEWS FROM HUD**

**Tribal housing related news from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

HUD is offering a Section 184 training



in Denver, CO in early August. NAIHC encourages members to attend.

Deanna Lucero, HUD Senior Loan Guarantee Specialist, will provide training on the Section 184 loan origination process and underwriting procedures. Also included in the training is an overview of the Section 184 appraisal process presented by Lyle Konkol, and a presentation by BIA staff from Albuquerque, NM on the role of the BIA when lending on the reservation.

This training is targeting those who work as processors, loan originators, underwriters, realtors and tribal housing staff.

**WHEN:** August 4-5, 2010

**WHERE:** HUD Building, 1670 Broadway, Denver,

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, and we welcome comments and suggestions for improvement."

An online version of the handbook can be found by [clicking here](#). To order a hardcopy of the handbook, please contact Vanessa Van Pelt, NAIHC Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator, at 202.789.1754 or [vpelt@naihc.net](mailto:vpelt@naihc.net).

[Click here](#) to read the complete NAIHC media release. For media inquiries, please contact April Hale, NAIHC Communications Manager, at 202.454.0946 or [ahale@naihc.net](mailto:ahale@naihc.net).

## RECOVERY CORNER

### Critical dates and deadlines for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Reporting for the second quarter ends today! This report covers ARRA funded activities completed during the months of April, May and June.

ARRA activity and job reports are submitted through [www.federalreporting.gov](http://www.federalreporting.gov). Environmental review activities are reported through RAMPS.

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Pre-registration is required. The class is limited to 75 participants. Contact [Andrika.M.Wagstaff@hud.gov](mailto:Andrika.M.Wagstaff@hud.gov) to register.

## UPCOMING NAIHC TRAININGS

### July 2010

#### Maintenance Program Management

July 20-23

Spokane, WA

Instructor: Kermit Mankiller

Hotel: Northern Quest Resort and Casino  
100 N Hayford Road, Spokane, WA 99001

Hotel Reservations: 877.871.6772

NAIHC Room Rates: \$95.00 per night, plus taxes

Hotel Reservation Deadline: June 28, 2010

Group Code: "National American Indian Housing Council"

Registration Fee: \$499

[Click here](#) to register online.

#### Self-Monitoring

July 27-28

Omaha, NE

Instructor: Erna Reeves

Hotel: Omaha Marriott Hotel  
10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE 68114

Hotel Reservations: 800.228.9290

NAIHC Room Rates: \$99.00 per night, plus taxes

Hotel Reservation Deadline: July 12, 2010

Group Code: "NAI"

Registration Fee: None

[Click here](#) to register online.

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### August 2010

#### Introduction to Indian Housing Management

August 3-6

Myrtle Beach, SC

Instructor: Kermit Mankiller

Hotel: Courtyard Myrtle Beach Broadway  
1351 21st Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Reservations: 800.445.6333 or 800.321.2211

Room rate: \$104.00/night plus taxes

If you have questions about reporting, a service desk is available Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. EST. The telephone number is 877.508.7386.

Also, the ARRA mandates strict time frames on the use of Indian Housing Block Grant program funds. We would like to remind recipients of the time frames:

- Obligate 100% of the ARRA funds within one year of the date funds became available;
- Expend at least 50% of ARRA funds within two years of the date funds became available; and
- Expend 100% of ARRA funds within three years of this date.

If a recipient fails to comply with the two-year expenditure requirement, HUD will recapture the funds and reallocate it through the Indian Housing Block Grant funding formula to tribal housing programs that are in compliance.

If a recipient fails to comply with the three-year requirement, HUD will recapture the balance of the funds originally awarded to the recipient and no further reallocation will be made.

## **ATTENTION PATHWAYS HOME TRAINERS**

**Materials have been updated and are ready for distribution**

The National American Indian Housing Council is pleased to announce that the Pathways Home: A Native Homeownership Guide materials have been updated, re-printed and are ready

Hotel Reservation Deadline: July 20, 2010  
Group Code: IHMIHMA for a king bed or IHMIHMB for two queen beds  
Registration Fee: \$499 per individual  
[Click here](#) to register online.

## **Methamphetamine Awareness & Abatement for Tribal Housing Programs**

**August 17-18** **Buffalo, NY**  
Instructor: Lamar Associates  
Hotel: Adam's Mark Hotel  
120 Church Street, Buffalo, NY 14202  
Reservations: 716.845.5100  
Hotel Reservation Deadline: August 2, 2010  
Group Code: Methamphetamine Awareness Meeting  
Registration Fee: None  
[Click here](#) to register online.

## **Resident Services**

**August 24-27** **Green Bay, WI**  
Instructor: Patsy Cohoe  
Hotel: Radisson Hotel & Conference Center  
2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313  
Reservations: 1.800.333.3333 or 920.494.7300  
Room Rate: \$89.00/night plus taxes  
Hotel Reservation Deadline: August 9, 2010  
Group Code: "National American Indian Housing Council"  
Registration Fee: \$499 per individual  
[Click here](#) to register online.

## **Environmental Compliance**

**August 31-September 3** **Reno, NV**  
Instructor: Catherine Dymkoski  
Hotel: John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel Resort  
1000 Nugget Avenue, Sparks/Reno, NV 89432  
Reservations: 800.648.1147  
Room Rate: \$95.00/night plus taxes  
Hotel Reservation Deadline: August 16, 2010  
Group Code: GNAIHC  
Registration Fee: \$499 per individual  
[Click here](#) to register online.

## **OTHER TRAININGS &**

for distribution.

NAIHC distributes Pathways Home workbooks to tribal organizations that have certified Pathways Home trainers to conduct homebuyer education training sessions to local tribal members. To order books, please contact Vanessa Van Pelt at 800.284.9165 or [vvpelt@naihc.net](mailto:vvpelt@naihc.net).

Pathways Home Trainers - please let us share your homebuyer success stories with the rest of Indian Country. Forward your stories to NAIHC Communications Manager April Hale, [ahale@naihc.net](mailto:ahale@naihc.net).

## TRIBAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Federal funding, grants, etc.

### Tribal governments eligible for transportation grants

Funds are available under the Housing and Urban Development's Community Challenge Planning Grants in conjunction with a portion of the Department of Transportation's (DOT's) National Infrastructure Investments Grants. There is \$40 million available for HUD's Community Challenge Planning Grants and up to \$35 million for DOT's transportation planning grants to be awarded as part of the National Infrastructure Investments program, under the FY10 "TIGER II" funding.

Eligible applicants include: tribal governments, state and local governments, including U.S. territories, transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations

## CONFERENCES

Find housing-related events here

### Building Bridges: Native People and Socially Responsible Investing

August 3-4, 2010

Green Bay, WI

For more information, contact Susan White, Oneida Trust Director at [swhite@oneidanation.org](mailto:swhite@oneidanation.org).

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### Tribal Healthy Homes Regional Training

August 17-19, 2010

Bozeman, MT

[Click here](#) to register online for the training.

[Click here](#) for the agenda and hotel information.

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### 10th Annual Travois Indian Country Tax Credit Conference

August 31-September 2, 2010

Kansas City, MO

[Marriott Country Club](#)

[Click here](#) to register online for the Summit.

[Click here](#) for the agenda and over-flow hotel information.

## TRIBAL HOUSING IN THE NEWS

Mainstream and native news stories

### **Volunteers to Descend on Navajo Reservation to Repair Homes**

*Utah RealEstateRama*

BLANDING, Utah - More than 250 Christian volunteers will descend on the Navajo Reservation Monday for a week-long summer camp. Youth volunteers from across the United States are performing home repairs for residents of the Navajo Reservation. [Read more...](#)

**HUD awards millions for housing in OK**

(MPOs), and other political subdivisions of state or local governments and multi-State or multijurisdictional groupings.

**The deadline for applications Monday, August 23. For both Community Challenge Planning Grants and TIGER II Planning Grants, there is no minimum grant size, but the maximum grant size is \$3 million.**

For more information, please contact TIGER II Discretionary Grant Program Manager, Robert Mariner, at [TIGERIIGrants@dot.gov](mailto:TIGERIIGrants@dot.gov) or 202.366.8914.

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**The Housing Assistance Council seeks nominations for rural housing awards**

At the National Rural Housing Conference in December, the Housing Assistance Council (HAC) will present three rural housing awards: the Cochran/Collings Award for national rural housing service; the Skip Jason Community Service Award; and the Henry B. Gonzalez Award for local or tribal elected officials. **Nominations are due September 15, 2010.** For more information, please visit [www.ruralhome.org](http://www.ruralhome.org) or contact Lilla Sutton at 202.842.8600 or [lilla@ruralhome.org](mailto:lilla@ruralhome.org).

*KSBI News (Okla.)*

Millions of dollars are headed to the state to help with housing assistance. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded \$4.6 million to help low-income elderly residents and those with disabilities in Lawton, Seminole, Shawnee and Wilburton. More than \$2 million will be given to the Native American Housing Services in Shawnee. [Read more...](#)

**Navajo Partnership for Housing still bringing mortgages to Navajos**

*Indian Country Today*

GALLUP, N.M. - The Navajo Partnership for Housing continues to bring mortgage financing to members of the Navajo Nation on or near its reservation, which sprawls across New Mexico, Arizona and Utah, despite the housing depression. [Read more...](#)

**Homeless Native Americans get federal focus**

*Indian Country Today*

WASHINGTON - Reducing homelessness among Native Americans is a goal of a new plan launched by the Obama administration. [Read more...](#)

**CDFI fund awards \$10 million to Native groups**

*Indian Country Today*

The CDFI Fund of the United States Treasury has awarded more than \$10 million to 45 groups in 19 states to facilitate community development, housing, and other economic development for American Indians. [Read more...](#)

**INDIAN COUNTRY  
INFO**

**Announcements, news and updates from Indian organizations, tribes or other institutions**

**CDFI Fund's Native Initiatives  
announces new 2010  
economic development  
strategies in Indian Country  
workshop schedule**



- > July 28, 2010: Sacramento, CA
- > August 17, 2010: Seattle, WA
- > August 19, 2010: Anchorage, AK
- > September 16, 2010: Albuquerque, NM

**About the Native Initiatives:**

The CDFI Fund's Native Initiatives work to increase access to credit, capital and financial services in communities by creating and expanding CDFIs primarily serving native communities. This is achieved through two principal initiatives: 1) a funding program - the NACA Program - targeted to increasing the number and capacity of existing or new native CDFIs and 2) a complementary series of training programs, called "Expanding Native Opportunities," that seeks to foster the development of new native CDFIs, strengthen the operational capacity of existing native CDFIs and guide native CDFIs in the creation of important financial education and asset building programs for their communities.

For more information about the series as well as to register for a specific workshop, please visit:  
<http://www.frbsf.org/community/resources/events.html>

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**American Indian tribal nations and socially responsible investing**

The Indigenous Peoples Working Group of the Social Investment Forum held a teleconference on April 29, 2010 to launch "Creating a Sustainable World: A Guide to Responsible Stewardship of American Indian Assets." This teleconference is available on the Social Investment Forum website at [www.socialinvest.org](http://www.socialinvest.org).

This is the first guide on how American Indian tribal

financial portfolios can add socially responsible investment strategies into the management of financial assets. [Click here](#) for a copy of the Guide.

**Thank you for your continued support of tribal housing issues.**

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