



PAHRA welcomes you to the **2010 PAHRA Annual Conference**

Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey, September 14-17

The **2010 Annual Conference** of the Pennsylvania Association of Housing and Redevelopment Agencies (PAHRA) will take place at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey, 604 Station Road, Grantville, PA 17028.

This year, PAHRA through the generosity of the Housing and Redevelopment Insurance Exchange (HARIE), is offering both a Lead-Based Paint Initial Certification Training (one full-day session, Wednesday, September 15) and a Certified Refresher Training (two half-day sessions, Thursday September 16). Registration is limited to 12 persons each session. **PAHRA members will have first priority to register, then it will be open to others. PAHRA members wishing to attend either of these sessions must preregister on the enclosed registration form and return it to PAHRA by Friday, July 28, 2010.** The sessions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. If registering for the full conference package, no additional fee is required for the LBP training/certification courses

The Conference will open with welcoming remarks by Charles Gassert, Jr., Conference Chair and Executive Director, Dauphine County Housing Authority. PAHRA's new legislative consultant, Richard Gmerek, President, Gmerek, Governmental Services, Inc. will provide an update of state legislative issues. Next, PAHRA President, Ed Christiano, will convene the **PAHRA Annual Business Meeting scheduled for Wednesday September 15, 8:30 A.M.** He and other officers and committee chairs will present the state-of-PAHRA. The results of the PAHRA election for five board positions will be tallied and announced during the meeting.

The Annual Conference continues with information packed sessions for staff and board members of housing, redevelopment, CD and non-profit agencies, as well as the **10th Annual PAHRA Members Best Practices Showcase.**

Conference highlights include:

- **Being Prepared for your Audit of Asset Management** (*Full Day Session*)
- **Single Audit Act and How ARRA Will Affect Your Current Year Audit**
- **Davis Bacon Wage Rates: A presentation by the HUD Philadelphia Regional Office** (*Two Joint Sessions*)
- **LBP Training Certified Renovator Initial** (*8-Hour Course: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 15, limited to 12 persons, register by July 28, 2010, sponsored by HARIE*)
- **Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) Update** (*Joint Session*)
- **Fair Housing - How Does Your Agency Make the Grade - Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing**
- **PETRA (Preservation, Enhancement, and Transformation of Rental Assistance Act of 2010)**
- **HUD Procurement Training / RFQ's, RFP's, Professional Services** (*Full Day Joint Session*)
- **PA DCED training on procurement, contracting requirements, funding availability and other issues** (*Full Day*)
- **Net Zero Energy Cottages - Solar Powered; Elder Ready**
- **LBP Training - Certified Renovator Refresher** (*4-Hour Session 8:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M. and repeats 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M., Thursday, September 16, limited to 12 persons/ session, register by July 28, 2010, sponsored by HARIE*)

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- PHFA Housing People with Disabilities (DPW/HUD HCV) and Tenant Based Rental Assistance
- HUD Resident Initiatives / Health Initiatives Workshop Focusing on partnerships, available resources, grants & successful models (*Two Sessions*)

PAHRA Members Showcase

In addition to all the sessions, the **10th Annual PAHRA Members Showcase** will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 16, 2010, during the Presidential Reception. You will have the opportunity to view and learn about the many innovative projects and programs in Pennsylvania. Information about the **Showcase**, the **Bellamy Award**, the **Awards of Merit**, and the **Person of the Year Award** was mailed to PAHRA members on June 28, 2010. This information is also on PAHRA's website: www.pahra.org. **Submissions must be received by Friday, August 6, 2010.**

Presidential Reception and Awards Dinner

On Thursday evening, September 16, the **Presidential Reception** will be held in conjunction with the PAHRA Members Showcase. The reception is an opportunity to meet the new officers and board members of PAHRA, network with conference delegates and exchange ideas and notes on projects and program delivery. This will be followed by the **Awards Dinner and Program**. The new PAHRA President will preside over the after dinner festivities, presenting the Awards of Achievement, Best Practices, Bellamy and Person of the Year awards. A **Hospitality Room** will follow with music and dancing.

Hotel Accommodations

The Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey is recently remodeled. Located northeast of the City of Harrisburg at 604 Station Road, Granville, PA 17028, it can be accessed from Exit 80 of I-81.

It is close to Hershey Park, golf courses and other points of interest in this area of Dauphin County. Across from the hotel is the Hollywood Casino and Penn National Race Track.



The hotel offers casual dining, a recreation center, a fitness center, indoor pool and other amenities. The hotel guest room rates are \$109/night for single occupancy and \$119/night for double occupancy. Both rates include a full breakfast buffet. Please make sure that you receive breakfast vouchers from the hotel when you check-in.

For reservations call 717-469-0661 and ask for the PA Association of Housing and Redevelopment Agencies Conference room rate. **Hotel room reservation cut-off date is Sunday, August 15, 2010.** After this date, hotel guest rooms or the conference room rate may not be available. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and check-out time is 11:00 a.m. Identification as a government employee and tax-exempt certificate must be presented upon check-in to have applicable taxes waived.

Complimentary parking is conveniently located adjacent to the hotel.

Enclosed are the **Preliminary Conference Agenda** and **Conference Registration Form** that is to be completed and returned to PAHRA. All conference registration and payments must be received by PAHRA on or before Friday, September 10, 2010.

PAHRA looks forward to hosting you at the at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg/Hershey. Its going to be a great learning experience with an information-packed agenda, pleasant surroundings, good food, and peer-to-peer networking.

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