

**2003 NORTH DAKOTA HOUSING CONFERENCE  
'CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIPS'**

BISMARCK – “Celebrating 20 years of Affordable Housing Partnerships,” the annual conference of the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA), will be held Feb. 5 - 6 at the Seven Seas Inn, Mandan.

Following a welcome by Lt. Governor Jack Dalrymple at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Barbara Thompson of the National Council of State Housing Agencies will speak on federal housing policy, including the proposed Housing Bond and Credit Modernization and Fairness Act, legislation intended to modernize state housing programs. She will be followed by Alan Greenlee of One Economy Corp., who will discuss the potential of technology to help low-income people build assets and raise their standard of living.

The noon luncheon speaker, Roy Alexander from the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, will present findings from the Millennial Housing Commission Report. Alexander, a former member of this congressional commission, will detail the commission’s recommendations, including improvement of the housing delivery system, and providing affordable housing for the American people.

During the Thursday luncheon, Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson will present the second annual Champion of Affordable Housing Leadership and Housing Production awards. The awards recognize and honor the work of individuals, non-profit organization, public agencies and private housing developers or providers who have made exceptional contributions to affordable housing in North Dakota. Johnson will also present awards to lenders participating in NDHFA homeownership programs.

Breakout sessions on Wednesday and Thursday will cover housing related topics such as financing, changing state demographics and environmental issues. Concurrent sessions on Wednesday afternoon include:

- New Tools for Financing Rental Housing,
- Environmental Issues Update,
- Housing an Aging Population,
- Nonprofits Role in Housing Development,
- Housing in Indian Country: The Challenges and Solutions, and
- Marketing and Enhancing Rental Properties.

Thursday’s breakout sessions include:

- A Fresh Look at Manufactured Housing and Modular Homes,
- Housing and Urban Development Update,
- Financial Literacy and Housing,
- New Homeownership Tools,
- Managing Property Insurance, and
- Celebrating Rental Housing Success Stories.

The conference has been approved for 9.5 continuing education credits for real estate agents, 6 credits for real estate appraisers, and 7.5 credits for social workers.

The registration fee for the two-day conference is \$60. For information or to register for the conference, contact NDHFA at (701) 328-8056, 1-800-292-8621, or 1-800-366-6888 (TTY). Registration forms are also available online at [www.ndhfa.org](http://www.ndhfa.org).

The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, consisting of Governor John Hoeven as chairman, Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, oversees the Housing Finance Agency.

Housing conference planning committee members include the: Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation; ND Apartment Association; ND Association of Builders; ND Association of Realtors; ND Bankers Association; ND Department of Commerce; ND Community Action Association; North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People; North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission; ND Manufactured Housing Association; ND Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; ND Regional Councils; Fannie Mae ND Partnership Office; Independent Community Banks of ND; Tribal Representatives; US Department of Housing and Urban Development – ND Office; and the USDA Rural Housing Service.

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