

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Secretary Mel Martinez, I want to invite you to attend the Regional Community Planning and Development (CPD) Conference scheduled for August 18 – 22, at the Warwick Hotel in Denver, Colorado. The conference theme for 2003 is "Building Stronger Communities in the New Millennium" and it reflects more than just five days of classes and workshops. It embodies HUD's mission of improving the quality of life in our communities, and illustrates the mutual commitment of HUD and our program partners to make desired improvements.

In addition to program information modules and mobile workshops, the conference will feature modules on "Community and Faith-Based Initiatives" and "Ending Chronic Homelessness". It will also provide great opportunities to renew acquaintances, meet new counterparts and HUD staff. I look forward to seeing you in August.

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#### Session Highlights:

##### **Affordable Housing - Minority Homeownership**

Efforts to increase minority homeownership opportunities are on the front burner of HUD's agenda. We will examine various approaches to achieving results and overcoming obstacles.

##### **Ending Chronic Homelessness**

Join Ms. Rachael Goodnough, Rocky Mountain Regional Homeless Coordinator for an overview of the Ending Chronic Homeless Initiative and the Ending Chronic Homeless ten-year planning process.

##### **HUD Economic Development & Your Community -**

*"It's more useful than you think"*- Section 108 & BEDI - Case studies & examples of projects that have worked.

##### **Consolidated Plan - Performance Measurements/Citizen Participation**

The Consolidated Plan Improvement project is focusing on simplifying the Consolidated Plan and focusing on results. Pilots and concepts are underway to make this a reality.

##### **Federal Labor Compliance Workshop**

Hear about the most common contractor underpayment scams, how to spot them and how to correct them. We'll answer your questions and discuss agency responsibilities for compliance.

## **Community Planning and Development Conference**

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Warwick Hotel, Denver, CO**

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