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NAHMA Fall Meeting to Focus on Federal Regulations; Special Events to Honor Ron Weaver

September 21, 2005, Alexandria, Va. — Specialists from federal agencies such as the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Internal Revenue Service, along with other experts, will shed light on new and revised policies that guide the management of federally regulated multifamily housing at the annual fall meeting of the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA). Property managers and owners from across the country will attend the conference, which begins Sunday, October 23 and runs through Tuesday, October 25, 2005. It is being held at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Topics for discussion will include the emergency housing situation resulting from Hurricane Katrina, as well as proposed changes by HUD to its revised Occupancy Handbook 4350.3, Limited English Proficiency guidance, certification reviews, contract administration, fair housing, rural housing, senior housing and tax credit-related issues.

In addition, two special events will honor NAHMA member Ron Weaver, who was tragically killed in August during a robbery at his home in Detroit, Mich.

The first event will be an hour-long breakfast session on Monday morning, Oct. 24. The "In Remembrance" event will feature personal comments and observances from NAHMA friends and colleagues. NAHMA members are invited to submit digital photos, memorabilia and written comments in memory of Ron to Jessica Allen, at NAHMA Headquarters, by Oct. 7. These items will be on display during the In Remembrance event.

The second event will be a special Ron Weaver Memorial Golf Tournament hosted by the NAHMA Educational Foundation, which Ron served as a Board member. Proceeds from the event will be directed by the NAHMA Foundation to programs and services that benefit children living in affordable housing. The golf tournament will be a "scramble," and will kick off at 1 pm, on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at the Tournament Players Club (TPC) at Avenel, in nearby Potomac, Md. This Championship golf course hosts the PGA Tour's Booz Allen Classic in early June. For more details or to register, please contact Jessica Allen or download the brochure at www.nahma.org/meetings/meeting_schedule.html.

Other highlights of the meeting will include Monday's keynote luncheon speaker Jeffrey Cufaude, principal of Idea Architects, who will speak on "Making a Difference in a World that Seems Different." For almost 20 years Jeffrey Cufaude's writing, speaking, consulting, and staff leadership has helped individuals and organizations envision more powerful possibilities. In his current role as a principal and founding partner of Idea Architects, he is working to build communities of ideas and idealists. His past experience as executive director of two national associations and as a student affairs staff member at two large public universities informs much of his work today. Very active professionally, Cufaude has twice served on the Indiana Society of Association Executives Board of Directors (ISAE), and is also very involved with GWSAE, the Greater Washington Society of Association Executives; ASAE, the American Society of Association Executives; and The Center for Association Leadership. Since 1998, he has designed and facilitated the ASAE Future Leaders Conference.

Another noted speaker will be Grace Robertson, Senior Program Analyst with the Internal Revenue Service, who will address NAHMA's Tax Credit Committee meeting on the subject of Section 42 housing management. This session will take place on Tuesday, October 25, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

The conference will also include special forums with HUD staffers who will cover many areas of concern to NAHMA and its members.

For a copy of the preliminary meeting agenda or to register for the conference, visit www.nahma.org/meetings/meeting_schedule.html or contact Jessica Allen at 703-683-8630.

NAHMA advocates for affordable, quality, multifamily housing by bringing nationwide attention to the need for preserving decent, safe and sanitary housing, and advocates for the establishment of industry standards for affordable housing professionals. NAHMA encourages creation of public/private partnerships among property managers and owners, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Rural Housing Service, Congress and others with an interest in preserving quality affordable housing.

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