



December 7, 2005

Dear Potential Applicant:

RE: 2006 LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

There have been several inquiries about adding an additional How-to-Apply Workshop in the western part of Virginia. Therefore we have added a fourth workshop on January 12, 2006, at the Virginia Tech Conference Center in Blacksburg. The schedule below has been changed to reflect this additional workshop:

- Jan. 04 How-to-Apply Workshop @ [Marriott - Fairview Park - Falls Church](#)
- Jan. 05 How-to-Apply Workshop @ [VHDA - Richmond](#)
- Jan. 06 How-to-Apply Workshop @ [Holiday Inn - Virginia Beach](#)
- Jan. 12 How-to-Apply Workshop @ [Virginia Tech Conference Ctr. - Blacksburg](#)
- Jan. 27 VHDA Locality CEO Notification Form Letter Deadline
- Mar. 10 Reservation Application Deadline & Market Study deadline
- May 16 Announce Preliminary Rankings, begin general comment period
- May 30 Close general comment period, begin rebuttal comment period
- Jun. 06 Close rebuttal comment period
- Jun. 13 Announce Final Rankings
- Nov. 06 Application for Allocation Deadline

The How-to-Apply workshops will begin **promptly at 9:00 a.m.** and end around 12:00 noon. Links to the hotel web site with directions to the hotel can be found above. **Parking is limited at VHDA so carpooling is recommended for the January 5, 2006, Richmond workshop.** I encourage you to register for the workshops as soon as possible by emailing Debbie Griner at debbie.griner@vhda.com or calling her at (804) 343-5518.

As mentioned in my November 18 letter, one of the changes to the QAP was the additional point category for an Architect of Record who has attended a Universal Design Seminar in addition to the Fair Housing Accessibility First point category. VHDA will be sponsoring a **Universal Design Seminar on Wednesday January 18, 2006**, and a **Fair Housing Accessibility First Seminar on Thursday January 19, 2006**, both at VHDA. By attending either of these seminars Architects who sign the Architects Certification may qualify for the certificate for which five points will be awarded to 2006 Reservation Applications. There will be a \$75.00 fee for the Universal Design Seminar but there is no fee for the Fair Housing Accessibility First Seminar. **Registration information is shown below.** Please note the registration deadline of January 13, 2006. Please remember that Architects who have attended both of these previous seminars in the past and have received the two attendance certificates for each of the Universal Design and Fair Housing Accessibility First seminars currently qualify for both of the point categories and do not need to attend these new seminars to qualify for the application point categories.

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Karl Bren is coordinating a presentation on procedures and requirements for EarthCraft certification following the four How-to-Apply workshops beginning approximately 1:00 PM. Please also notify **Debbie Griner** at debbie.griner@vhda.com or call her at (804) 343-5518 if **you are planning to remain for this presentation.**

We look forward to working with you next year. If you have any tax credit questions, please call me at (804) 343-5786 or email me at jim.chandler@vhda.com.

Sincerely,

James M. Chandler
Director of Low Income Housing
Tax Credit Programs

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Enclosures



"Going Beyond Accessibility To Universal Design."

January 18, 2006

and

"Fair Housing Accessibility First"

January 19, 2006

The Virginia Housing Development Authority is planning a one-day seminar on Universal Design and creating accessible spaces on January 18, 2006 from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm and a half-day seminar on Fair Housing Accessibility First on January 19, 2006 from 8:30 am till 12:00 pm at VHDA in Richmond, VA.

"VHDA is a Registered Provider with The American Institute of Architects Continuing Education Systems. Credit earned on completion of this program will be reported to CES Records for AIA members. Certificates of Completion for non-AIA members available on request"

This program is registered with the AIA/CES for continuing professional education. As such, it does not include content that may be deemed or construed to be an approval or endorsement by the AIA of any material of construction or any method or manner of handling, using, distributing, or dealing in any material or product. Questions related to specific materials, methods, and services will be addressed at the conclusion of this presentation.

The value of adapting and building accessible homes and apartments should be an investment that is important to us personally and corporately.

Therefore, we are inviting you to attend our one-day seminar titled "**Going Beyond Accessibility To Universal Design.**" The daylong event should be especially valuable to design professionals, developers, builders, planning, zoning and building officials, bankers, loan officers, engineers, rehab specialists, homeowners and others involved in the built environment process.

Our keynote speaker will be **Dick Duncan, Director of Training for the Center for Universal Design at North Carolina State University**, Mr. Duncan will define and discuss universal design and provide us with the latest innovations in universal design and the building environment. He will emphasize how universal design benefits entire families and share information on livable communities.

Ray Pentecost III, DrPH., Vice President, Director of Healthcare Architecture with Clark Nexsen Architecture & Engineering, Design for the Aging and People with Disabilities, Dr. Pentecost has a longstanding interest in and commitment to design for aging and people with disabilities. This presentation is not a cookbook on design about a way of thinking, but an empowerment of the audience to assess the home for aging and people with disabilities.

William E. Fuller, Ph.D., Senior Community Housing Officer, VHDA, and Member of the Virginia Disability Housing Work Group, Dr. Fuller will give the latest information on financial incentives and resources available to homeowners and developers interested in using universal design to achieve greater accessibility for all people.

The day and a half long seminar will allow for Architect's of Record who attend the seminar (An Architect that completes and signs the tax credit Architect's Certification) to meet the criteria for extra points on the Qualified Allocation Plan for Virginia's Low Income Housing Tax Credit application process with VHDA.

A total of 4.0 AIA/CES HSW Learning Units will also be issued to Architects attending the seminar.

For the "Going Beyond Accessibility To Universal Design." Online registration is available at www.accessva.org or www.vhda.com Note that the deadline for registration is Friday, January 13, 2006.

Should you have questions regarding the "Going Beyond Accessibility To Universal Design." after looking at the program or the enclosed registration form, you may call me at 804-343-5512 or email me at gail.braham@vhda.com. We look forward to seeing you on January 18, 2006.

Fair Housing Accessibility First Seminar January 19, 2006

Architects who sign the Architects Certification may qualify for the certificate for which five points will be awarded to 2006 Reservation Applications. Architects who have attended both of these previous seminars in the past and have received the two attendance certificates for each of the Universal Design and Fair Housing Accessibility First seminars currently qualify for both of the point categories and do not need to attend these new seminars to qualify for the application point categories.

William E. Fuller, Ph.D., Senior Community Housing Officer, VHDA, and Member of the Virginia Disability Housing Work Group, Dr. Fuller will give an overview of the Fair Housing Accessibility requirements.

For more information or to reserve a seat, regarding the "Fair Housing Accessibility First" please contact Debbie Griner at debbie.griner@vhda.com or (804) 343-5518.

Due to limited seating, we suggest that you register early .

Sincerely yours,

Gail Marie Braham

Gail Marie Braham,
Community Outreach Program Coordinator

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

'GOING BEYOND ACCESSIBILITY TO UNIVERSAL DESIGN'

Principles and Applications of Accessibility and
Universal Design for Single and Multi-Family Uses

Registration Deadline is January 13, 2006

Copies of form may be made for other interested participants.

Please print and return registration form by regular mail with \$75 payment to:

(Sorry no credit cards accepted)

Payments must be received before the conference:

To reserve your space early, e-mail or fax registration form and mail the original with a check made out to VHDA:

Mail to the Attention of:

Gail Braham

Virginia Housing Development Authority

601 S. Belvidere Avenue

Richmond, VA 23220-6500

Phone 804-343-5512

Fax 804-783-6726

gail.braham@vhda.com

Program: See agenda
Date: January 18, 2006
Place: Virginia Housing Development Authority
601 S. Belvidere St.
Richmond, VA 23832

1. Participant information (please print legibly)

Full name: _____ Architect: Yes _____ No _____

Organization/Business/Occupation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Accommodations: If you need accommodations that meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, please indicate specific requirements below.

2. Conference Fee

\$75 conference fee (payable with registration) includes admission to conference session, breakfast and lunch and afternoon snack.

3. Meal Options

Please Circle One:

1. Deli Sandwich
2. If you have a special dietary need please specify: _____

"GOING BEYOND ACCESSIBILITY TO UNIVERSAL DESIGN"

Principles and Applications of
Accessibility, Universal Design
for Single and Multi-Family Uses

VHDA
Richmond, VA
January 18, 2006

PROGRAM:

Universal Design has been defined by the Center for Universal Design as: "The design of products and environments to be usable by all people to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design."

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| 8:30 – 9:00 | Registration, continental breakfast and exhibits |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | Welcome |
| 9:15 – 10:30 | Accessibility and Universal Design
Dick Duncan, Director of Training, Center for Universal Design,
North Carolina State University |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Morning break |
| 10:45 – 12:00 | Dick Duncan's continued presentation |
| 12:00 - 12:45 | Lunch |
| 12:45 – 2:00 | Design for the Aging and People with Disabilities
Ray Pentecost III, DrPH., Vice President, Director of Healthcare
Architecture with Clark Nexsen Architecture & Engineering |
| 2:00 - 2:15 | Afternoon Break |
| 2:15 – 3:00 | Ray Penacost's continued presentation |
| 3:00 – 3:45 | Financial Incentives
William E. Fuller, Ph.D., Senior Community Housing Officer, VHDA,
and Member of the Virginia Disability Housing Work Group |
| 3:45 – 4:00 | Evaluation and Wrap-up |

Directions

Directions (from the North)

I-95 to Belvidere Street. Exit (Exit 76-B).

At the stoplight, take a left on to West Leigh Street. At the next stoplight, take a right on to Belvidere Street. Follow Belvidere to our office which is on the left side of Belvidere Street next to the Virginia War Memorial.

Directions (from the South)

I-95 to Chamberlayne Ave. Exit (Exit 76-A).

At the stoplight, take a left on to Chamberlayne Avenue. Cross over I-95 and bear right on to St. Peters Street. At the stop sign, turn right on to West Leigh Street. At the stoplight turn left on to Belvidere Street. Follow Belvidere Street to our office, which is on the left side of Belvidere Street next to the Virginia War Memorial.

From the Southwest

Powhite Parkway to I-195 S (Bear to the right, Downtown Expressway).

Take the exit towards US-1/US-301/Belvidere Street (immediately after the toll plaza, \$.50 toll) Merge onto Idlewood Avenue. Turn right on to Belvidere Street. Follow Belvidere Street to our office, which is on the left side of Belvidere Street next to the Virginia War Memorial.

Directions (from the East)

I-64 to I-95 North to Chamberlayne Avenue. Exit (Exit 76-A).

At the stoplight, take a left on to Chamberlayne Avenue. Cross over I-95 and bear right on to St. Peter's Street. At the stop sign, turn right on to West Leigh Street. At the stoplight turn left on to Belvidere Street. Follow Belvidere Street to our office which is on the left side of Belvidere Street next to the Virginia War Memorial.

Directions (from the West)

I-64 to I-95 South to Belvidere Street. Exit (Exit 76-B).

At the stoplight, take a left on to West Leigh Street. At the next stoplight, take a right on to Belvidere Street to our office, which is on the left side of Belvidere Street next to the Virginia War Memorial.

Parking is Free



Hotel Information



Omni Richmond Hotel

100 S 12th St, Richmond, VA
(804) 344-7000

Radisson Hotel Historic Richmond

301 W Franklin St, Richmond, VA
(804) 644-9871

Richmond Marriott Hotel

500 E Broad St, Richmond, VA
(804) 643-3400

Sheraton Richmond West Hotel

6624 W Broad St, Richmond, VA
(804) 285-2000

Jefferson Hotel

101 W Franklin St, Richmond, VA
(800) 424-8014

Berkeley Hotel

1200 E Cary St, Richmond, VA
(804) 780-1300

Wyndham Garden Hotel-Richmond

4700 S Laburnum Ave, Richmond, VA
(800) WYN-DHAM

Courtyard By Marriott

6400 W Broad St, Richmond, VA
804-282-1881

Richmond Marriott Hotel
500 E Broad St, Richmond, VA
804-643-3400