

## US Department of Housing and Urban Development Region X

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#### FHA Online Resource Center Debuts

On May 1. FHA made a comprehensive Single Family knowledge base available online to answer general and technical questions about underwriting, appraisal and loan processing issues. The knowledge base is a fully searchable "frequently asked questions" database that provides answers and technical references where appropriate 24/7. Simply search answers.hud.gov. (HUD staff can use the knowledge base by visiting this site:

Lenders and other members of the housing industry will need to log in to access the HUD to Sell Homes at a "FULL" knowledge base by clicking on the "My Stuff" tab and then selecting the "Create New Account" button.

> You can also contact FHA via email at hud@custhelp.com, by phone toll-free between 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PT at (800) CALL FHA or (800) 225-5342, or by TDD at (877) TDD-2HUD or (877) 833-2483.

#### Free Web Clinic for HUD Partners and Nonprofits

June 20 - Redmond, OR. HUD will be presenting a FREE Web Clinic, the only web clinic scheduled for this fiscal year within this region. HUD recognizes that the web is an important way to deliver services to the public and encourages all HUD partner organizations and other non-profit organizations to attend this clinic to become more successful in using the web. Space is limited! Information and online registration.

## Federal Government Programs Forum for Faith-Based and Community **Organizations**

June 6 - Tacoma WA. A FREE event to network with attendees and meet representatives from HUD and six other federal agencies, who will provide information on programs and

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grants available to faith-based and community organizations and their clients.

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Seating capacity is available to the first

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Seating capacity is available to the 150 registrants. If you are interested in attending, contact Terri Krick by email.

## FHA is Changing! Learn What's New at FHA Training

June 12 - Salem, OR. FHA Program Update, appraisal reform and Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Training. Approved for 6 hours Continuing Education Credit. No fee.

Registration required

June 13 - Portland, OR. FHA Home Mortgage Program changes including appraisal streamlining and combined purchase and rehabilitation financing training for real estate professionals. Co-sponsored with the Portland Metro Association of Realtors. No fee. Registration required

June 20 - Boise ID. FHA Program Update, appraisal reform and Home Equity Conversion

Mortgage Training. Course approved for 8 hours Continuing Education Credit for loan originators, officers and Realtors. No fee. Registration required

June 22 - Spokane, WA. FHA Program Update, appraisal reform and Home Equity

Conversion Mortgage Training. Fee. Late registration fee after June 8. Registration required

#### **HUD to Sell Homes at a Discount to Disaster Victims**

Homes are Available to Evacuees Across the Nation

As of May 1, almost all new properties listed for sale by HUD will be offered exclusively to hurricane evacuees for a period of five days at a price that is ten percent below fair market value. FEMA qualified evacuees must submit a purchase offer though a licensed real estate broker. As many as 20,000 HUD homes nationwide could be made available to hurricane evacuees. Learn more: call (800) CALL FHA or visit the web.