



## NAHMA Communities of Quality<sup>®</sup> (COQ) Process Flowchart



## More helpful hints for each step listed above:

**1) APPLY:** Visit <u>https://www.nahma.org/awards-contests/communities-of-quality/national-recognition-program/</u> for an application, as well as electronic (scanning) submission quidelines, video tutorial, frequently asked questions and additional program information.

2) **PROMOTE:** A complete COQ Welcome kit will be mailed to the property contact, and congratulatory letters will be mailed to representatives at the management company and owner. The Welcome Kit will contain a sample press release, draft letters to congressional representatives, and details on COQ promotional products such as banners and signs – all helpful in celebrating your significant accomplishment as a Community of Quality! (The COQ promotional merchandise webstore is posted to <u>www.rhinomktg.com/coqhomepage.asp</u>.)

3) AWARDS: NAHMA's annual national COQ awards contest entry form is posted by June each year at <a href="https://www.nahma.org/awards-contests/communities-of-quality/">https://www.nahma.org/awards-contests/communities-of-quality/</a>, under the "Awards" header. Eligible properties that have not yet won a national COQ award are welcome to re-enter the contest each year; however, previous national award winners are not eligible to re-compete.

**4) PARTNER:** The portfolio calculation can be based on either number of units or number of properties managed in the company's affordable portfolio and is self-reported. This designation was created specifically to honor management companies that successfully maintain a significant portion of their properties to the high standards of the COQ National Recognition program.

**5) RENEW:** Don't let your valuable accomplishment expire – renew your COQ recognition every two years by submitting the renewal application posted to <a href="https://www.nahma.org/awards-contests/communities-of-quality/national-recognition-program/">https://www.nahma.org/awards-contests/communities-of-quality/national-recognition-program/</a>.

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