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## Time to Start Prepping for NAHMA COQ Awards Applications

*Alexandria, Va., June 3, 2022* — Before summer vacations and back-to-school events dominate the schedule, plan to enter the NAHMA 2022 Communities of Quality (COQ) Awards competition. The submission deadline for entries to the COQ Awards program is Nov. 3. The Communities of Quality (COQ) Awards recognize outstanding property management companies providing the highest quality of safe, affordable multifamily rental housing in communities across the country. Download the COQ Awards [application brochure](#) today.

A property must first apply for and achieve [national recognition](#) as a NAHMA Community of Quality with a minimum score of 325 points on its National Recognition application to enter the awards competition. The deadline for submitting a COQ National Recognition application to a local AHMA for consideration in the national program is Sept. 1.

If your property initially received less than 325 points when your COQ National Recognition application was first submitted, you may elect to update the original application to earn more points if you have made improvements to your property since then. Detailed instructions for updating your initial COQ National Recognition application are included in the COQ Awards application brochure.

The AHMAs will be honoring their local NAHMA Communities of Quality program participants. Please check with your local AHMA for its program details. A directory of the AHMAs is available at <http://www.nahma.org/membership/ahma-directory>.

“The Communities of Quality Awards honor the achievements of affordable housing providers who make an unprecedented contribution to developing outstanding properties for families of modest means. NAHMA believes it is essential that outstanding affordable properties—and the individuals who maintain them—be publicly recognized for providing quality housing that offers a safe, healthy environment,” Michael Simmons, NAHP-e, NAHMA president, said. “They are communities supplying essential programs and services for their residents. These awards bring well-deserved valuable attention to the important work we are all doing.”

The COQ Awards competition has five categories:

- Exemplary Family Development
- Exemplary Development for the Elderly
- Exemplary Development for Residents with Special Needs
- Exemplary Development for Single Room Occupancy Housing
- Outstanding Turnaround of a Troubled Property

Management companies are invited to enter more than one category and/or multiple entries in a single category; however, each property may only be entered in one category.

Award winners will be notified in early January 2023. They will receive their awards in a special ceremony at the NAHMA Biannual Top Issues in Affordable Housing Winter Conference, March 8-10, 2023, in Washington, D.C.

This year's COQ Awards program is jointly sponsored by Navigate Affordable Housing Partners, a nonprofit engaged in developing, owning and managing affordable housing and consulting with various housing agencies and the HUD Section 8 project-based contract administrator (PBCA) for multiple states, and Yardi, which develops and supports industry-leading compliance, accounting and property management software for every type and size of affordable housing provider.

Entry-level National Recognition applications are due to the property's local AHMA by Sept. 1. COQ Awards entry materials should be submitted to the National Affordable Housing Management Association by Nov. 3. Please email your PDF application to NAHMA at [pwashington@nahma.org](mailto:pwashington@nahma.org) with the subject line: NAHMA COQ Award.

Detailed application information and submission materials for the NAHMA COQ National Recognition and Awards programs are available at <http://www.nahma.org/awards-contests/communities-of-quality>. All COQ nationally recognized properties are eligible to highlight their accomplishments through [Digital Smart Badges](#) on their properties' websites, enabling web visitors to see, and validate, their COQ national recognition status through a simple "click and verify" process.

An overview of the COQ National Recognition program, including a quick how-to apply video and overview flowchart, is available at <http://www.nahma.org/awards-contests/communities-of-quality/national-recognition-program>.

For more information, contact Paulette Washington at 703-683-8630, ext. 110 or [pwashington@nahma.org](mailto:pwashington@nahma.org).

### **About NAHMA**

NAHMA is the leading voice for affordable housing management, advocating on behalf of multifamily property managers and owners whose mission is to provide quality affordable housing. NAHMA supports legislative and regulatory policy that promotes the development and preservation of decent and safe affordable housing, is a vital resource for technical education and information and fosters strategic relations between government and industry. NAHMA's membership represents 75 percent of the affordable housing industry, and includes its most distinguished multifamily owners and management companies. Visit <http://www.nahma.org> for more information.

### **About Navigate Affordable Housing Partners**

Based in Birmingham, Ala., Navigate Affordable Housing Partners is a nonprofit engaged in developing, owning and managing affordable housing and consulting with various housing agencies to provide compliance and training. Navigate is also a federal contractor providing compliance and financial services on behalf of HUD as the Section 8 PBCA for multiple states. Navigate's core values—Service, Respect, Transparency, Quality, and Innovation—are applied to every aspect of their work and has resulted in an exemplary reputation in the housing industry. For further information, visit [www.navigatehousing.com](http://www.navigatehousing.com).

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Yardi develops and supports industry-leading compliance, accounting and property management software for every type and size of affordable housing provider. Yardi solutions streamline compliance with HOME, USDA Rural Housing, HUD 50059 and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit programs. Clients choose Yardi for quality products, expert support and stability. They stay with us for evolving solutions that outpace the ever-changing technology landscape. For more information on how Yardi is Energized for Tomorrow, visit [yardi.com](http://yardi.com) or call 800-866-1144.

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