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NAHMA Launches Online Directory of Qualified Multifamily Managers **Site Offers Proof of Credentials and Aids Search** **for Outstanding Management Companies**

February 18, 2005, Alexandria, VA -- The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) has just launched a new online directory of property management staff around the country that are certified by NAHMA and others as having satisfied stringent requirements in several professional categories.

The site enables searches by certification category as well as by last name, management company name, city and/or state.

The database is accessible at www.nahma.org/search/NAHMA_search.cfm.

“NAHMA felt it was important for people in the industry or people getting to know the industry to have access to individuals and companies that have shown outstanding personal dedication to satisfying the responsibilities of their positions to the highest degree possible,” said NAHMA President Jim McGrath, NAHP-e, HCCP.

Among the certifications available through NAHMA are:

Certified Professional of Occupancy (CPO) -- The CPO course is the only comprehensive program covering the entire HUD Handbook 4350.3, including the latest revisions. An extensive course manual covers topics from eligibility criteria, standards, tenant selection and screening to non-discrimination, allowances, adjusted income, certifying tenants and annual recertification. After completing the two- and one-half days of interactive instruction, participants must pass a rigorous one-half day exam to become certified CPOs. The CPO is a requirement for NAHMA's NAHP[®] certification program.

Fair Housing Compliance (FHC) -- NAHMA's Fair Housing Compliance course trains managers to understand complex federal regulations, and provides clear instructions on fair housing laws. The comprehensive, practical training manual includes ready-to-use documents and forms, and offers a step-by-step approach to determining the administrative and financial feasibility of making units accessible. The FHC is a required course for NAHMA's NAHP[®] certification program.

Housing Credit Certified Professional (HCCP) -- The HCCP credential is the only nationally endorsed program for Low-Income Housing Tax Credit professionals. It sets professional competency standards for housing credit professionals involved in developing, investing in, allocating and managing housing credit properties. The credential is awarded by the Board of Governors of the Housing Credit Certification Board under the auspices of the [National Association of Home Builders-Multifamily](http://www.nahb.org) (NAHB) and NAHMA. Requirements include a passing score on the HCCP Exam; submission of the Professional Profile/Application for Certification; minimum of two years of experience working with the housing credit program; 10 hours of housing credit training; commitment to professional ethics; and continuing education

National Affordable Housing Professional Certification (NAHP®) -- NAHP is the only professional certification program with stringent requirements dedicated solely to recognizing and promoting achievement of the highest possible standards in affordable housing management. The fees associated with securing the NAHP certification have been authorized as eligible to be paid from project expenses by HUD. The program is available to industry professionals at the following levels:

- **Professional** -- The successful candidate must have a minimum of two years of affordable housing management experience, and must also meet an education component. Criteria requirements are specifically structured to provide the NAHP with the skills and expertise required to function in the affordable housing industry with a high degree of competence and professionalism.
- **Executive (NAHP-e)** -- This select level of certification was designed to recognize affordable housing management executives. Qualified candidates must have at least five years of affordable housing experience with a minimum of three (of the five) years as an active owner, CEO, managing agent, asset manager or property manager overseeing two or more sites of an active affordable housing property.
- **Honorary** -- This level of certification is designed to recognize those individuals throughout the country who, through their leadership or influence, have made significant contributions to the affordable housing industry.
- **Emeritus** -- The NAHP Emeritus designation is designed for NAHPs who are retiring from the affordable housing industry, but would like to stay up-to-date, as well as be recognized for their continued commitment to the NAHP program.

NAHMA is the leading voice for affordable housing, advocating on behalf of multifamily property owners and managers whose mission is to provide quality affordable housing. NAHMA holds a unique position in the industry as the advocate for professional standards. It 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, fosters strategic relations between government and industry and recognizes those who exemplify the best in affordable housing. Founded in 1990, NAHMA's membership today includes the industry's most distinguished multifamily owners and management companies.

For more information about NAHMA and its Certification Programs, see www.nahma.org.

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