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Revised HUD Handbook Available on Low-Cost CD

July 18, 2003, Alexandria, Va. – Just one month after release of the long-awaited federal handbook that guides owners and managers of HUD-assisted multifamily properties, the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) has published a low-cost CD containing the complete HUD Handbook 4350.3 in an easy-to-use format.

The CD is available at a cost of \$15 to the public, and \$12 for members of NAHMA, the national nonprofit advocate for owners and managers of quality, affordable multifamily housing. Orders are accepted as of today; the CDs will be available for shipment on Aug. 1, 2003.

HUD Handbook 4350.3: Occupancy Requirements of Subsidized Multifamily Housing Programs is **the** essential guide for ensuring compliance with multifamily subsidy program requirements, including tenant eligibility, applicant priority, tenant income and rent determinations, prohibition of discrimination and other regulations. The last significant changes to the handbook were made in 1995.

Each of nine chapters, the table of contents, a glossary, the index, and the 15 appendices in the new handbook are included on the CD as separate, click-to-open, portable document format (pdf) files. Navigational features and shortcuts included in NAHMA's CD include bookmarks for every topic in each chapter as well as in the appendices, and key links that make it easy to quickly move between topics in the Table of Contents and chapter files. Adobe Acrobat Reader 5 (or later) is required to open the files and can be installed free from the CD.

Copies of the *HUD Multifamily Occupancy Handbook 4350.3 CD* can be ordered from NAHMA, 526 King Street, Suite 511, Alexandria, VA 22314, phone 703-683-8630, or at its website at www.nahma.org.

With the release of the new handbook, NAHMA is also updating its Certified Professional of Occupancy (CPO) training course for release this fall. A CPO "train the trainer" event is being offered August 20-21 in Braintree, Mass., preceded by a pilot course of the newly updated CPO August 18-20. Registration deadline is August 7. For more information visit <u>www.nahma.org</u>.

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NAHMA is a leading voice for affordable housing, advocating on behalf of multifamily property owners and managers. NAHMA holds a unique position in the industry as the advocate for professional standards. It supports legislative and regulatory policies that promote 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 some of the industry's most distinguished multifamily owners and management companies.