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Call for Presenters Homes for All 2010

Proposals due by Friday, May 14, 2010

About the Event

The Homes for All Convention is held every four years to coincide with Minnesota's gubernatorial election in an effort to shape a new administration's approach to developing affordable housing and sustainable communities. The theme of this year's convention is **Homes for All: Believe, Connect, Create**. Participants will ask the Governor-Elect, other state policy makers and convention participants to: 1) affirm the belief that everyone should have a home, 2) connect investments in housing, education, the environment, health, transportation, and economic development, and 3) create sustainable communities where everyone can afford to live.

The convention will include two plenary sessions, at least twelve breakout sessions, a keynote speaker, and a Governor's Reception at the end of the day. In addition to the Governor Elect making a policy address at the reception, participants will share the day's work from the breakouts.

Convention Objectives

- Mobilize housing and community leaders to influence the new Governor to pursue policies that will support a vibrant and diverse Minnesota where everyone can afford to live.
- Explore fundamental connections between housing and healthy lifestyles, school success, jobs and economic development, financial stability, transportation, and the environment.
- Demonstrate how Minnesota can learn and gain from new federal initiatives that integrate the activities of diverse governmental agencies to more holistically create sustainable communities.
- Present the Governor Elect with a collection of policy statements that outline a vision for a stable housing market, revitalized neighborhoods, energized economy, and sustainable communities.

Convention Audience

Participants will include community development and housing practitioners, health, education, transportation and environment stakeholders, policy makers, and community activists.

Call for Presenters Submission Guidelines

The convention committee is seeking experienced speakers and professionals in housing, education, health, transportation, economic and community development, and the environment to lead 12 75-minute break-out sessions. In each session, the presenter will give an overview of the topic, lead a conversation among participants, and arrive at a vision statement(s) that will help inform the Governor-Elect's future administration.

The committee is particularly interested in topics and proposals that address:

1. Innovative approaches to promoting and achieving equitable, affordable housing options for all, including but not limited to: housing for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and rural communities. Approaches should include strategies that recognize the dynamic housing environment and respond in a way that challenges traditional implementation and policies around affordable housing.

2. Strategies for supporting existing communities. What policies and practices will be needed to support those communities and regions that have been most impacted by foreclosure and the housing and economic crises?
3. Proposals for aligning investments in affordable housing with investments in the environment, education, transportation, health, and jobs and economic development to create sustainable communities.
4. Other proposals related to the conference goals and overall themes of believe, connect, and create are encouraged. We are specifically looking for presentations that are interactive and engaging—keeping participants engaged and increasing retention of material. Please note your plans to incorporate group discussion, group exercises, case studies, or other audience participation.

Submission Instructions

Prospective presenters must complete the online application and submit it to the planning committee by **May 14, 2010**. The application can be found at www.homes-for-all.org.

The online format requires the following:

- Presenter name(s), contact information, title, and bio(s).
- Presentation title and summary. (200 word max)
- Narrative on topic. (1,200 word max)
- Summary of how presentation will integrate audience participation and produce a vision statement(s) on the topic. (200 word max)
- Audio visual and materials needs. Note: we will provide AV support if requested. Presenters will need to provide handout materials in advance if participants are to receive copies.

Submission Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated by a conference committee using the following criteria:

1. Clarity and relevance to the goals and desired outcomes of the conference.
2. Appeal of the subject matter.
3. Presentation on the subject matter and engagement of session participants.
4. Demonstrated commitment to engaging and facilitating participants in preparing policy vision(s) within your topic area as a session outcome.
5. Speaker qualifications and experience.

Timeline

April 2, 2010	RFP Distributed
May 14, 2010	Submission deadline
June 30, 2010	Speakers finalized and notified

Contact Us

For questions or more information on the conference and the call for proposals, please contact Kristin Beckmann at kristin.beckmann@tchabitat.org or Julie Gugin at julie@hocmn.org.

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