



**"Building Partnerships & Frameworks for
the New Decade"**

2010 Annual Conference

Salem Conference Center (Salem, OR) <> April 26 - 28, 2010

Dear Tribal Housing Leaders,

The Pacific Northwest Regional Council of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials is pleased to have as a part of our 2010 Annual Conference a session entitled "Building Business Capacity." This session will be presented by Dr. Blake Kazama, Ph.D. and his staff from the Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority in Juneau, Alaska.

Dr. Kazama and THRHA have gone beyond just providing for the housing needs of their stakeholders; they have developed and implemented a business plan that includes a variety of entrepreneurial organizations that provide services and employment. In an uncertain world, where revenues can come and go, THRHA has created a diverse base of economic activity that is helping to fund the needs of the population THRHA serves.

PNRC-NAHRO and Dr. Kazama would like to invite you to join us in Salem, Oregon, April 25-27, 2010, to participate in our Conference and in the Building Business Capacity session.

Dr. Kazama will be available after the session (3:00 – 4:30 PM) to answer questions and discuss your particular issues if desired.

Additionally, our Keynote Speaker on Monday, April 26, is Dr. Vaughn Grisham, Ph.D., a professor at the University of Mississippi and an expert in community and economic development. Dr. Grisham will provide the broad framework for how to change your community for the better, and Dr. Kazama will give you the specifics of how he has done it.

For further details and questions, please contact Cassandra Days, THRHA at cdays@thrha.org or Ron Oldham, Executive Director, PNRC-NAHRO at 206-901-0330 or RONALDLOLDHAM@MSN.COM. A registration form is attached for your review and use.

Sincerely,

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