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# AFFORDABLE HOUSING FORUM

HILTON PITTSBURGH

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## MAY 13 - 14, 2008

### TUESDAY SCHEDULE

**9:30 AM – 12:00 PM NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR**

**12:00 PM–1:00 PM REGISTRATION**

**1:00 PM – 2:30 PM WELCOME AND OPENING PLENARY DISCUSSION**

The buzz word for 2008 is *change*, but which direction do you take? Focusing on strategic and business planning for housing authorities, panelists explore how to evaluate your current portfolio and assets, maximize internal strengths and partnership opportunities, and engage community stakeholders in assessing opportunities for organizational growth and development.

**2:45 PM – 4:45 PM CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

**Track 1:** The Development Process

**Track 2:** Redeveloping Public Housing without HOPE VI

**Track 1 Concurrent Workshops:** Attendees with little or no experience in affordable housing development will learn to analyze how to identify development opportunities, understand the various stages of the development process, and consider varied development structures and roles a housing authority can play. Attendees will gain a better understanding of the financial resources available for affordable housing along with knowledge of what project attributes attract private investors.

**Track 2 Concurrent Workshops:** Experienced affordable housing developers and managers explore innovative approaches and share experiences with their peers. Sessions focus on public housing revitalization strategies that don't rely on federal HOPE VI grants and serving an aging demographic with housing and vital services. Panelists will also propose opportunities for housing authorities to help prevent foreclosures and bring foreclosed properties back to productive use as rental or owner-occupied housing.

**6:00 PM– 8:00 PM RECEPTION AT HEINZ HISTORY CENTER**

### WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

**8:30 AM– 10:30 AM CLOSING PLENARY DISCUSSION**

Affordable housing is like marriage...Pick your partner carefully. Panelists will present different perspectives on the strengths of partnering with nonprofit and for-profit developers, or moving forward alone. What are the different assets that each partner brings to the table? How do their motivations overlap or vary? What do you need to consider before taking that long trip down the aisle?

**10:45 AM– 12:15PM CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

**Track 1:** Using Low Income Housing Tax Credits

**Track 2:** Developing a Holistic Living Environment for Seniors

**12:15 PM– 1:30 PM LUNCH**

**1:30 PM– 3:00 PM CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

**Track 1:** Mixed Finance-What's That Mean?

**Track 2:** Strategies to Deal with Neighborhood Foreclosures

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