



**NEWS UPDATE**

**03-22-2010**

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## **HUD announces NOFA for Sustainable Communities to be released in April**

A top priority of the Administration is to build economically competitive, healthy, opportunity-rich communities. In the Appropriations Act, Congress provided a total of \$150,000,000 to HUD for a Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing and transportation decisions, and increase State, regional and local capacity to incorporate livability, sustainability, and social equity principles into land use and zoning. Of that total, \$100,000,000 is available for regional integrated planning initiatives, which is the subject of this Advance Notice.

The Sustainable Communities Initiative was conceived to advance development patterns that achieve improved economic prosperity, environmental sustainability, and social equity in metropolitan regions and rural communities. Recognizing the fundamental role that public investment plays in achieving these outcomes, the Administration charged three agencies whose programs impact the physical form of communities—HUD, DOT, and EPA—to lead the way in reshaping the role of the Federal government in helping communities obtain the capacity to embrace a more sustainable future. As a result, HUD, DOT, and EPA have formed the Partnership for Sustainable Communities (the Partnership). HUD will take the lead in funding, evaluating and otherwise supporting integrative regional planning for sustainable development.

**Webinar by HUD:** <http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/webcasts/archives/NOFA10>

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**BCRA** – a member of the Affordable Housing Consortium – received the **2010 Excellence in Masonry Merit Award** for the Tacoma Goodwill Milgard Work Opportunity Center. The new four-level, 63,000 square foot building combines Goodwill's new administration headquarters with a youth career center and an adult work opportunity center.

One of the primary objectives in the design process was to fulfill the Goodwill's mission of creating a dynamic and positive environment for a wide variety of programs that focused on essential training for adults and youth in order to prepare them for employment within the community. The areas dedicated to youth training were designed as a welcoming, non-threatening, socially-acceptable environment. The Goodwill's administration headquarters occupies the upper level of the building while a café and dining services area supports staff, clientele, and visitors on the public floors of the building. The center offers state-of-the-art technology including a "computer theater" that accommodates distance learning with satellite facilities around Washington State.

BCRA provided architecture, civil engineering, land use planning, interior and FF&E design, LEED process management, and graphic design services for the facility.

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**Building Safety Month:** <http://www.buildingsafetymonth.org/>

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**SAVE THESE DATES!**

**Fair Housing 2010: Time to Act**

**Thursday April 22, 2010 – Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center**

**Regional Community Land Trust Conference**

**April 28-30 – Portland OR**

**Information: [erikamalone@nwcltc.org](mailto:erikamalone@nwcltc.org)**

**Washington State Homeless Coalition 20th Annual Conference**

**May 12-14, 2010 – Spokane WA**

**Housing Washington Conference 2010**

**October 19 & 20 – Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center**

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**Consortium CALENDAR:**

**<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/index.php/Calendar/>**