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→ **AHC Training: The Green Renovation**

May 22 [8-4] & May 23 [8-12:30]

**INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:**

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/MAY-2012%20GREEN%20RENOVATION.doc>

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→ **AHC Op-ed in TNT: Cutting needy's lifelines an untimely budget proposal**

TNT 04-01-2012 Link to article:

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/04-01-2012%20TNT%20Cutting%20needy.docx>

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→ **The Challenge of Leadership in the times we're in**

**Marty Linsky, Harvard Kennedy School of Government**

In our consulting, teaching, and training work with corporations, NGOs, and governments all over the globe, we see a common struggle about how to cope with the economic turbulence and rapid change which they are enduring. The particulars may vary from sector to sector, country to country, and organization to organization, but the basic issues are remarkably similar.

The angst cuts across industries as well as sectors: from professional services to manufacturing to financial services to technology. It is found in small organizations as well as huge multinationals; although our experience is that the diagnostic challenges and the choices are more difficult for older and larger firms than those that are smaller and more nimble.

Here's the core question, stated in a somewhat reductionist frame, but capturing the basic choice of directions so many organizations must face:

**Is the current turmoil simply a bump in the road or a sea change? Read more....**

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/03-2012%20mlinsky.pdf>

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→ **Dream of central Tacoma place for homeless is closer to reality**

**KATHLEEN MERRYMAN - TNT**

In 2002, President George W. Bush challenged the nation to end homelessness in 10 years.

The call was humanitarian and pragmatic. He demanded strategies to stabilize people whose addictions, mental illnesses and rotten choices have made them some of every community's most expensive residents. When they get into stable housing, their cost drops – sometimes by tens of thousands of dollars a year.

Around the same time, Tacoma was muddling with the “homeless problem,” by which it meant people panhandling, living in encampments, trekking between shelters and meal sites, sleeping in doorways, passing out in parks and defaulting to the main library when there was no other day shelter.

Read more here: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2012/03/27/v-lite/2085039/dream-of-central-tacoma-place.html#storylink=cpy>

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## → Coalition on Human Needs Urges Congress to Take Balanced Approach to Reducing the Deficit and Creating Jobs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A new report released today by the Coalition on Human Needs for the first time examines the impact of the automatic spending cuts mandated by the Budget Control Act of 2011 on more than [140 programs](#) that serve low-income and struggling families. *[Self-Inflicted Wounds: Protecting Families and Our Economy from Bad Budget Choices](#)*, finds that the automatic budget cuts will severely damage human needs programs ranging from education to nutrition to job training.

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## → Learn how living in downtown Tacoma can pay if you work there

Downtown Tacoma employers, today brings a chance to learn about an employee perk that won't cost you anything.

“Live Downtown” is a year-old program that provides financial incentives for employees to live close to work. Participation is free for the business, because the incentives are offered by the participating lenders and property owners.

Read more here: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2012/03/29/v-lite/2086782/learn-how-living-downtown-can.html#storylink=cpy>

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## → Pierce County Funding

RFP for Spring 2012 SHB 2060 funding for Pierce County. The application materials can be found on the Pierce County website at:

[http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/comsvcs/housing/shb\\_2060.htm](http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/comsvcs/housing/shb_2060.htm)

The applications will be due in our office at 3602 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98418 by Friday, May 4, 2012 at 4pm.

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## → Housing-related Job Openings

LASA Case Manager: [http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/04-01-2012%20LASA%20Case%20Manager%20%20Job%20Description%20\(2\).docx](http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/04-01-2012%20LASA%20Case%20Manager%20%20Job%20Description%20(2).docx)

TACID Case Manager: <http://web.tacid.org/about-us/position-announcements>

Exodus Housing Finance Manager:

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/03-2012%20Exodus%20Finance%20Manager%20Description%2003-20-12.doc>

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➔ **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Housing Conference**

April 19 Tacoma

Agenda, information, registration:

<http://cms.cityoftacoma.org/hrhs/FHCMaterials/2012OnlineFHCRRegistrationPage.pdf>

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➔ **NeighborWorks Center for Homeownership Education & Counseling**

Foreclosure Counseling Training

May 21-25, 2012      Seattle, WA

Build your foreclosure counseling  
skills with up to a full week of  
top-quality NCHCEC training

[Apply today for a scholarship](#)  
for free tuition and lodging  
for qualified counselors

More information:

<http://www.affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/Complimentary%20Foreclosure%20Counseling%20Training%20-%20Seattle.htm>

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➔ **Foreclosure Prevention Workshops**

South Sound Outreach Services

Information: <http://affordablehousingconsortium.org/client/assets/files/03-2012%20SouthSoundOutreach-Foreclosure%20Prevention%20Class%20General%20.pdf>

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➔ **Pierce County Center for Dispute Resolution**

2012 Basic Mediation Training

July 16-20      October 12-14/26-27

Downtown Tacoma, WA 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

More Information & Registration: [http://www.pccdr.org/storage/forms/BMT\\_Flyer\\_Regist\\_2012.pdf.pdf](http://www.pccdr.org/storage/forms/BMT_Flyer_Regist_2012.pdf.pdf)

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