

## 'A Team of MVPs'



### *In Memory and Honor of Georgia Kondelis*

Teresa Pantel and Stevi Lamb received the framed art work of Jazmin Moreno, Honorable Mention for the NAHMA Calendar 2011 for their office. The Art Poster Contest was a favorite project for former manager, Georgia Kondelis. John Yang from Apartmentsmart purchased the poster and donated it to AHMA East Texas and the property.

## **2011 Art and Poster Contest for the 2012 NAHMA Calendar**

NAHMA is proud to kick off the annual art/calendar contest which is in its 25th year.

We anticipate that more than 5,000 children, elderly/disabled and special needs residents nationwide will be participating in the calendar art contest this year.

We have added a sub-theme to reinforce a more positive use of time and to encourage a broader range of submissions. The underlying message for the contest will continue to have a drug-free theme but we also wanted to open the door for more avenues of expression. The theme for the 2011 contest is titled, **“Open Doors with Your Imagination”** and the sub-theme is **“Explore the Magical World of Books and Reading.”**

The contest rules can be found at [www.nahma.org](http://www.nahma.org). The AHMA East Texas deadline for entries is May 15, 2011. All posters should be sent to Michael Alexander, 6000 Pinemont, Houston, Texas 77092. Entries cannot be accepted after that date. If you have any questions please call Michael Alexander at 713-957-4430.

Winners in the national contest will also receive a gift from AHMA East Texas. The manager(s) with the most entries will also be awarded a gift certificate.

### **CPO EXAM**

Please contact Michael Alexander at [almike@swbell](mailto:almike@swbell) or call 713-957-4430 if you are interested in challenging the CPO Exam. You must purchase a study guide and attend the review on the day of the exam. We must have ten to proceed with this exam. The cost of the challenge is \$150.00 plus the cost of the book, which can be ordered on our website.

## *Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review*

HUD published a notice on March 2nd, Federal Register entitled, “Reducing Regulatory Burden; Retrospective Review Under E.O.13563.” The notice invites public comments to identify outdated, ineffective or excessively burdensome HUD rules.

“In accordance with Executive Order 13563, “Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review,” HUD is reviewing its existing regulations to evaluate their continued effectiveness in addressing circumstances for which the regulations were promulgated. As part of this review, HUD invites public comments to assist in the development of a plan for periodically analyzing existing significant regulations to determine whether they should be modified, streamlined, expanded, or repealed.

HUD also seeks comment to identify specific current regulations that may be outdated, ineffective, or excessively burdensome. The purpose of this regulatory review is to make the Department’s regulations more effective and less burdensome in achieving HUD’s mission to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities, and quality affordable homes for all....

“The following is the list of topics on which HUD specifically seeks comments. .... Comments should reference a specific regulation by citation to the Code of Federal Regulations, and provide information on the perceived problem and the rationale for any recommended solution. Commenter's should focus on rule changes that will achieve a broad public impact, rather than an individual personal or corporate benefit....

How can HUD best obtain and consider accurate, objective information and data about the cost, burdens, and benefits of existing regulations? Are there existing sources of data available that HUD can use to evaluate the effects of its regulations over time?

What factors should HUD use to select and prioritize rules and reporting requirements for review?

Are there any specific existing HUD regulatory requirements that are ill advised or so burdensome as to merit elimination?

Are there any specific existing HUD regulatory requirements that, while necessary, are ineffective and in need of streamlining or other modification to achieve their objectives? Why are these requirements ineffective—are they unnecessarily complicated, burdensome, or outdated? What changes to the regulations would increase their usefulness and meet HUD’s objectives?

Are there any HUD regulatory requirements that have been overtaken by technological developments? Can new technologies be used to modify, streamline, or do away with these requirements?

Are there any existing HUD requirements that duplicate or conflict with requirements of another Federal agency? Can the requirement be modified to eliminate the conflict?

Are there HUD regulations that are working well and that can be expanded or used as a model for other HUD programs?”

Comments must be submitted to HUD by May 2, 2011. NAHMA will draft comments in consultation with our Regulatory Affairs Committee. If you would like to submit comments for consideration as part of NAHMA’s statement, please email them to [Michelle.Kitchen@nahma.org](mailto:Michelle.Kitchen@nahma.org) by the close of business on April 15. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

To read HUD’s notice in its entirety, please see: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-03-02/pdf/2011-4563.pdf>.

Here is our opportunity to respond to a request to help alleviate some of the numerous reports that we must file or adhere to. It would be good to address some of our issues concerning EIV and other matters. Please review and respond. You may respond to HUD or to NAHMA.

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