The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) reaffirms its commitment to assuring members and certification holders acknowledge and adhere to the organization’s Code of Professional Conduct.

In 1976, NAHRO appointed the first Board of Credentialing Trustees (BCT) to establish policy and issue the Public Housing Manager (PHM) certification. Over the years, the Board’s title changed to the Board of Ethics and Credentialing Trustees (BECT) and its role was expanded to include responsibility within NAHRO for originating programs and initiatives to foster a high degree of professional ethical awareness and strict adherence to the principles embodied in the Code of Professional Conduct.

As new assisted and affordable housing programs were introduced, NAHRO developed additional certifications, including the Section 8 Housing Manager (SHM) and the Senior Professional Housing Manager (SPHM). The PHM, SHM, and SPHM certifications remain valid, although NAHRO no longer offers them. Today, NAHRO has 13 certifications that reflect competency at all levels of operation and management within the current industry’s environment.

Upholding the public’s trust by sound ethical practice is imperative for the industry. Therefore, through training, certification and other initiatives, NAHRO promotes the standards as stated in the NAHRO Code of Professional Conduct and all members and certification holders are expected to acknowledge and adhere to this Code.

83% Operating Fund proration resulting from sequestration, NAHRO recommended that these utility reimbursement payments, which come from HAP or Operating Fund subsidy, be suspended for CY 2013.

NAHRO supports providing the discretion to PHAs to set their minimum rent in the range of $0 to $200. NAHRO further supports providing PHAs the authority to set a different minimum rent for elderly/disabled households from that set for non-elderly/non-disabled households.