HUD Secretary Castro and Ndaba Mandela to Speak at Affordable Housing Conference

Experts and affordable housing and community development advocates convene in Baltimore

Baltimore, MD – (October 10, 2014) – Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julián Castro will speak about the Administration’s commitment to preserving and building new affordable housing units and revitalizing depressed communities on Friday, October 17, the second day of NAHRO’s National Conference and Exhibition, Excel 2014: A Passion for Success, at the Baltimore Convention Center. The conference will draw more than 1,000 housing and community development professionals from across the country, including federal and local officials, advocates, and others working on the front lines to provide safe, decent and affordable housing for all.

Other speakers during the conference include Ndaba Mandela, grandson of Nelson Mandela and Founder of Africa Rising, and Ralph Smith, Senior Vice President and Managing Director of the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading.

Secretary Castro’s appearance is open to the media. During the conference, all plenary sessions and concurrent conference sessions will be open to the media. For additional information about the conference and a list of sessions, contact Public Affairs Coordinator Emily Pasi at epasi@nahro.org or 202-580-7223.

What: NAHRO National Conference & Exhibition

When: Thursday, Oct. 16 - Saturday, Oct. 18

Where: Baltimore Convention Center, One West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD, 21201

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Established in 1933, NAHRO, is a membership organization of 23,000 housing and community development agencies and professionals throughout the United States whose mission is to create affordable housing and safe, viable communities that enhance the quality of life for all Americans, especially those of low- and moderate-income. NAHRO’s membership administers more than 3 million housing units for 7.6 million people.