

Dear NAHMA Member,

Today HUD issued the following notice on the assessment tool that would be provided for program participants to use in completing their assessment of fair housing as required by HUD's recently issued Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) final rule.

HUD intends the Assessment Tool to be used as a guide for HUD program participants in evaluation of fair housing issues in their respective jurisdictions. In a HUD notice issued in September, 2014, it was noted that this Assessment Tool is designed primarily for entitlement jurisdictions and for entitlement jurisdictions partnering with public housing agencies to use in submitting an assessment of fair housing (AFH). The "primary" design is also for local governments and consortia required to submit consolidated plans under HUD's Consolidated Plan regulations. Although in the September notice, HUD previously stated this assessment tool would not be used for regional collaborations, HUD believes that, given the changes made to this assessment tool based on comments received, this assessment tool can also be used for regional collaborations.

HUD is allowing 30 days for public comment on the tool (comments are due August 17, 2015). NAHMA plans to submit comments in consultation with our Regulatory/Federal Affairs Committee and NAHMA member comments. In order to have proper time to review and compile member comments, **we ask that you submit your thoughts by August 10, 2015.**

To view the notice on the Assessment Tool, please [click here](#)

To view the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing final rule notice, which was formally published in the *Federal Register* today, please [click here](#)

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