



## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **University Partner Opens Opportunities**

Neighborhood Reinvestment's Training Division has announced a new partnership with Southern New Hampshire University's School of Community Economic Development designed to enhance educational and credentialing opportunities for practitioners in the community economic development field.

The collaboration includes a portfolio credit program open to students currently enrolled in the Master of Science in Community Economic Development at the university's School of Community Economic Development (SCED). In this program, the SCED will provide six graduate credits to those who have earned a Professional Certificate from Neighborhood Reinvestment's Training Institute since calendar year 2000. The credits can be applied toward elective requirements in the Master's in CED program.

The partnership also offers a portable credit program in which the SCED will provide six graduate credits to those who earn a Professional Certificate from Neighborhood Reinvestment and register with the SCED during or before completing their Professional Certificate. The portable credits are transferable to other universities and educational institutions.

Both Neighborhood Reinvestment and Southern New Hampshire University's School of Community Economic Development are confident the partnership will help expand educational opportunities for community development practitioners. For additional details on the School of Economic Development, [www.snhu.edu/sced](http://www.snhu.edu/sced).

#### **Native American Curriculum**

NeighborWorks® Training Institute has announced development of its new Native American Community Development Training curriculum. The development of this cutting-edge curriculum, made possible by a grant from Wells Fargo Home Mortgage through its Wells Fargo Housing Foundation, is designed to meet the needs of individuals working to serve the community development needs of Native communities.

The first offering of the Native American Training curriculum will occur in San Francisco December 8-12. The curriculum is comprised of four courses: a five-day course entitled "Native American Homebuyer Education

Methods: Training the Trainer" and three courses of shorter duration: "Leveraging Resources for Housing and Other Development Projects in Native Communities," "Developing and Implementing a Financial Education Program in Indian Country," and "Building the Organizational Capacity of Native Nonprofits."

#### **Symposium on Rural America**

On Wednesday, December 10, at the NeighborWorks® Training Institute in San Francisco, Neighborhood Reinvestment will convene its first-ever rural symposium, The New Rural America. The symposium is intended for community leaders, development practitioners and policy makers interested in improving the quality of life in rural America. It will explore topics such as economic development in rural America, the status and future of rural American policy, housing issues in rural areas, best practices of rural Community Development Corporations, and creating winning partnerships to make progress in rural development.

The New Rural America will be complemented by two new cutting-edge rural training courses, "Introduction to Rural Property Development and Management" and "Rural Community Economic Development." For more information on the symposium, see page 17 or visit [www.nw.org/training](http://www.nw.org/training).

#### **Michael Schubert Honored with Faculty Award**

Michael Schubert, principal of Community Development Strategies, was honored with the Faculty Award at the June 2003 training institute in New Orleans. He was recognized for being a "deep thinker, educator and practitioner" and helping to make revitalization a reality in neighborhoods across the United States.

Schubert has made crucial contributions to the development and continuing success of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program of Study through his creative insights. He is an experienced professional in the fields of urban planning, community development and neighborhood revitalization. His courses include "Creating Neighborhoods of Choice Through Revitalization" and "Positioning Neighborhood to Succeed in a Competitive Marketplace." ■

# Join us in San Francisco for the **NeighborWorks® Training Institute** December 8 - 12, 2003

**THIS INSTITUTE WILL FEATURE A SYMPOSIUM ON DECEMBER 10, 2003**



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## NATIVE AMERICAN TRAINING CURRICULUM

This Training Institute will feature four newly developed training courses specifically tailored to the professional development needs of Native American community development practitioners and others working to serve Indian Country. The curriculum features a 5-day Homebuyer Education course, as well as three additional community development courses.

Full scholarships, including travel, lodging and tuition, will be available to individuals whose efforts directly impact Indian country.

The Native American training Curriculum is made possible by a generous grant from Wells Fargo Home Mortgage through its Wells Fargo Housing Foundation. For more information about this program, call (877) 398-6245.



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