

## 2011 NATIONAL HEALTHY HOMES CONFERENCE BACKGROUND



### What is the 2011 National Healthy Homes Conference?

- The 2011 National Healthy Homes Conference is the country's most comprehensive, progressive and educational forum on healthy, safe and sustainable homes. It will be held in Denver, Colorado from June 20-23. Professionals from a cross-section of industries will attend the Conference, including those representing: housing, environmental and public health, homebuilding and remodeling, educational institutions and urban planning.

### Why is the Conference important?

- Unsafe and unhealthy housing continues to affect the lives of millions of Americans. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimates that 38 million housing units still contain lead-based paint, a major contributor to developmental delays and learning disabilities in children. In addition, nearly 25 million Americans have asthma and the rate is steadily rising. Mold, pest infestations, deaths by drowning in tubs and pools, falls, and deaths in house fires remain the leading causes of preventable death, disease and disability in the United States today.

### What will the Conference offer?

- The Conference program will offer eight program tracks featuring 158 educational sessions. These sessions will be led by individuals representing nearly 200 nationally-recognized organizations, including representatives from 20 state and local health departments. The topics will cover a wide range of issues, from evidence-based community design strategies to the latest research on the links between health and housing.

### What are the key objectives of the Conference?

The objectives of the Conference are to:

- Make the connections between housing and the impact on our health.
- Showcase trends in policies and standards to make our homes healthier.
- Outline how healthy homes can be designed, built or renovated and maintained, affordably.
- Share the latest research and innovations to create healthier homes and communities.
- Develop new and strategic partnerships across disciplines.
- Reduce disparities in the availability of healthy, safe and affordable homes and communities.

### Who is sponsoring the Conference?

- HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control is the lead sponsor of the Conference, in partnership with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; U.S. Department of Energy; U.S. Department of Agriculture; and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

### Will continuing education credits be offered to Conference participants?

- Yes. Conference attendees can earn continuing education credits from the following nine organizations: American Board of Industrial Hygiene; American College of Preventative Medicine; American Council for Accredited Certification; American Institute of Architects; American Society of Home Inspectors; Building Performance Institute; National Association of Home Builders; National Association of the Remodeling Industry; and Society of Public Health Educators.