Housing

HUD NAMES DAN CARMON
CASPER FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) former Regional Director John Carson announced Dan Carmon, of the Fort Worth, Texas Regional Office, as the Casper Field Office Director for HUD's Region VIII in November 2008. Mr. Carmon will be responsible for delivering the Department's programs and services to customers throughout Wyoming on behalf of HUD Secretary Donovan and Deputy Regional Director Deborah Griswold. Mr. Carmon will manage the Field Policy and Management staff in the Casper Field Office and will monitor HUD programs throughout Wyoming. Mr. Carmon can be contacted at:


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U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan announced the Obama Administration is awarding $523,790 in grants to 5 local homeless providers throughout WYOMING.

HUD grants offer homeless individuals and families a wide range of housing and support services. For a complete local summary of the grant funding announced, visit HUD's website at: http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/budget/2008/index.cfm

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**Wyoming Homeless Collaborative Meeting**

The Wyoming Homeless Collaborative met February 11, 2009 in Gillette. The group discussed the upcoming Point-In-Time count that will be held statewide on Friday, March 20, 2009. Members are encouraged to contact their local organizations and to ensure that all programs that provide services to persons who are homeless participate in the count.

**CASPER HUD Staff Receives Achievement Award**

Program Assistants Maria J. Rodriguez and Mary Coleman were cited recently by former Regional (VIII) Director John Carson for their role in providing assistance to the citizens and HUD partners in Casper and throughout the State of Wyoming. Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. Coleman are experienced and knowledgeable HUD employees, having served with the agency 22 years and 30 years, respectively.

**HUD Approves Wyoming Housing Network As Housing Counseling Agency**

Congratulations to the Wyoming Housing Network on receiving certification as a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency providing counseling to citizens in homebuyer education, pre-purchase and post-purchase counseling and debt management. Families planning homeownership or currently own their home can contact the agency for counseling. Visit their website at: [http://whninc.org/](http://whninc.org/) or visit HUD’s website for additional information about counseling at: [http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcc_home.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcc_home.cfm)


The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("Recovery Act") was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. It is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create or save three to four million jobs, and lay the foundation for a robust and sustainable 21st century economy. Wyoming HUD program funding breakdown can be viewed on HUD’s website at: [http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm)