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**Importance:** High

## ***From the City of Las Cruces, NM***

**Dear NCDA Region VI Members:**

*We look forward to hosting our NCDA Region VI members!* Attached is the conference registration form for the 2011 NCDA Region VI Conference being held in **Las Cruces, NM on November 2 – 4, 2011**. It will be held at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces.

### **Pre-Conference Activity:**

NCDA has arranged for the "Advanced CDBG" to be provided on October 31<sup>st</sup> (all day) and November 1<sup>st</sup> (half-day) that is \$150 for NCDA members and \$250 for non-NCDA members first 35 registrants. Please see conference registration form to register for this.

### **Registration, Hotel, and Airlines:**

Early and Regular Registration is outlined on the conference registration form. Early registration is \$75 through the end of August with a discount for 4 or more people from the same organization. On-site and registering after September 1<sup>st</sup> is \$115, also with a discount of 4 or more people.

Hotel Information: Ramada Palms de Las Cruces      Website: [www.RamadaLasCruces.com](http://www.RamadaLasCruces.com)  
Phone #: 575-526-4411  
Group Name: NCDA  
**Group Code: NGNCDA**  
Rates:      Kings: \$78.00 per night, plus applicable taxes  
              Double Queens: \$88.00 per night, plus applicable taxes

Airlines: American, Continental and Southwest are the primary airlines. You will want to fly into El Paso, TX (not Albuquerque – unless you want a 2.5 hr. drive down I-25). American has provided a 5% discount on their lowest fare (**See attachment**). Southwest does not provide group or meeting discounts, but they tend to be cheaper than most airlines and provide the most number of flights.

### **Shuttles & Rental Cars:**

There is the Las Cruces Shuttle Service that runs hourly trips between the El Paso Airport and the hotel every day. They may be contacted by calling: 575-526-1784 or 1-800-288-1784. Most of the major rental car companies are available at the El Paso Airport and Hertz is located at the Ramada Palms Hotel. We are working on a group discount, so when we know that, we will get back to you.

### **Conference Highlights:**

HUD FHEO Regional Director will give a speech on "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing" and we will have sessions on Section 3, Continuum of Care, Homeless Campuses (Pros & Cons), the proposed changes to the Consolidated Plan (process), and others. We will get an update from Cardell and are working on an entertaining keynote speaker.

As you will notice on the registration form, *there is an optional Casino Night on Wednesday, November 2, 2011.* There are a couple of options we are evaluating (i.e. between dinner & casino, or dinner on your own before and we provide transportation to and from the casino) Your interest will determine what we do. If you are interested in a Casino Night, due to state law, **we must know the name of the attendee.**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN!**

P.S. The local Renaissance Craft Fair is held in Las Cruces on November 5th and 6<sup>th</sup>, if that is your thing, let us know, we can get you more details.

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