



SAVE THE DATES: JANUARY 24, FEBRUARY 12, AND MARCH 14 AHAND and G-STAND Announce REO Training Program

With support from PNC Bank and Wells Fargo, AHAND and G-STAND have arranged for the Center for Community Progress (CCP) to conduct a series of three trainings in Atlanta in the first quarter of 2013 for affordable housing developers and others engaged in the redevelopment of foreclosed properties. With Georgia remaining at or near the top nationally in continuing foreclosure activity, the need for substantial redevelopment and redistribution strategies in the nonprofit sector remains a top priority. Local governments, too, have an interest in mitigating the effects of foreclosures. The full day workshops, \$40 each or \$75 if registering for all three at one time, will provide information on the best practices for strategies across the full spectrum of single-family redevelopment and redistribution activities.

CCP is nationally renowned for its role as a technical assistance provider, particularly in the area of innovative REO and vacant property redevelopment best practices. CCP's 'Reclaiming Vacant Properties' conference in New Orleans a few months ago drew hundreds of people from across the nation to learn about innovative and effective strategies for REO redevelopment.

1. Building Stronger Neighborhoods™ - Jan. 24, 2013

Developing new ways to look at how CDCs, local officials, and other stakeholders can manage neighborhood change is critical in order to bring about sustainable and equitable revitalization. This workshop will provide a detailed look at how to increase the desirability in a community's housing stock, how to preserve affordable housing while doing so, and more.

2. Reusing Vacant Properties™ - Feb. 12, 2013

Figuring out the most appropriate reuse for any of the vacant and underutilized buildings and land parcels that are available is a central task for anyone working to plan, redevelop or rebuild cities and neighborhoods. This workshop will address how to create reuse strategies by understanding sites and areas, alternative reuse, demolition and more.

3. Taking Control of and Managing Problem Properties™ - March 14, 2013

Creating the systems to manage and acquire problem properties is critical to ensure there is a pathway for reuse. This workshop will look at land banking, tax foreclosure, vacant property inventories and other tools for gaining control of persistent problem properties.

Register online for the first workshop on January 24th by visiting www.ahand.org after January 9th. If you have questions, please contact Kate Little (ksl1@gstand.org) or Andy Schneggenburger (andy@ahand.org).