



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development

RURAL GATEWAY PEER-TO-PEER CONFERENCE CALL
Homeless Veterans and Economic Development:
A Discussion of Best Practices
Wednesday, October 6, 2010
2:00-3:30 p.m. EST.

The Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development (ORHED) invites you to take part in our next Peer-to-Peer conference call. Scheduled for ***Wednesday, October 6, 2010***, this call will offer participants the opportunity to learn about the current issues related to economic development activities and housing opportunities to support Homeless Veterans.

Leaders of various organizations dealing with assisting Homeless Veterans will share their knowledge of successfully implementing economic development activities and housing services that have expanded and created opportunities for those in need. Various organizations will have an opportunity to discuss and share issues related to economic development and the impact it has on Homeless Veterans. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about best practices, discuss the challenges of developing economic development activities and housing services to Homeless Veterans, and establish contacts for future reference.

Join HUD's Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development (ORHED) and the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans as we engage rural community leaders in this open forum on providing assistance to Homeless Veterans pertaining to economic development. Speakers will include **John Driscoll**, President and CEO, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans; **Kathy Vitalis**, Executive Director, Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans; **Bill Burleigh**, Executive Director, Operation Stand Down Nashville; and **Melanie Lilliston**, Technical Assistance Director, National Coalition of Homeless Veterans.

Topics to be discussed

- The types of economic development activities developed and implemented
- Performance outcomes of the economic development activities
- Public and Private sources of funding to carry out projects
- Best practices and lessons-learned
- Supportive and Transitional Housing

Format of the call:

Call-in instructions and additional materials will be emailed to participants on **Tuesday, October 5, 2010**. The call will consist of a 60 minute presentation by our speakers, followed by a Q&A session.

Please **RSVP** by email to rhed@hud.gov no later than close of business on **Monday, October 4, 2010**. Please include your name and organization.

If you have any questions, please call 1-877-RURAL-26 (1-877-787-2526).