

Conference Trainers/Presenters

Nelson Rodriguez, President and CEO

Mr. Rodriguez has over 40 years experience as an administrator, writer, manager, and trainer in the areas of Public Housing, Section 8, Capital Program, agency planning and much more. He and his firm have provided consulting services to over 3,780 agencies.



Vicki Brower, Director of Training

Ms. Brower has more than 20 years experience as an Executive Director. One of the top housing curriculum authors and trainers in the country, she was also Operations Manager of HUD's Public and Indian Housing Information Resource Center (IRC) where she conducted extensive research in regulations, statutes and HUD guidance.



Joshua Rodriguez, Managing Partner JARCO Ventures

JARCO Ventures is the prime contractor for development of HUD's new public housing physical needs assessment protocol and tool. Mr. Rodriguez has developed automated systems geared towards efficiency and compliance and maintains the integrity of existing systems for private sector companies and housing agencies.



Mark Vogeler, Vice-President of Operations

Mr. Vogeler offers over 28 years experience directing successful Section 8 housing operations, including providing guidance and technical assistance to many of the nation's largest Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher programs.



Roman Palomares, Trainer

Mr. Palomares retired from HUD with over 28 years experience directing, administering, and assessing Public and Assisted Housing Programs for over 300 local communities and has trained numerous Board of Commissioners concerning housing regulations, policies, and procedures.



Jeremy Spence, Trainer/ Nelrod Consortium Director

Mr. Spence has provided training and technical assistance to numerous agencies on compliance, rent determinations, and quality control issues. In addition he served as a call center supervisor for HUD's Public and Indian Housing Information and Resource Center. Mr. Spence provides technical support for the Diamond RIM File Review System.



James Rodriguez, Vice –President of Fox Energy Specialists

Mr. Rodriguez, a certified Green Building Accredited Verifier, is currently overseeing a "green" project for the U.S. Army. In addition to managing numerous energy improvement contracts, he is project director of a weatherization quality assurance contract with Houston, Austin, Fort Worth, and other cities.



Donna Bernier, Guest Trainer

Ms. Bernier is a managing partner at Deloitte providing support to HUD in the area of Business Transformation. Her experience includes strategic planning, operations reviews and improvement planning, process re-engineering, cost analysis, human resources analyses, and information systems analyses for federal government, education, local government, and commercial organizations.



Janice Gibbons, Trainer

Ms. Gibbons has over 19 years of public housing experience as an Executive Director. She is knowledgeable in all aspects of public housing occupancy and provides technical assistance in public housing operations and compliance.



Georgia Towner, Senior Financial Analyst

Ms. Towner has over 30 years experience in public housing administration and finance. She has worked with numerous PHAs on Capital Fund Planning and prepared Capital Fund Annual Statements, Performance and Evaluation Reports, and Five-Year Action Plans in conjunction with PHA plans.



Donnie Lyons, Energy Efficiency Trainer

Mr. Lyons is a HERS/ RESNET certified Home Energy Rater, a QA Designee/Trainer and a Residential/Commercial Energy Inspector and Plans Examiner. He has extensive experience with energy efficient weatherization inspections and is a Trainer for OnCor's Weatherization Contractors. In addition, he has performed inspections and blower door and duct blaster testing on more than 5,000 homes.



Bill Thorson, Guest Trainer

Mr. Thorson retired from HUD with over 35 years of service and held many key management positions at HUD Headquarters including Director of the Office of Capital Improvements where he managed the Capital Fund and Capital Fund Financing programs. He has trained extensively on Capital Fund, CFFP, procurement, and energy performance contracting. He is providing support for HUD's New PNA tool.



Cheryl Lord, Director ResidentLife Utility Allowances

Ms. Lord has over 20 years experience working with housing agencies of all sizes throughout the United States in developing and updating Public Housing and Section 8 Utility Allowances. Ms. Lord has prepared over Low-Rent and Section 8 utility allowance studies and annual updates for over 525 agencies.



David Mejorada, OSHA Safety Trainer

Mr. David Mejorado is a Certified Safety & Health Official (CHSO) in General Industry and Construction Industry. As an authorized OSHA instructor through the Texas A&M Engineering Extension School (TEEX) in Mesquite, Texas, Mr. Mejorado has been teaching OSHA 10 & 30 hour courses for the past eight years. Mr. Mejorado has been in the safety industry for the past 15 years and is currently a Regional Safety Consultant serving clients throughout the state of Texas.



Additional trainers and staff include Sheila Knox, Valencia Barber, Dave Miller, Melissa Dalton and Frances Rodriguez