

Press Release

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HUD AWARDS \$4 MILLION TO LOCAL CONSULTING FIRM *Technical assistance grants make HUD programs work better*

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently announced that Training & Development Associates, Inc. (TDA, Inc.) would receive more than \$4 million to improve the effectiveness and accessibility of HUD programs around the country. Funded through HUD's Community Development Technical Assistance Program, these grants will assist local communities to provide affordable housing and homeless assistance. Of the awards announced, TDA, Inc. received the largest award in the country to assist non-profits that specialize in affordable housing and homeless issues. The technical assistance will be targeted to 36 states throughout the nation.

The grants will provide \$2.9 million to help provide affordable housing through HUD's HOME program. Specifically, TDA, Inc. will help communities design and implement housing strategies that lead to more affordable housing in their areas. These strategies include making lower income homes more energy efficient, promoting employer - assisted housing and land bank programs and encouraging private sector involvement in the development of affordable housing. The remaining \$1.1 million will be used to improve the effectiveness of programs funded by HUD's award - winning Homeless Continuum of Care initiative and HUD's Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program. These awards will help existing grantees or potential applicants of HUD's programs to plan for and implement strategies that result in more housing and supportive services for the homeless and persons with AIDS.

"This is a good investment in better government," said Wayne Freeman, Jr., President of TDA "By helping communities and grassroots organizations better manage their programs, we ultimately help those who need affordable housing or the services that will prevent them from living in substandard housing or on the streets."

HUD is the nation's housing agency committed to increasing homeownership, particularly among minorities, creating affordable housing opportunities for low-income Americans, supporting the homeless, elderly, people with disabilities and people living with AIDS. The Department also promotes economic and community development as well as enforces the nation's fair housing laws.

TDA is located on Atkinson Street in Laurinburg, North Carolina and has satellite offices in Maryland, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Vermont. TDA's services include strategic planning and policy development, organizational development, technical assistance and training. For more information, please visit TDA's website at www.tdainc.org. Wayne Freeman, Jr., President of TDA, Inc., is a 1981 graduate of Scotland High School and lives in Laurinburg with his wife, Kaly, and three children, Will, Ben and Sophie.