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2009 Membership Application and Benefits Statement

Description of the Organization and Membership Categories. The Washington State Council for Affordable and Rural Housing is a chapter of the *Council for Affordable and Rural Housing* (CARH), a national industry association consisting of members actively involved in the rural multifamily housing industry. CARH works closely with the government agency overseeing rural housing (USDA-Rural Development) at both the national and statewide levels.

National CARH conducts training programs (including the sponsorship of a national certification program), represents the industry before Congress, works closely with the national Rural Development officials in Washington DC, holds conferences throughout the country, updates the members on new developments, and regularly publishes a newsletter. It also provides a subscription service for Rural Development Administrative Notices (ANs). CARH sets industry standards, represents a united voice, and self-regulates business policies and practices in our industry. All members must follow the high standards of the CARH Code of Ethics. Enrolled Professional and Chapter member-properties can participate in CARH's **Preferred Buyer Plan**. Washington State CARH currently accepts three categories of members:

Professional Members (FULL BENEFITS) includes developers, owners, managers, housing authorities, accountants, attorneys, consultants, professional service providers, non-profit organizations and government agencies who are actively involved in the industry. Membership in the National CARH organization and a subscription to the national publication, the CARH News, is included (\$600 per year plus \$3 per unit*).

Associate Members (VENDORS ONLY, LIMITED BENEFITS) consist of suppliers, commercial vendors and service providers whose clients and customers include (or should include) Professional Members. Associate members have access to all other members and may participate at discounted levels at the Annual Meeting and Conference (\$300 per year).

Chapter Members (SMALL PROJECT OWNERS/MANAGERS ONLY, LIMITED BENEFITS) consist of smaller organizations who wish to participate at the Chapter level only, without having to join at the \$600 per year annual dues level for Professional Members. This category is only available to those organizations who are not presently members of CARH and who own/manage 75 units or less of affordable housing (\$125 per year plus \$3 per unit*).

Subscriber Member (Limited Benefits). Participate in selected association programs only. Contact WA CARH.

All members receive updates on legislative and regulatory changes (including Notices of Funding Availability), our chapter's periodic news updates, access to local training at discounted rates, discounted registration fees at our chapter's Annual Meeting and Conference, and support from other CARH members and opportunities to network with industry peers. Just as important is your support for the advocacy activities which CARH carries out at both the local and national levels – a strong, united industry voice is powerful! By applying for membership, organizations agree to abide by the CARH Code of Ethics. Send your completed form along with your check to:

Washington State CARH
c/o Blume Loveridge & Co. CPAs
11100 NE 8th Street, Suite 410
Bellevue, WA 98004-4441

Applying for: Professional Member \$600+\$3/unit
 Associate Member \$300
 Chapter Member \$125 + \$3/unit
 Subscriber Member (call our office)

Applicant Organization Name: _____

Contact Person Name: _____ Tel: _____

FAX: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Please list all properties owned/managed an attached sheet, listing each property's name, address, program type (515, 538 e.g.), and total # of units.

*Note 1. *Per unit dues are an allowable property operating expense per a national Administrative Notice.*

Note 2: All applications are submitted to the Membership Committee of Washington State CARH and subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

