

# APPS & REAC News and Notes

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your HUD Secure System Specialist

*providing TRAINING, RESOURCES & GUIDANCE to affordable housing professionals*

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## What's New!

HUD handbooks, forms and systems have seen a significant increase in the frequency of updates and changes. Until recent years, these were much more static. The joys of modern technology allow for timely and relatively inexpensive edits, seemingly monthly.

Affordable Housing Professionals, at all levels, must stay on top of changes. Here are some ways to reach that goal:

- Join professional organizations (Find a suggested list under our **Helpful Links** below)
- Attend industry meetings
- Sign up for a HUD Listserv (Find a connection to the RHIIP list through our **Helpful Links** below)
- Read Murphy Consulting's **APPS & REAC News and Notes**
- Share information, newsletters and industry meeting dates with your colleagues

Working together, we can all stay on top of HUD changes.

## HUD System Tip of the Week

### Did you know?

Upgrades, patches and improvements to the HUD Secure System are scheduled quarterly. The most recent PIH REAC Release was last Friday.

Watch for notices of future system adjustments and planned black-out

## Important Dates to Remember

### [April 30, 2009](#)

Deadline to recertify EIV Users in WASS for 2nd quarter 2009

## Looking Ahead

EIV Mandatory Use Implementation Deadline remains at **Sept 30, 2009**

## Follow-Up

### [Still having problems with the TRACS to iMAX Transition?](#)

The problem could be your WASS Access.

Troubleshooting issues with access in the HUD Secure System is our specialty!

[Murphy Consulting](#) can help you today!

Call us at  
**410-821-6953**

periods on the HUD Secure System's Legal Warning page. This page appears just after you log-in to the HUD system via the Single Sign-On screen. Be sure to read the "Message of the Day" section.

If you have recommendations for specific improvements or clarifications you would like to see in any of the sub-systems under the HUD Secure System umbrella, let HUD know or let Murphy Consulting know. We talk to HUD routinely, we'll be sure to pass on your suggestion. [Contact us](#) today.

## REAC Tip of the Week

### Did you know?

The most recent changes to REAC inspection protocol are documented in the *Compilation Bulletin, Revision 1 (CBR1)*, effective January 2008.

CBR1 includes many important clarifications to the inspection protocol, including instructions that city sidewalks and streets are no longer to be included in the inspection, and that missing or damaged escutcheon plates (trim rings) on sprinkler systems should be counted as a defect.

CBR1 is essential reading for every owner and manager who is subject to REAC inspections. You can access Revision 1 at [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov) or purchase it as part of a CD-Rom Resource set from Murphy Consulting: [Preparing for Reac Inspections](#)

## EIV Training: Convenient & Cost-Effective

### Be prepared for the upcoming change!

Murphy Consulting offers a 2 hour interactive web-based training on EIV from the convenience of your desk. For only \$75, this training for Coordinators includes forms, handouts, links, and Q & A. Instructor available for follow-up questions on training content - FREE.

Web-based training features interactive PowerPoint with Chat Box and tele-conference features.

[5 Easy Steps to EIV Access](#) is being offered:

**April 22nd** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (Eastern Daylight Time)

**April 28th** 12:00 noon - 2:00 PM (Eastern Daylight Time)

Register today at [www.murphyconsultingsvs.com/training](http://www.murphyconsultingsvs.com/training)

### What Equipment do you need for web-based training?

a computer with access to the internet and a telephone

**OR** a computer with access to the internet and speakers to hear sound

### This EIV Coordinator training covers:

- HUD Registration
- Specifics of Role Activation
- EIV Access Application (including common errors and the HUD approval process)
- Security Awareness Training (and correct completion of the questionnaire)
- MOR documentation required for EIV Coordinators and Users
- Contract Assignment in EIV
- EIV Coordinator Certification and HUD approval
- PLUS: How to get your Users up and running

## CD-Rom Resource Highlight

Keep ahead of changes in the industry.

Get your electronic copy of the [new](#)

**HUD Occupancy Handbook, revision 1 with Change 2,**

conveniently sorted and indexed on CD-Rom for easy access to information you need every day!

check out our reasonable price at:

[www.murphyconsultingsvs.com/resources](http://www.murphyconsultingsvs.com/resources)

## Helpful Links

Check out the new: [Section 8 Renewal Policy Guide Changes](#)

Register for:  
[RHIP Tips Mailing List](#)

Join:

[National Leased Housing Association](#)

[National Affordable Housing Management Association](#)

[National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials](#)

[American Association of Homes & Services for the Aging](#)

[Local Initiatives Support Corporation](#)

[The Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition](#)

*Murphy Consulting provides links to help businesses succeed!*

**At each step, we include:**

- information to have on hand before you begin
- how long each step takes to complete
- typical HUD turnaround times
- problems you may encounter and the solutions

Reasonably priced for today's strapped economy.

Only three sessions being offered in April.

Limit of 10 attendees per class.

**Register today on the [Murphy Consulting](#) web site.**

## Tight Budget? No Problem!

Budgets are tight, but training needs still exist. We will work with you, and within your budget, to deliver the training you need. Whether a web-based training with interactive presentation and tele-conference or an on-site class, training with Murphy Consulting includes a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation, hand-outs, troubleshooting recommendations and links to valuable resources.

Topics include:

- HUD Secure System Set-Up (for access to APPS, PASS, iMAX and more)
- Creating and Submitting an electronic HUD 2530
- EIV: 5 Easy Steps to Access - A Training for Coordinators
- REAC Inspections and Appeals (for site staff or Corporate staff)
- Tax Credit Application Basics (not just for Developers!)
- Special Topic trainings as you Request

Save time and money. Schedule a web-based or on-site training for your group or join with others to host a personalized training session.

Contact [Murphy Consulting](#)

Denise Murphy is a certified [NeighborWorks® America](#) Instructor

## Share your Stories

### [Share Your REAC Inspection Stories](#)

We would like to hear from you. Tell us about a recent or past REAC inspection problem.

We may publish your story in this space. (Names and properties will remain anonymous.)

Be sure to include the city and state of the property, number of units, number of buildings and any associated point deductions.

Compliments or praise for a specific Inspector or local HUD office are encouraged as well.

[Click here to E-mail us today](#)

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