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What's New!

Students on campuses across the nation are heading into Final Exams this week. The successful ones know that taking a test is, to some degree, a game, a puzzle to solve. Which of the thousand facts learned over the course of the semester will appear on the final exam? Wise students utilize important test taking strategies to win the game:

- review the information
- take a practice exam
- recheck your notes
- be "on your game" on exam day

These are lessons HUD properties sometimes fail to heed. HUD provides comprehensive guidance on REAC Inspections. (the REAC Compilation Bulletin) Not only do they tell you what is going to be on the test, but they tell you how they are going to weight each test question.

Study, Practice, Cram, and Excel!

Murphy Consulting is here to help.

We Answered

You Asked

You asked for resources about Bed Bugs. We responded. See our **Helpful Links** below for links to information and resources.

Important Dates

to Remember

Friday, May 15th

was the deadline for owners/ agents to register one person for access to SAVE - Systematic Alien Verification System

Word on the street is, they may still accept registration requests this week. E-mail: <u>saveaccess@hud.gov</u>

CD-Rom Resources

STUDY RESOURCE SPECIAL: May Only!

Buy <u>both</u>

Preparing for REAC Inspections© and Inside HUD Inspectors Training©

You will receive Appealing a REAC Score© for FREE.

HUD System Tip of the Week

Did you know?

You should never assign yourself the role of both COR and IRO. Coordinator (COR) and Industry Read Only (IRO) are opposite roles in the HUD Secure System.

What are SAGIS2, PICTST and BIMSTR? If you don't know, chances are they do not apply to you. The HUD Secure System is used by for-profit, non-profit, public housing agencies and internal HUD users. Lists of Roles and Actions cover the gamut of potential users.

HUD has asked us to remind industry professionals to do their home work. Do not simply check every box that has a "Coordinator" option. Understanding role options and rights is an important element of your responsibility in the HUD Secure System.

Murphy Consulting is here to help. Contact us today.

REAC Tip of the Week

Did you know?

Sometime it's not the points, its the principal.

In our "Tell us your REAC Story" segment, we learned recently of a property in Ohio that received point deductions for a broken door frame. The unit was broken into on the morning of the inspection. They lost points due to this damage.

REAC inspectors are trained to record what they observe. If the property has a valid argument, along with sufficient documentation (such as the police incident report from that morning), REAC will find in your favor on an appeal.

Understand your appeal rights and be sure to follow through with the proper form and supporting documentation.

EIV Training: Convenient & Cost-Effective

Deciphering how to Access the EIV System!

Our 2 hour interactive webinar on EIV, designed specifically for Coordinators, includes forms, handouts, links, and follow-up Q & A with the instructor.

Be prepared for the upcoming EIV mandate!

5 Easy Steps to EIV Access is being offered:

Thursday, May 21st 12:00 noon - 2:00 PM (Eastern Daylight Time)

Register $\underline{\text{HERE}}$ today! Pay by check or credit card. Call 410-821-6953 with any registration questions.

<u>Click here</u> for details on these and other resources.

Valuable resources, at a reasonable price, conveniently complied on CD-Rom, are just one way Murphy Consulting helps businesses succeed.

Looking Ahead

EIV Mandatory Use Implementation Deadline

Sept 30, 2009

Next PIH REAC System Upgrade

Sept 11, 2009

Register Here

Forward **APPS & REAC News and Notes** to colleagues and clients. They can register <u>HERE</u> to receive our e-news directly.

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Share your Stories

Share Your <u>REAC Inspection</u> <u>Stories</u>

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

Click here to e-mail us today.

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

Archives: APPS & REAC News and Notes

Back issues of **APPS & REAC News and Notes** are now available on line. Visit our web site at<u>www.MurphyConsultingSvs.com</u> or <u>click here</u> for a direct link to the Archives page.

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 an on-site or web-based training today. (One-on-one sessions also available.)

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Helpful Links

You asked:

<u>Bed Bugs</u> - article University of Kentucky

<u>Managing Bed Bugs</u> article University of Nebraska- Lincoln

<u>Bed Bugs</u> - Harvard School of Public Health

<u>Plunketts</u> - pest control professional

Bed Bugs NY - pest control professional

"The incidence of bed bugs in the United States is increasing to the point where vigilance by all is a prudent practice. Familiarity can help to avoid infestation, or at least prompt earlier intervention by a professional."

- Michael F. Potter, Extension Entomologist

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