



# HOLLY KNIGHT

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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## SPEAKER & TRAINER

Technical advisor and speaker for numerous state, regional, and national housing associations including, MAHRO, AI Association of Housing, ALCARH, MS Home Corporation, LA Housing Council, SERC, and NAHRO

## AWARDS

Public Housing Recovery and Sustainability Professional, HUD

Economic Development Finance Professional, NDC

LEED Certified HUD, Region IV Award of Excellence, Furthering Affordable Housing Award, Energy Efficiency Award, Building

Sustainable Housing, Increasing Affordable Rental Housing (Awarded 2011-2010)

HUD Secretary's Award for Disaster Housing Assistance Program Service to America Award Nominee, Partnership for Public Service

PIH Assistant Secretary Recognition for Disaster Relief work for Katrina, Rita, Wilma

National Award Recipient, William A. Sammy Award for Excellence in Public Service, presented by the Partnership for Public Service, Washington DC

Natchitoches Parish Sheriff Department Award for outstanding community contributions

## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Holly Knight started her commitment to serving low income families as a volunteer in public housing at a Boys and Girls Club in central Louisiana teaching drug free programs. She began working in conjunction with public housing authorities on youth programs as well as tenant and resident association programs to assist with self sufficiency and address welfare reform efforts. During this time, she wrote and received funding for public housing authority programs through multiple HUD Tenant Opportunities for Self Sufficiency (TOPS) programs and grants, Public Housing Drug Elimination (PHDEP) grants, welfare reform grants, Department of Justice grants, and foundation proposals.

Knight served as the Public Housing Hub Director for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development Mississippi State Office. Not only has she been an active advocate for affordable housing development throughout the State, she assisted with disaster recovery along the Gulf Coast and Southeast states. Assisting public housing authorities and their nonprofit instrumentalities in mixed finance development that includes leveraging public housing, tax credits, bond finance, and project based vouchers, she has worked to develop or substantially rehabilitate over 3,500 units of affordable housing. Knight served as the Public and Indian Housing Southeast Regional subject matter expert on HUD's Rental Demonstration Program (RAD), as well as the Region IV Energy conference coordinator leveraging national partnerships with LISC and Enterprise Foundation.

She served in many positions at the Department in 1999, including positions in Community Planning and Development, Public and Indian Housing, and Field Policy and Management. Knight joined the Department as a Community Builder in Washington, DC working in the office of the National Director for the Community Builder Fellowship. She led the transition of PHDEP to the Weed and Seed program at Department of Justice.

Knight worked on several Secretarial and White House initiatives including, "Bridging the Digital Divide," and the "Shared Visions, Pine Ridge Housing Summit."



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Knight served in HUD's Community Planning and Development as an Economic Development Specialist in the Great Plains Region. In her capacity as the Region's Economic Development Specialist she worked with Entitlement Cities, counties, and states, as well as development authorities to utilize the Community Development Block Grant, HUD's Section 108 Loan Guarantee program, Economic Development Initiative (EDI), Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) as well as several grant programs to bring economic development and low income housing to communities in the Mid-West.

Knight has numerous years of experience administering Federal, state, and local grants as well as Foundation funding. Prior to HUD Ms. Knight served as the Executive Director for a National Youth organization, Boys and Girls Clubs. She has written numerous successful grant applications for public housing authorities. She has also consulted on low-income housing tax credit projects and competitive applications.

Knight has also worked in the private sector as the Public Relations Director for a prominent group of radio stations in Central, Louisiana as well as a consultant for a local firm specializing in health and safety.

She served on the National Board of Advisors for Public Housing Field Operations and on the Public Housing Leadership Program Council.

Knight has assisted with submitting 15,000 units of RAD for 26 agencies since helping start RAD efforts with BGC. She has worked to leverage over \$600 Million in total development sources in the past 4 years for non profit and PHA projects. She is a principal member of BGC entities and serves as CEO for BGC Advantage.

## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Northwestern State University  
Executive Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Rotary Club International Foundation Group Study Exchange, Japan  
Humanitarian