



**NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING TRAINING ACADEMY GETS PERMANENT HOME**  
*Academy will offer fair housing training at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School*

Fair housing advocates and attorneys throughout the country now have a state-of-the-art teaching facility where they can learn the most creative and effective strategies for addressing unlawful housing discrimination. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, on October 27, celebrated the opening of the National Fair Housing Training Academy's permanent home at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School.

Named in memory of Mrs. Patricia Roberts Harris, former HUD Secretary and the first African-American woman appointed to a Cabinet post, the Academy is the first and only governmental institution in the nation that provides fair housing training for advocates and lawyers responsible for enforcing Federal and state fair housing laws.

“The impressive facility will serve as the center of professional development for the nation's civil rights professionals, particularly HUD's Fair Housing Assistance Program partner agencies,” said Kim Kendrick, HUD's Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. “The Academy staff is working hand-in-hand with HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity to ensure that students receive the kind of in-depth instruction that prepares them to address the latest fair housing trends and challenges.”

Since opening its doors in August 2004, more than 2,700 students have taken one or more of the five core courses. More than 252 individuals have completed all five courses. Some of the core courses include: fair housing law and ethics, psychological impact of discrimination, negotiation skills, reasonable accommodation and modification, and litigating fair housing cases. Advance courses cover such topics as accessibility, lending discrimination and predatory lending, and conciliation strategies.

To register to attend the Academy or to find out additional information about the courses being offered, log on to [www.nfhta.org](http://www.nfhta.org) or call (202) 314-3515.