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GREATER NEW ORLEANS FAIR HOUSING ACTION CENTER**

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**REGISTER TODAY FOR GNOFHAC'S HOUSING ACCESSIBILITY  
TRAINING**

The Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (GNOFHAC) presents a **free** one-day **Housing Accessibility** training program. The event, slated for **January 17, 2007**, will take place at the **Ashe Cultural Art Center (1712 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd.) in New Orleans** from **8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Attending architects will receive up to six continuing education credits. The event's purpose is to ensure that architects, homebuilders, designers, developers and housing advocates are up to speed with laws affecting people with disabilities. The information is essential as Louisianans rebuild in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Those interested in attending should go to [www.fairhousingfirst.org/register.asp?id=119](http://www.fairhousingfirst.org/register.asp?id=119) to register.

The training program will focus on three modules: disability rights laws and standards, design and construction requirements of the Fair Housing Act and common design and construction violations & solutions.

The event is held in partnership with the New Orleans Chapter of American Institute of Architects and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Department. Fair Housing Accessibility FIRST (<http://www.fairhousingfirst.org>) is an initiative of HUD that provides training and technical guidance to homebuilders, developers, architects and designers on compliance with the accessible design and construction requirements of the Fair Housing Act (FHA). The campaign includes training for the housing industry, a Web site, [www.fairhousingfirst.org](http://www.fairhousingfirst.org), a hotline telephone number (1-888-FH1RST1 or TTY/V 1-888-341-7781), and a technical guidance resource center.

**WHAT:** Fair Housing Accessibility FIRST training  
<http://www.fairhousingfirst.org/index.asp>>

**WHEN:** January 17, 2007, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Ashe Cultural Art Center, 1712 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd., New Orleans, LA

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*The Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (GNOFHAC) is a private non-profit organization. The Center was established by a group of concerned New Orleanians in 1995 with the help of the National Fair Housing Alliance and a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. GNOFHAC is dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination and furthering equal housing opportunities through education, outreach, advocacy, and enforcement of fair housing laws across the metro New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas.*

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