

Attendance at NASCLA's 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is expected to be the largest to date. I invite you to attend and join our members and other construction industry representatives from around the country!

The conference is set for August 22-26, 2006 in Scottsdale, Arizona at the Camelback Inn. This first class event provides state regulatory agencies and national trade associations the opportunity to come together to discuss issues that are relevant to the construction industry.

Every year the association hosts its annual meeting, which is designed to meet the needs of agencies directly involved in the regulation of the construction industry. This year we anticipate turn-out to exceed that of any other conference. The NASCLA Program Committee along with NASCLA staff members have been hard at work securing an agenda that is second to none. For instance, conference sessions will include a presentation by Taylor Woodrow Homes, a home builder who participated in Extreme MakeOver: Home Edition, a panel discussion on the residential complaint process and a roundtable discussion focused on board member ethics.

Once again at this year's conference, NASCLA will recognize a state regulatory agency and a national trade association for their outstanding creativity and dedication to the construction industry by presenting two awards at the Closing Banquet. The "*Innovation in Regulation Award*" will be given to a state regulatory agency that has demonstrated innovation, creativity and excellence in the regulation of the construction industry. The "*Community Service in Contracting Award*" will be given to a national trade association that has given back to their community by raising funds for charitable causes, or contributing time, labor and materials to charities. Nomination information can be obtained by calling NASCLA at (866) 948-3363.

I want to thank all of NASCLA's Board Members for their hard work in preparing for the conference and for a successful 2005/2006 Fiscal Year. I look forward to seeing all of you in August!

Sincerely,

Greg Crow  
NASCLA Acting President