

Bio for nominations for NCRC NAHRO

Ann McKenzie

NCRC Position you are running for on the ballot:

IRGE Vice President

Agency and job title:

Chicago Housing Authority, Chief Development Officer

Years with current agency: Three plus years

Years in housing industry: 20 plus years



What are some of your responsibilities at your agency?

As Chief Development Officer, I am responsible for the redevelopment of six family housing sites with HOPE VI grants, recapitalization of CHA's properties, new development throughout the city and acquisitions. CHA is also disposing of a number of vacant lots and reconfiguring scattered sites.

Why are you running for a position on the NCRC Board?

Chicago shares many challenges with other housing authorities. National NAHRO panels have been really helpful as opportunities to share about issues and possible solutions. However, many issues are more local. For example, sustainability to those of us in the Great Lakes area, is very different than for New Mexico. The NCRC member agencies have common issues because of shared weather concerns, older infrastructure and similar geography. We have so much to learn from each other and work to do to provide safe and secure housing for our residents. I could bring a perspective about security, third-party management and recapitalization of aging high-rise buildings and could learn much from others about innovative design and property management.