

**ASSOCIATION OF ALASKA HOUSING AUTHORITIES**

**NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING SESSION**

**January 13 – 16, 2004**

**POSITION STATEMENT**  
**TAB ELEVEN – MULTIPLE RACE**

Firstly, Alaskan housing authorities feel that the multiple race population count issue has been put forth by HUD without adequate consultation with the tribes.

Secondly, we also feel that for HUD to propose the use of multiple race population count (which increases total numbers), without a corresponding increase in funding is not a logical solution to the needs of Indian people. Instead, what this action does is pit regions against each other for a limited pool of money. This is, in our opinion, flawed public policy and an unfunded mandate.

Therefore, in the interest of good faith and sound public policy, Alaska tribes and housing authorities would support the use of multiple race population counts, only if current and future tribal allocations are held harmless at 2003 funding levels.

This is basically the only condition under which Alaska's housing authorities can unanimously support the use of multiple race population counts.