



# National Center for Healthy Housing

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**Subject: Request to be considered a Partner in the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint**

To Whom It May Concern:

The National Center for Healthy Housing (US) (NCHH) endorses the goal and objectives of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint and wishes to be considered a Partner in the work of the Lead Paint Alliance.

We support the objectives of the GAELP. NCHH is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, non-governmental corporation based in Columbia, Maryland, USA, dedicated to creating healthy and safe homes for children through practical and proven steps. Using a holistic and interdisciplinary approach, NCHH brings the public health, housing, environmental, and regulatory communities together to combat disease and injuries caused by hazards in the home. NCHH began its work in 1992 as the National Center for Lead-Safe Housing. NCHH conducts applied research, program evaluation, technical assistance, training, and outreach focused on reducing the health consequences of lead exposure and other housing-related hazards. NCHH's staff includes housing, health, and environmental professionals with expertise in exposure assessment, remediation, biostatistics, environmental health, public health, housing policy, and industrial hygiene.

We would like to support the work of the Alliance as described below:

The National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH) will provide expertise in lead-based paint hazard identification, assessment, remediation, occupant and worker health and safety, public education and training, legislative and regulatory policy analysis, toxicology and other related matters. We will also attend international meetings and provide reviews and comments of GAELP documents. Dr. David Jacobs, the NCHH Research Director, will serve as the point of contact. He is the principal author of the Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Housing, which NCHH developed for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and which was published in 1995 and has recently been updated; it is a compendium of practices that have been validated in numerous studies and is the basis for most US lead-based paint regulations and procedures. Dr. Jacobs also developed the US plan to eliminate lead-based paint hazards in housing for the U.S. President's Task Force in 1999. He has also led a 12-year followup of residential lead hazard control, a national study of blood lead and dust lead levels in housing and many others. He was responsible for enforcement of U.S. lead paint regulations. He has been appointed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to serve on its Lead Dust Panel for its Science

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Advisory Board and previously chaired the lead work group of the EPA Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee. He authored a chapter on lead for the most recent edition of Patty's Toxicology, as well as a chapter on lead for a recent book published by WHO Europe on the Environmental Burden of Disease Associated with Inadequate Housing.

Dr. Jacobs also currently serves as the Director of the US Collaborating Center for Research and Training on Housing Related Disease and Injury for the World Health Organization/Pan American Health Organization. He is currently working with WHO on developing International Healthy Housing Guidelines. Dr. Jacobs has provided advice on lead poisoning issues to the World Health Organization and the governments of Canada, Great Britain, France, China, Mexico and others. In addition to serving as the Research Director at NCHH, Dr. Jacobs is also an adjunct associate professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health and a faculty associate at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health. He is a founding member of the International Society for Children's Environmental Health.

We understand that this letter of intent is not legally binding, and that a copy of this letter requesting to become an Alliance partner and the name of the National Center for Healthy Housing (US) will be listed on the Lead Paint Alliance web site ([www.unep.org/noleadinpaint](http://www.unep.org/noleadinpaint)).

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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