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NAHMA Proudly Announces 2009 Industry Award Winners: *All Across the Nation, Winners Improve Affordable Housing*

Jan. 15, 2010, Alexandria, VA – The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) is pleased to announce the winners of its annual Industry Awards, which will be presented at its winter meeting in March in Washington, D.C. The list includes both individuals and organizations that have worked in innovative ways to develop and improve affordable housing in their communities and to continually raise the standards of the affordable housing industry. (More details on award winners will be published in NAHMA's bimonthly newsletter, *NAHMA News*, in the March-April issue, including photos of the awards ceremony, which is scheduled for Monday, March 15, 2010 starting at 6:30 pm, at the Madison – A Loews Hotel, Washington, DC. More details on the NAHMA meeting are available at <http://www.nahma.org/meetings/MeetingInfo.html>.)

NAHMA Industry Statesman

This award goes to an outstanding industry leader whose long-term service to NAHMA and the affordable housing industry has been a constant source of inspiration. This year's recipient is:

Bill Kargman, President, First Realty Management Corp., Boston

Bill Kargman has been at the national forefront of the industry for more than 30 years. He served as NAHMA's first president in 1980 and was the first to propose NAHMA's Community of Quality[®] concept as a benchmark of successful management of affordable housing.

NAHMA Industry Achievement

The following awardee is recognized for her ever-increasing level of service, the strategic nature of this service and her commitment to affordable housing.

Karen Newsome, Vice President, Administration, WinnResidential, Boston

Karen has served NAHMA in numerous capacities while also being extremely supportive of her local AHMA (NEAHMA) and the AHMAs nationally. She has chaired numerous national and local committees, focusing on membership, tax credits, and the development of the nationally respected Specialist in Housing Credit Management credential.

NAHMA Industry Partner

Two awardees so strongly exemplify the value that can result from strong partnerships that this category could only result in a tie:

Scott Hunley

Scott Hunley is the Multifamily Hub Director for the state of Ohio, overseeing the HUD portfolio through offices in Columbus, Cleveland and Cincinnati. He is highly valued for his experience in production and asset management, assisting developers in all aspects of structuring and developing tax credit, mixed-finance and other projects. He excels in partnership management, financial restructurings and the disposition of affordable housing properties.

Marcie LaPorte

As Director of the Denver Multifamily Hub, Marcie LaPorte is responsible for all asset development and asset management programs in a six state area. With a staff of 40, Marcie oversees a portfolio of more than 1,200 properties with rental subsidies valued at \$453 million. For more than 25 years, Marcie's focus has been strengthening the multifamily housing arena through strong partnerships and diligent service.

AHMA of the Year

Regardless of size, these organizations go all out for their members and serve as role models for other AHMAs around the country:

Large (tie): SAHMA (Southeastern AHMA) and MAHMA (Midwest AHMA)

SAHMA serves a large region that includes eight states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. It more than meets the challenge of providing training and other services across such a large region.

MAHMA serves a large six-state area and partners with other industry organizations to provide affordable housing education to a wider scope of individuals. MAHMA is also furthering its use of technology-based training, so that it can reach individuals in remote locations.

Small: JAHMA (New Jersey AHMA)

JAHMA has had success in membership recruitment, education and training course attendance, number of nationally recognized Communities of Quality[®] properties, financial stability and growth and many new partnerships and programs.

Very Small: Oregon AHMA

OREGON AHMA has increased its diversity of membership, forged successful new partnerships, offered monthly boot camps and networking events and secured funding for development of professional website.

AHMA Membership Recruitment Award

This award is presented to those organizations who achieve outstanding recruitment of members in relation to their size and history.

SAHMA: SAHMA recruited 40 new management-company members in 2009 and sustains high retention rates. In 2009 SAHMA billed **508** members (its highest membership count in its 27-year history) and renewed 424.

AHMA Innovation Award

Two organizations are recognized for innovative approaches to challenges at their sites and/or in their communities:

Mid-Sized: Rocky AHMA: Rocky AHMA developed from scratch an online training course on HUD's Basic Occupancy Handbook, updating it within two months when Change 3 came along. More than 100 people in Rocky AHMA's huge, mostly rural, mountainous region have taken the course online, and Rocky AHMA is partnering with other AHMAs to offer the course online.

Small: NEAHMA: Implemented two major initiatives: A thriving charitable program called TEAM NEAHMA, a joint effort between NEAHMA, its management company members and its vendor members that raises funds to support education, shelter, advocacy, breast cancer awareness and job placement services; and a full-year, maintenance training calendar to support NAHMA's new maintenance certification programs.

AHMA Communities of Quality Awards

NAHMA is pleased to acknowledge those organizations with the highest number of COQ properties based on AHMA size.

Large: SAHMA

Small: NEAHMA

NAHMA Membership Recruitment Award

This award goes annually to a NAHMA member who leads in new member recruitment for the previous 12-month period (based on data maintained by NAHMA staff). This year's award is a tie between:

Dan Murray, President, Corcoran Jennison, Inc.

Scott Reithel, Vice President of Property Management, Community Housing Partners

NAHMA Communities of Quality® Award

This annual award is given to the NAHMA members with outstanding participation in the NAHMA National Recognition Program COQ Registry (based on data maintained by NAHMA staff).

WinnResidential (most new properties in 2009 to receive COQ National Recognition)

AIMCO (most properties overall to receive COQ National Recognition)

NAHMA President's Award

This awardee is selected by NAHMA's President and will be announced at NAHMA's winter meeting, March 16-19, 2010.

NAHMA is the leading advocate for multifamily property managers and owners whose mission is to provide quality affordable housing. NAHMA supports legislative and regulatory policy that promotes the development and preservation of affordable housing, is a vital resource for technical education and information, fosters strategic relations between government and industry and recognizes those who exemplify the best in affordable housing. Founded in 1990, NAHMA's membership today includes the industry's most distinguished multifamily owners and management companies.

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