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**AHTCC Announces Winners of the 19th Annual Charles L. Edson
Tax Credit Excellence Awards**

WASHINGTON — The Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition (AHTCC) congratulates the winners of the 19th Annual Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards. Presented to the most outstanding Low Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit) properties in seven categories, this national awards program celebrates the best in affordable rental housing development.

This year, the Coalition received numerous remarkable entries—55 applications from 25 states and the District of Columbia. A panel of five judges selected 7 first place finishers and 9 honorable mentions. Winners are:

Metropolitan/Urban Housing

Winner: Union Rowe, Baltimore, MD
Honorable Mention: Baxter Park, Newark, NJ

Rural Housing

Winner: Cottages and Gardens at Chesapeake, Elkton, MD
Honorable Mention: Hotel Clovis, Clovis, NM

Special Needs Housing

Winner: Luna Lodge, Albuquerque, NM
Honorable Mentions: Connections Housing, San Diego, CA
Encanto Pointe, Phoenix, AZ

Senior Housing

Winner: Victory Square, Washington, DC
Honorable Mention: Ernestine Anderson Place, Seattle, WA

Green Housing

Winner: Oak Street Lofts, Portland, ME
Honorable Mentions: Legends Park West, Memphis, TN
Uptown Lofts, Lafayette, LA

Public Housing

Winner: Westlawn Renaissance, Milwaukee, WI
Honorable Mention: The Towers of Kuhio Park, Honolulu, HI

HUD Preservation Properties

Winner: Poway Villas, San Diego, CA
Honorable Mention: State Street Development Company Portfolio,
Scattered Site, MA

Each winner will be recognized at a Capitol Hill luncheon ceremony on Wednesday, May 22, 2013. Contact AHTCC's executive director, Victoria Spielman (202-585-

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This year's judging panel included Robert Greer, The Michaels Organization (chair); John Bohm, National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; Cathe Dykstra, Family Scholar House; Charles L. Edson, Nixon Peabody; and Barbara J. Thompson, National Council of State Housing Agencies.

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The Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition represents syndicators, developers, lenders, institutional investors, nonprofit groups, public agencies, and other allied professionals (including accountants, lawyers, and compliance specialist) concerned with the Housing Credit program. The Coalition, a nonprofit corporation chartered under the laws of the District of Columbia, is governed by an elected Board of Directors. Please visit www.taxcreditcoalition.org for more information about joining the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition.

The Housing Credit program was created as part of the Tax Reform Act of 1986. Today, the Housing Credit is widely regarded as the nation's most successful housing production program ever, resulting in the construction and rehabilitation of more than 2.5 million housing units for low- and moderate-income Americans. In addition to producing housing, the Credit also contributes to the revitalization of distressed low-income communities and creates needed jobs. It is estimated that building 100 multifamily units generates 122 local jobs during the first year of construction and 46 jobs every year thereafter.