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**Call For Entries: Excellence in Housing Awards**

**Salem, Oregon (February 12, 2007)** - Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) is soliciting nominations for the 2007 Excellence in Housing Awards.

According to OHCS Director, Victor Merced, "Stable housing allows families to regain self-confidence and control over their lives. Throughout Oregon, organizations and individuals are daily improving housing opportunities for people who need them the most – Oregonians with low or moderate incomes. Through these efforts, many individuals now have access to necessary supportive services and a place where they feel safe, interact with their neighbors, and become part of the community. They have a place to call home."

Individuals, organizations or projects that have made an impact on their communities during the previous 12 months are eligible to be nominated. Nominees must have been instrumental in creating and/or supporting affordable housing, implementing housing-related programs, or helping others solve housing problems. Housing awards will be awarded in five categories:

- Housing Revitalization
  - Integration of Services into Housing
  - Preserving Affordable Housing
  - Special Needs Housing (Small Developments)
  - Special Needs Housing (Large Developments)
- (For the purposes of these awards, small developments are defined as 10 or fewer units and large developments are defined as above 10 units.)

There is no limit to the number of individuals or organizations that individuals can nominate, but each nominee is limited to one category only. Entries should clearly explain why the nominees should be recognized and include the category, name, address, daytime telephone number and email address of the person or group submitting the entry.

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OHCS requests individuals submitting nominations to provide a picture of the project or individual.

Supporting documentation, such as testimonials, may be submitted but cannot be returned. There is no entry fee.

The deadline for nominations is Thursday, March 15, 2005. Nomination forms are available on the department's website at [www.ohcs.oregon.gov](http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov) or to obtain a copy, contact Sandy McDonnell at 503.986.2012, or by e-mail at [sandy.mcdonnell@hcs.state.or.us](mailto:sandy.mcdonnell@hcs.state.or.us).

Address the entry to Sandy McDonnell, 725 Summer Street NE, Suite B, Salem, Oregon 97301-1266 or fax to the department at 503.986.2020. Speech or hearing impaired persons may call the department's TDY line at 503.986-2200.

OHCS will present the awards during the 2007 Oregon Housing Conference on April 24 – 25, 2007. Visit OHCS website at [www.ohcs.oregon.gov](http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov) for more information on the 2007 Oregon Housing Conference.

OHCS is the State's housing finance agency and community services program administrator. The Department provides financial and program support to create and preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing for Oregonians of lower and moderate income and administers federal and state antipoverty, homeless, energy assistance and community service programs. The OHCS mission is to "Reach out for opportunities to create partnerships that improve Oregonians' lives, and the quality of our communities." For more information, visit our web site at [www.ohcs.oregon.gov](http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov).