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### Oregon housing programs receive praise for excellence

**Salem, Oregon**— Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski has praised housing advocates, affordable housing developers, and various public agencies for sponsoring, financing and developing affordable housing throughout the state, echoing recognition they received at last month's Oregon Housing Conference.

“Affordable housing must continue to be among Oregon’s highest priorities, if we expect to keep our economy recovery going strong,” the Governor said. “Working with developers, local agencies and communities, the state can help ensure that low-income Oregonians can afford to live in healthy, attractive homes and neighborhoods, and that they share in the benefits of a growing economy.”

Presented by Rick Crager, deputy director of Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS), the awards acknowledged developers, agencies and advocates for their superior work during the past two years. The announcements came during the closing luncheon of the housing conclave on April 25, which drew more than 400 delegates to the Salem Conference Center.

“These recipients are vital links in a network that provides affordable housing for Oregonians,” Crager said. “Throughout Oregon, many lower or moderate income Oregonians are now living in safe and affordable housing because of them. Thanks to the dedication of state and local government, community organizations and individuals, families in need are able to make their homes in places that strengthen their connection to the community. They can feel secure that the roofs over their heads will be there tomorrow as well as next week. And they live where they have access to the services necessary to move forward in their lives.”

The recipients of the Excellence in Housing Awards include:

- *Community Revitalization* – Housing Authority of Portland for New Columbia.
- *Integration of Services Into Housing* – Rita Sullivan of On Track and Roger Hassenpflug of Living Opportunities for the Living On Track Project.
- *Preserving Affordable Housing* – Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc.

- *Special Needs Housing (Small Developments)* – Judy Moody of the Women’s Safety & Resource Center for Coddington Place.
- *Special Needs Housing (Large Developments)* – Human Solutions Inc. for Lincoln Woods Apartments.

An impartial panel selected the recipients on the basis of cost-effective production, achievement of affordable rent levels, innovative financing, attractive design and architecture, and inclusion of tenant services or amenities.

“During the past 13 years, Oregon Housing and Community Services has recognized the dedication that community organizations and individuals have shown to improve the quality of life for Oregonians,” Crager said. “Through the Excellence Award Program, we recognize these amazing individuals, programs and developments that make Oregon’s communities exceptional places to work and live.”

Additional information surrounding the Excellence Award Program, as well as information on the award recipients, is available on the OHCS website at [www.ohcs.oregon.gov](http://www.ohcs.oregon.gov).

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.