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NAHMA Celebrates Affordable Housing Industry Excellence

Alexandria, Va., Jan. 16, 2015 – The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) announces the winners of its annual Industry and AHMA Awards. The list includes both individuals and organizations whose professionalism, dedication and accomplishments in assuring quality housing for low-income Americans raises the standards of the multifamily affordable housing industry.

More details on award winners will be published in the association's bimonthly newsletter, *NAHMA News*, in the March/April issue, including photos of the awards ceremony, which takes place Monday, March 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m., as part of the three-day Federal Affairs Issues Meeting at the Fairmont Washington hotel in Washington, D.C. Information on the NAHMA meeting is available at www.nahma.org/meetings.

NAHMA Industry Statesman Award

Given annually to NAHMA Executive Council members who are either in or nearing retirement, in recognition of many years of outstanding leadership and service to NAHMA.

George Caruso, SHCM, NAHP-e, is one of the founders of NAHMA, served as its executive director in the mid-1990s and has been crucial to the organization's success. He has a vast knowledge of the affordable housing industry, which he has shared through his work in management companies, as a trainer, as an author and as an adviser to numerous industry groups, including SAHMA.

Karen J. Newsome, SHCM, NAHP-e, CPO, has served the affordable multifamily industry for 35 years and has been passionately committed to both NAHMA and NEAHMA. A consummate professional, she has advocated for affordable housing locally, regionally and nationally and is well known for her generosity, integrity and dedication.

NAHMA Industry Achievement Award

Given annually to a NAHMA Executive Council member who has contributed significant or noteworthy leadership or other contributions to NAHMA within the past year or two.

Mark Livanec, SHCM, has been a NAHMA Affiliate Member as the Yardi representative for a decade and has worked tirelessly on behalf of NAHMA's mission of advancing and preserving Communities of Quality®. He has a true passion for promoting excellence and understanding the need for standards and clarity of purpose throughout the industry. Livanec was instrumental in the development and launch of NAHMA's annual Affordable 100 survey and list.

Industry Partner Award

Given annually to a government agency or other affordable housing organizational partner that has made a significant contribution to the cause of affordable housing in the previous year.

Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA) is being honored for her introduction of a bipartisan bill, the Improving the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Rate Act (S. 1442), in August 2013, which would improve the existing Low Income Housing Tax Credit program to provide greater certainty for investment in affordable housing development and preservation.

AHMA of the Year

Given to local AHMAs using criteria such as size, number of members, success in membership recruitment, membership retention, education and training course attendance, financial stability and other factors.

Large: **SAHMA**—SAHMA's success at member recruitment and retention, the introduction of new courses into its already expansive educational offerings, and its excellent organizational management and leadership, among many other factors, cause it to deserve this award.

Medium: **NEAHMA**—NEAHMA is a committed participant in all of NAHMA's programs, especially in encouraging its members to become recognized Communities of Quality and supporting the NAHMA Educational Foundation and the Drug-Free Calendar/Poster contest. The organization continues to grow and expand its member services and charitable contributions.

Small: **PennDel AHMA**—PennDel AHMA's principal focus is on training so that it strengthens, enriches, engages, develops and supports (S.E.E.D.S.) the next generation of affordable housing owners and managers.

AHMA Communities of Quality Program Award

Given to AHMAs according to size that have a substantial number of COQ Awards in their area, demonstrate support for the program, and introduce new or innovative activities.

Large: **SAHMA**—SAHMA aggressively markets the COQ recognition program to its members through social media posts, recognition of COQ properties at its state meetings and regional conferences, and regularly acknowledging the 435 SAHMA-member properties that are among "the best of the best."

Small: **PennDel AHMA**—As PennDel AHMA continues to grow, it retains a strong focus on encouraging its members to qualify for COQ recognition. Currently, 49 member properties have achieved this status.

AHMA Innovation Award

Given in recognition, by AHMA size, of a new program, service or activity that an AHMA began sometime in late 2013 or in 2014.

Large: SAHMA and MAHMA, co-winners

SAHMA—In 2014, SAHMA started live tweeting at its meetings and conferences. The live tweeting initiative blends attendee participation with live microjournalism that enables attendees to get important news quickly as well as build new connections and relationships among attendees, speakers and vendors.

MAHMA—MAHMA is expanding its communications methods by utilizing a YouTube channel to present videos to its members, growing its presence on Facebook and connecting more than 400 individuals through LinkedIn.

Medium: **Rocky AHMA** added an Advanced Department of Housing and Urban Development Occupancy Online training course to its online training curriculum. The advanced course provides students the ability to continue to the next level of HUD handbook training at their convenience, regardless of geographic location. It creates a

continuum of training for new employees to complete the HUD courses online and follow through with the NAHMA Certified Professional of Occupancy credentialing.

Small: **PennDel AHMA** has begun hosting joint trainings with the Delaware Valley chapter of Institute of Real Estate Management to increase attendance and revenue. The effort has also increased membership in the AHMA.

NAHMA Affordable Housing Advocate of the Year

Given annually to recognize a NAHMA member who has demonstrated a strong commitment to advance the association's legislative priorities through public policy advocacy—based on data maintained by NAHMA staff.

Mark Morgan, president, Interstate Realty Management, and **Michael Johnson, SHCM, NAHP-e**, executive vice president, ALCO Management, Inc., are sharing the award for Housing Advocate of the Year for their outstanding leadership of NAHMA's Alternative Futures Task Force.

NAHMA Communities of Quality Award

Given annually to a NAHMA Executive Council member who has the most properties and/or most newly listed properties on the NAHMA National Recognition Program COQ Registry—based on data maintained by NAHMA staff.

Most new in 2014: **Housing Management Resources Inc.**, North Quincy, Mass.

Most overall in the program at the close of 2014: **WinnResidential**, Boston, Mass.

NAHMA Presidents Award

Given annually by NAHMA's president for outstanding leadership or other contribution to NAHMA and the affordable multifamily housing industry—to be named by NAHMA's president at the ceremony.

NAHMA is the leading voice for affordable housing management, advocating on behalf of 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 decent and safe affordable housing, is a vital resource for technical education and information and fosters strategic relations between government and industry. Founded in 1990, NAHMA's membership today includes the industry's most distinguished multifamily owners and management companies. Visit www.nahma.org for more information.

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