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NAHMA Honors Affordable Housing Industry's Best

Alexandria, Va., Jan. 18, 2018 — The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) announces the winners of its annual Industry and AHMA Awards, which will be presented at its March 4-6 [meeting](#) in Washington, D.C.

The list of award winners 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 detailed descriptions of award winners will be provided in the March-April issue of *NAHMA News*.

NAHMA Industry Statesman Awards

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.

Randy Lenhoff, NAHP-e, who began his property management career in 1977, joined the Seldin Company in 1989 where he retired as president and CEO in 2014. He served as NAHMA vice president from 2003-2006, as well as board member for NAHMA and the NAHMA Educational Foundation. Lenhoff was inducted into the Omaha Commercial Real Estate Hall of Fame in 2011.

Jim McGrath, SHCM, NAHP-e, founded PRD Management Inc. in 1977 and as chairman oversees the entire organization. He has spent more than 40 years in the real estate industry. He has received numerous industry awards including 2012 Industry Leadership Award from PennDel AHMA and the 2009 NAHMA President's Award. He is a founding member of the NAHMA Educational Foundation, as well as of JAHMA and PennDel AHMA. He served as president of NAHMA in 2005-2006 and is currently serving as a NAHMA board officer.

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.

Michelle Norris, SHCM, NAHP-e, executive vice president of external affairs and strategic initiatives at National Church Residences, has displayed a tireless commitment to advocacy in support of public policy goals on behalf of the affordable housing industry. In the past two years, Norris has worked with NAHMA and other industry groups to promote RAD for PRAC and SEAL, both of which are significant advocacy efforts.

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** was able to convert 56 leads into 40 new members and experienced an 86 percent retention rate. The association planned 60 educational offerings with an attendance of more than 850 students. SAHMA hosted eight state-level trade shows and one regional conference drawing more than 3,690 people.

Medium: **JAHMA** maintains a retention rate in the high 90s across its three membership types. Its average course attendance is 124 people while its Fair Housing course drew a maximum attendance of 57 students. Additionally, the association drew more than 470 attendees to its annual Spring Management Conference.

Small: **PennDel AHMA's** annual Fall Management Conference and Expo saw a 15 percent increase in attendance this year. The AHMA maintains a membership retention rate in the high 90s for its regular and associate members. PennDel's educational offerings' average attendance was 80 with one course sold to room capacity.

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** has 566 total COQ National Recognition Program participants with 39 being awarded within the past year.

AHMA Innovation Award

Given in recognition, by AHMA size, of a new program, service or activity that an AHMA began sometime in late 2016 or in 2017.

Large: **SAHMA** established the Affordable Housing Advocate Award to honor legislators and industry partners who have demonstrated great leadership, support and commitment to affordable housing. The SAHMA board of directors and leadership collaborated to develop an appropriate set of criteria the award nominee must meet to qualify as a potential recipient including being evaluated on their track record and commitment on behalf of affordable housing.

Medium: **JAHMA**, through its educational foundation, partnered with the Electronic Access Foundation (EAF) to make refurbished computers available to any interested JAHMA scholarship recipient. Sixteen of this year's 21 scholars have taken advantage of the program. This is not a computer-lending program—the students now own the equipment and EAF has promised to repair or replace any malfunctioning computers.

NAHMA Communities of Quality Award

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

Most new in 2017 is awarded to **Southern Development Management Company**, West Columbia, S.C.; **Mansermar Inc.**, Duluth, Ga., earned second place; and **Napa Valley Communities Housing**, Napa, Calif., was named honorable mention.

NAHMA President's 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 NAHMA's annual winter meeting during the March 5 awards 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. NAHMA's membership represents 75 percent of the affordable housing industry, and includes its most distinguished multifamily owners and management companies. Visit www.nahma.org for more information.

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