

REALTORS AND BROKERS DESIGNATED HOUSING CHAMPIONS

BISMARCK—The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) honored four members of the North Dakota real estate industry with Champion of Affordable Housing Awards during the 2003 North Dakota/South Dakota REALTORS Convention.

“The Housing Finance Agency relies on many unique public-private sector partnerships to create awareness of its affordable housing programs,” said Gov. John Hoeven. “One of the strongest links in relaying information about the first-time homebuyer program is North Dakota’s real estate professionals.”

NDHFA presented Century 21 Landmark Realty, Inc., of Mandan and Continental Real Estate, Inc., of Dickinson with broker awards, and Scott Louser of Minot and Ninetta Wandler of Dickinson with agent awards at the Sept. 10-12 conference in Rapid City, SD.

“The Champion Award real estate recipients are judged on their participation in NDHFA homeownership programs, and their involvement in local community activities and projects that promote affordable housing and successful homeownership,” said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem.

“NDHFA depends on these housing professionals because they are often the first source of information for prospective homebuyers,” said Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson. “The real estate agents play a pivotal role in promoting the agency’s programs.

Champion of Affordable Housing Awards recognize the work of individuals, non-profit or for-profit organizations, public agencies and private housing developers or providers who have made exceptional contributions to affordable housing in North Dakota. Awards were presented in Lender, Housing Production and Leadership categories during the agency’s annual statewide housing conference in February.

“We feel it is important to recognize the role private sector partners play in fulfilling the NDHFA mission of providing affordable housing for low- and moderate-income North Dakotans,” said Mike Anderson, NDHFA homeownership division director. “Without their assistance, it would be very difficult and expensive for the agency to get information about our affordable housing programs to the homebuyers that benefit from such assistance.”

NDHFA provides homebuyer education, downpayment and closing cost assistance, and low-interest home mortgage loans for first-time buyers. For more information about NDHFA homeownership programs contact a real estate agent, participating lender, home builder or NDHFA directly at (701) 328-8080, (800) 292-8621, (800) 366-6888 (TTY) or www.ndhfa.org.

The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, consisting of Governor John Hoeven, as chairman, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson, oversees the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency.