

Realtors Receive Champion of Affordable Housing Awards

BISMARCK – The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) presented four Champion of Affordable Housing awards to members of the real estate industry during the annual North Dakota and South Dakota Realtor Convention, Sept. 13-15, in Minot.

The awards were presented to Bianco Realty of Bismarck and Action Realty/Better Home and Gardens of Wahpeton. Individual awards were presented to Mark Kirchoffner, Keystone Realty, Inc., Fargo, and Ninetta Wandler, Everett Real Estate, Inc., Dickinson.

“Realtors and real estate agents play a key role in the home buying process and are primary partners of NDHFA,” Gov. Ed Schafer said. “NDHFA has come to rely on these professionals because they typically are one of the first sources of information for prospective buyers and therefore play a pivotal role in promoting NDHFA programs.”

“These real estate agents are excellent examples of the good things we can accomplish when government and private industry work together,” said Attorney General Heidi Heitkamp. “They are on the front lines promoting affordable housing opportunities and helping more North Dakotans successfully buy homes.”

“The awards were based on the number of purchase transactions involving first-time home buyer loans,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Roger Johnson. “Recipients were also judged on involvement in local community activities and projects that promote affordable housing and successful home ownership.”

“We recognize the important 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 single family programs director.

For more information about the First Time Homebuyer Program, contact a real estate agent, participating lender, home builder, or the Housing Finance Agency directly at (701) 328-8080, (800) 292-8621, or (800) 366-6888 (TTY). Information is also available on the NDHFA web page at www.ndhfa.state.nd.us.

The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency is overseen by the Industrial Commission of North Dakota consisting of Gov. Edward T. Schafer, as chairman, Attorney General Heidi Heitkamp, and Commissioner of Agriculture Roger Johnson.