

## **CHAMPION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AWARDS PRESENTED**

**BISMARCK** – The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) presented four Champion of Affordable Housing Awards to members of the North Dakota real estate industry during the North Dakota Association of Realtors State Convention, Sept. 11 - 13, in Grand Forks.

“Partnering with the private sector to help elevate public awareness regarding our affordable housing programs is important,” said Gov. John Hoeven. “A critical link in getting the information out to our citizens is North Dakota’s real estate professionals.”

Broker awards were presented to Century 21 Morrison Realty, Inc., of Bismarck and Brokers ‘12’, Inc., of Minot. Individual agent awards were presented to Shawn D. Horn of Grand Forks and Mildred M. Bach of Fargo.

“Award recipients were judged on the number of purchase transactions involving first-time homebuyer loans, their involvement in local community activities, and projects that promote affordable housing and successful homeownership,” said Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson.

“The NDHFA relies on these housing professionals because they typically are the first source of information for prospective homebuyers and therefore play a pivotal role in promoting the agency’s programs,” said Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem.

Champion of Affordable Housing Awards recognize and celebrate 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.

“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 NDHFA to relay information about our affordable housing programs to the homebuyers that benefit from such assistance.”

NDHFA provides homebuyer education, downpayment and closing cost assistance, and home mortgage loans. For more information about NDHFA homeownership programs contact a real estate agent, participating lender, home builder or the Housing Finance Agency directly at (701) 328-8080, 1-800-292-8621, 1-800-366-6888 (TTY) or visit us online at [www.ndhfa.org](http://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.