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NOMINATIONS NOW ACCEPTED

2010 Kansas Housing Conference Seeks Entries for Ad Astra Awards

TOPEKA - The Kansas Housing Conference is now accepting nominations for the **2010 Ad Astra Awards for Excellence in Housing and Community Development**. The Ad Astra Awards celebrate housing advocates who consistently make a positive impact on their communities. The awards also honor the best practices of affordable housing developers, public housing authorities, community service organizations and others.

Awards will be given in the following categories:

Special Achievement in Affordable Housing Development: Urban & Rural

This category recognizes excellence in the development of affordable owner or rental housing. Two awards will be presented in this category - one for affordable housing developed in urban areas, the second for developments serving rural areas. Projects may include new construction, renovation, or adaptive reuse, and should reflect highest standards in quality and sustainability.

Excellence in Partnership Award

This award honors the achievement of multiple organizations partnering together to develop programs or services that promote or expand access to affordable housing.

Outstanding Housing Advocate Award

In this category, we will recognize an individual or organization for achievements in developing and advancing state or local legislation in support of affordable housing/community development initiatives.

Affordable Housing "Trail Blazer" Award

The "Trail Blazer" award celebrates an individual who has demonstrated exemplary leadership and service in responding to affordable housing or community development needs within the state of Kansas.

Innovation in Housing and Community Development

Our final category honors achievement in the creation of affordable owner/rental housing or community development programs featuring innovation in the following areas: design, universal design, development, financing, construction, collaboration, management, energy conservation, accessibility, special needs, historic preservation and adaptive reuse, mixed-use or mixed-income.

DEADLINE! Nominations are due by **Thursday, July 15th, 2010**, so [download](#) the nomination form today! Nominees may submit up to two pages of text and ten pictures saved on a CD-ROM. Photos may include project renderings, construction documentation, activities within a project, program participants and/or key proponents of a policy issue. Please submit your completed nomination form to: **Ad Astra Awards, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, 611 S. Kansas, Topeka, KS, 66603-3803.**

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Ad Astra award winners will be recognized during the Kansas Housing Conference on Thursday, September 9th, 2010 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, 1717 Topeka Boulevard in Topeka. Winners will receive a cash award of \$500 and be recognized in conference press releases and on our website - www.kshousingconference.org.

The Kansas Housing Conference would like to thank all of our sponsors for their continued support. We believe this partnership is vital to the event's success, building stronger, sustainable communities and increasing affordable housing opportunities throughout the State of Kansas.

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