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21st Annual Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards **Recognize National Leaders in Affordable Housing** *Low-Income Housing Tax Credit properties awarded by the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition*

WASHINGTON — [The Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition](#) (AHTCC) announced the winners of the 21st Annual [Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards](#) today at a Capitol Hill luncheon ceremony in Washington, D.C. Presented to the most outstanding Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit) properties in the country across seven categories, the Edson Awards celebrate developments at the forefront of creating stronger, healthier communities nationwide.

This year, the Coalition received numerous remarkable entries—60 applications from 24 states and the District of Columbia. A panel of five judges selected just seven first place finishers and seven honorable mentions. The winners are as follows:

Metropolitan/Urban Housing

Winner: Arlington Mill Residences, Arlington, VA
Honorable Mentions: The Columbus School, Baltimore, MD
Olney Village, Providence, RI

Rural Housing

Winner: Fort Peck Homes II, Wolf Point and Poplar, MT
Honorable Mention: Seton Village, Emmitsburg, MD

Special Needs Housing

Winner: VanKeuren Square, Syracuse, NY

Senior Housing

Winner: House of Lebanon Senior Apts., Washington, DC
Honorable Mention: Coronado Park Senior Village, Eagle River, AK

Green Housing

Winner: Beckstoffer's Block, Phases I & II, Richmond, VA
Honorable Mention: Bancroft School Apartments, Kansas City, MO

Public Housing

Winner: Rush Crossing, Trenton, NJ
Honorable Mention: Industria Commons & Brytania Square, New Britain, CT

HUD Preservation Properties

Winner: Azusa Apartments, Azusa, CA
Honorable Mention: Woodlawn Park, Chicago, IL

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“The Edson Awards recognize the Housing Credit’s ability to lift up communities, and this year’s winners remind us just how instrumental the program is,” said Todd Crow, President of the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition. “As the only significant source of funding for affordable housing in the country, the Housing Credit must be protected and expanded so high-quality developments like these can continue to provide families a safe, stable, affordable place to call home.”

The Edson Awards are given by the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition and are named for Charles L. Edson, an affordable housing luminary who was Transition Director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on President Carter's Transition Staff. Mr. Edson served in the Office of the General Counsel at HUD and was for nearly 40 years Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Housing and Development Reporter*. He is a founding partner of the law firm Lane and Edson, and was later a partner of Nixon Peabody LLP. He now lectures to business and professional organizations and trade associations—many of which he founded—on housing and development.

This year’s judging panel included Jim Chandler, Virginia Housing Development Authority (Chair), Charles L. Edson, Nixon Peabody LLP, Adam Galowitz, State Street Bank and Trust; Bobby Rozen, Washington Council Ernst & Young LLP, and Mark Shelburne, Novogradac & Company LLP.

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About the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition

Founded in 1988, AHTCC is a trade organization of housing professionals who advocate for affordable rental housing financed using the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit). Our for-profit and non-profit members—including syndicators, investors, lenders, developers, legal and accounting professionals and state allocating agencies—seek to preserve, expand and improve the Housing Credit and complementary programs through legislative outreach and education. Please visit www.taxcreditcoalition.org for more information about joining the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition.

The Housing Credit is America’s main tool for creating and preserving affordable housing for hardworking families, veterans, people with special needs, seniors, teachers, nurses, firefighters and police officers, among others. Since its creation in 1986, the Housing Credit has represented the best of public-private partnerships, bringing into communities \$100 billion in private capital to finance 2.7 million quality affordable apartments, producing or preserving 90,000 to 95,000 homes and supporting 96,000 jobs each year.