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DENVER HOUSING AUTHORITY RECEIVES “UNPRECEDENTED” AWARD FROM OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Denver, CO -- In a history making move, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Inspector General (OIG) presented a special recognition award to the Denver Housing Authority (DHA) for their established financial controls to ensure effectiveness and efficient administration of federal housing program funds.

HUD OIG presented the special award at the DHA headquarters for its five (5) consecutive years of successful financial administration of their \$74 million annual funding for public housing and Section 8 housing choice voucher program.

The rigorous OIG audit reports (2000-2005) have determined that “DHA operates and administers its program in accordance with HUD requirements, maintains thorough and comprehensive housing inspections and has established controls to ensure that the DHA Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher units meet HUD's quality standards.”

In presenting the award to the DHA staff, Robert Gwin, Deputy Inspector General HUD Washington noted, “This award has never been presented to any Housing Authority in the U.S. It is unprecedented. It is the first-ever such award. And, it is deserved. You take your jobs very seriously, to help the people you serve.” DHA was also commended for “maximizing the federal funds provided to the citizens of Denver, Colorado.”

According to William Mosher, DHA Board Chair, “We are extremely pleased to have HUD OIG recognize DHA for its proven financial internal controls”. He also thanked Sal Carpio, Executive Director and DHA’s Finance Department for the exemplary stewardship of federal housing funds for the citizens of Denver.

Established in 1938, the Denver Housing Authority provides more than 23,800 very low, low and moderate-income residents with subsidized housing throughout the city.

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