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CDA Housing Operations

Madison – The City of Madison Community Development Authority is pleased to announce that it has received the designation of High Performer in the administration of both of its major programs for the year 2007. After final review of the City of Madison’s audited financial statement, HUD has awarded the designation of High Performer to both the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) and the Low Rent Public Housing Programs. Every year HUD conducts an extensive evaluation of housing authorities nationwide under its Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) and Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP). Performance measurements are based in part on HUD baseline standards but also on performance comparisons with other housing authorities across the country. HUD’s evaluation looks at a number of performance indicators in these programs in several areas.

In Public Housing, HUD examines the Physical Appearance, Financial Management, Administration, and Resident Satisfaction. Annually HUD contracts inspectors to perform on-site inspections to assess the physical upkeep of properties. Also HUD mails out an anonymous Resident Survey directly to Public Housing Residents to measure the residents evaluation of their housing authority. The CDA has routinely scored 9 out of 10 points in the resident satisfaction category.

Under Section 8, HUD evaluates the overall administration of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. The CDA received high marks for records management and timeliness of reporting requirements. HUD also awarded CDA bonus points for the Deconcentration of Voucher Families. Compared to many other cities the CDA has been able to maximize housing opportunities through its program assistance to families and working in partnership with landlords.

The Chair of the CDA Board of Directors, Stuart Levitan, states “ The staff of CDA Housing Operations is to be commended for raising the bar in providing housing assistance to our elderly, our disabled and our families with children. Even with rising costs and an increased demand in services CDA Housing staff have been able to provide more with less. And though it has been designated as a High Performer the CDA will continue to strive for continued program improvements and where possible, the expansion of housing assistance programming, offered to the low income citizens of the City of Madison.”

The 3 designations are Low Performer, Standard Performer and High Performer. The CDA has routinely scored on the high end of the Standard Performer category. The CDA has previously received the High Performer designation for its Voucher program but this is the first time both programs have received it.

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