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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Lt. Governor Ellspermann Recognizes Excellence in Affordable Housing at Annual Statewide Conference**

INDIANAPOLIS- Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann recognized recipients of the 2013 Excellence in Affordable Housing awards which honor Hoosiers for their impact on communities throughout the state. Recipients were announced today at the Annual Statewide Conference on Housing and Community Economic Development sponsored by the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) and the Indiana Association for Community Economic Development (IACED).

“I extend my heartfelt congratulations to this year’s award winners which are each an example of the power of thoughtful planning, collaboration and dedication to finding solutions to local community and economic development needs throughout our great state,” said Lt. Governor Ellspermann who chairs the IHCDA Board. “In addition, I want to thank each of the many hard working groups striving to ensure our communities offer long term livability for every generation of Hoosier residents.”

At the annual statewide conference, IHCDA and IACED, along with their award sponsors and colleagues, recognize organizations and individuals for their outstanding projects and services.

This year’s award winners are:

**Lt. Governor’s Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing and Community Development- Rural**

*Recipient: Phoenix on the Square, Paoli*

After a massive fire in 2010 destroyed the Southwest corner of the town square in Paoli, Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corporation collaborated with several government and financial entities to design Phoenix on the Square, which features office and retail spaces as well as 12 two bedroom apartments. The impact from the redeveloped town square has been a tremendous boost to not only the economic environment of downtown Paoli, but has added to the local aesthetics and invited residents to once again reside in the heart of the town.

**Lt. Governor's Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing and Community Development- Urban**

*Recipient: YOUnity Village, Terre Haute*

The Mental Health Association of Vigo County, who attended the 2009 Indiana Permanent Supportive Housing Institute, saw the need to expand its existing small supportive housing development and the need to partner with other service providers to meet the complex needs of individuals who cycle between the streets, homeless shelters, treatment facilities, jail and emergency rooms. The team consisting of Mental Health Association of Vigo County, the Hamilton Center, Halstead Architects and the Whitsett Group collaborated to create an innovative thirty unit development that provides housing and services to those individuals experiencing chronic homelessness in the Terre Haute area.

Additional awards presented at the Conference include:

**Key Award for Services Program of the Year**

*Recipient: Public Allies Indianapolis (Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center)*

**Robert O. Zdenek Staff Member of the Year Award**

*Recipient: David Miller, Chief Executive Officer, Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corporation*

**Michael Carroll Community Economic Development Leadership Award**

*Recipient: Jack Brummett, Senior Vice President, Great Lakes Capital Fund*

The winners were selected by a panel of judges with expertise in the housing and community economic development fields. Nominees were selected by a separate committee and were judged based upon their impact, initiative, collaboration and financial soundness and creativity in furthering community economic development throughout Indiana.

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*The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), chaired by Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann, creates housing opportunity, generates and preserves assets, and revitalizes neighborhoods by investing financial and technical resources in the development efforts of qualified partners throughout Indiana. IHCDA believes that growing Indiana's economy starts at home. For more information, please visit [www.ihcda.in.gov](http://www.ihcda.in.gov) or [www.in.gov/myihcda](http://www.in.gov/myihcda).*

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