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Ohio CDC Association Earns 2006 Ohio Governor's Award for  
Excellence in Affordable Housing

Columbus, November 6, 2006--- In recognition for their steadfast leadership and commitment to affordable housing, the Ohio CDC Association has earned the 2006 Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing. Lt. Governor Bruce Johnson will present the award on Tuesday, November 7, in Columbus to Ohio CDC Association Executive Director Patricia Barnes at the Eighth Annual Ohio Housing Conference, hosted by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency and Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing.

The annual Governor's Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing honors organizations that excel in their programs and services to provide affordable housing opportunities and strengthen community development throughout Ohio. The Ohio CDC Association is a statewide association of community development corporations. The award is presented in recognition of their commitment and exemplary achievements in the Housing Development Assistance Program funding, lobbying efforts for the Ohio Housing Trust Fund, and their vital role in the implementation of the Individual Development Accounts Program that benefits Ohio Finance Agency's lease-purchase projects. "The Ohio CDC Association continues to act as a tireless advocate for community based non-profit organizations throughout the state," said Governor Bob Taft.

"The Ohio CDC Association is truly honored to receive the Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing," said Ohio CDC Association Executive Director Patricia Barnes. "We are proud of our 22-year record of assisting community development corporations (CDCs) to create affordable housing, revitalize communities, and help families build assets."

Working with their partners the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, Ohio Department of Development, HUD, HHS, World Financial Network National Bank, George Gund Foundation, Fifth Third Bank and many other financial institutions, Corporation for National Service, Enterprise Community Partners and Local Initiatives Support Corporation, the Ohio CDC Association has presented over 30 days of training and conferences this year, serving more than 750 practitioners in the community development field. In addition, the Association has placed 27 AmeriCorps\*VISTA volunteer members in housing and community development projects and is providing special matched savings accounts, called Individual Development Accounts, to over 500 households through a network of 23 community development organizations. The Ohio CDC Association recently held its 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference in Cincinnati and collaborated with the Ohio Community Computing Center to hold Tech Mix, an Ohio Technology Conference for Nonprofit Organizations.

This prestigious honor has been awarded in the past to the Federal Home Loan Bank, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, Ohio Housing Network, Ohio Housing Council, Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio, Fannie Mae of Central and Southern Ohio, and the Council for Rural Housing & Development in Ohio.

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