

North Dakota Housing Manager Receives National Award

BISMARCK, June 21, 2010 — Tami Egeland has been chosen as the National 2010 [Site Manager of the Year](#) for Elderly/Family Housing for the USDA Rural Development's [Multi-Family Housing program](#). Ms. Egeland is the site manager for Villa De Remer and Grafton Living Center in Grafton, North Dakota.

Originally selected as the North Dakota Site Manager of the Year for Elderly/Family Housing, Ms. Egeland then competed for the national honor. The award was formally presented to her Tuesday morning, June 15th, at the Ritz-Carlton-Pentagon City, Arlington, Virginia.



Pictured: (L to R) Larry Anderson, USDA Rural Development Acting Deputy Administrator; Tami Egeland, Site Manager of the Year Winner; Stephanie White, USDA Rural Development Director for Multifamily Housing Programs; and Gary Stenson, President of MetroPlains Properties, Inc.

A Site Manager of the Year sets a standard of excellence; excellence in tenant satisfaction, maintaining curb appeal of the project, accurate and complete record keeping, and generally performing above and beyond normal expectations. Ms. Egeland has achieved this and much more. The apartments are well maintained and managed. The tenants are very satisfied and happy to have her as a manager. Ms. Egeland is very customer service oriented as she promotes a sense of community for all her residents.

Jasper Schneider, USDA [Rural Development North Dakota](#) State Director said, “The site managers guarantee the success of our housing complexes. They make sure the day-to-day operations go smoothly and they often invest a

great deal of their own free time in providing tenants with a safe and cohesive community. Although these managers would do their jobs whether or not they received recognition, we believe we should reward excellent performance.”

USDA Rural Development administers a national loan portfolio of over 16,000 rural rental housing complexes. In partnership with private sector and nonprofit borrowers, RD houses very low- and low-income rural families, elderly people, and farm workers. The site managers of the housing properties are employees of private companies, not the U.S. Government.

Also receiving awards were Nancy Fargo of New York and Christal Stidham of Indiana.

Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.