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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNIZES LE MARS MAN AS A SENIOR HOUSING SITE MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Dan Beach Recognized for Dedication to Residents of Regency Villa Apartment Complex

LE MARS – Dec. 30, 2006 – Kimberly Clay, a USDA Rural Development Multi-Family Housing Specialist in Le Mars, today participated in a ceremony recognizing Dan Beach as a Senior Housing Site Manager of the Year. Beach is manager of Regency Villa apartment complex in Le Mars.

“USDA Rural Development is committed to providing housing opportunities in rural areas, which is critical to the success of these communities,” said Mark Reisinger, State Director of USDA Rural Development. “People like Dan Beach play a central role in the success of Rural Development's housing programs.”

Park Avenue Management, which manages the complex, nominated Beach for the award. Many tenants of the complex also voiced their support for his nomination as site manager of the year.

“The property always looks nice,” Park Avenue Management said in their nomination of Beach. “Dan is very aware of making sure the facility has strong curb appeal.”

Regency Villa was recently remodeled and Beach was recognized during an open house at the complex, which allowed the public to see the updated facility.

USDA Rural Development's Site Manager of the Year program was started in 1997 to recognize apartment managers who provide exceptional service to their residents. The Site Manager of the Year Program includes competition in two categories – family and elderly complexes.

“It's with great pride and honor that USDA Rural Development recognizes Dan Beach's outstanding efforts to ensure that the building requirements, including the overall safety and security needs of the residents, are being met,” said Rural Development's Clay.

Each year USDA Rural Development invests more than \$100 million in loans and grants that provide rural Iowa residents with decent, safe and sanitary single or multi-family housing.

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There are currently 579 multi-family housing projects financed by USDA Rural Development in Iowa. Overall, these projects provide rural Iowa residents with access to 10,603 apartments. Rent is based on income and rent assistance from the government is available depending on the income of the tenant.

“Providing rural housing opportunities is just another way the federal government, through USDA Rural Development, is enhancing the ability of rural communities to develop and to grow, ensuring the best possible quality of life for rural residents,” Reisinger said.

USDA Rural Development has 11 offices in Iowa serving 1.9 million Iowans living in rural areas. Office locations include a State Office in Des Moines, along with Area Offices in Albia, Atlantic, Humboldt, Indianola, Iowa Falls, Le Mars, Mount Pleasant, Storm Lake, Tipton and Waverly.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

Further information on rural programs is available at the local USDA Rural Development office in Le Mars at 712/546-5149 or by visiting USDA Rural Development's web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia.