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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNIZES LINDA MANCINA AS AREA FAMILY HOUSING SITE MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Mancina Recognized for Dedication to Residents of Lantern Park Apartments in Waverly, Denver Park Apartments in Denver and Westwood Park Apartments in West Union

WAVERLY – November 1, 2006 – Doug Moss, USDA Rural Development Area Director, has recognized Linda Mancina, site manager of Lantern Park Apartments in Waverly, Denver Park Apartments in Denver and Westwood Park Apartments in West Union, as the Area Family Housing Site Manager of the Year.

“USDA Rural Development is committed to providing single and multi-family housing opportunities in rural areas, which allow these communities to continue to develop and grow,” said Mark Reisinger, the State Director of USDA Rural Development. “People like Linda Mancina are critical to the success of Rural Development's housing programs.”

“I am very pleased to be able to honor Linda with a well-deserved award for consistently doing such an outstanding job as the site manager of this apartment complex,” Moss added. “Linda ensures repairs are done, the properties are well maintained and the residents' needs are met.”

USDA Rural Development's Site Manager of the Year program was started in 1997 to recognize apartment managers who go above and beyond what is expected of them. The Site Manager of the Year Program includes competition in two categories – family and elderly complexes.

“It's with great pleasure that USDA Rural Development recognizes Linda for her outstanding efforts to ensure that the building requirements, including the overall safety and security needs of Lantern Park Apartment residents, are being met,” Moss said.

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.

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.

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“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 Waverly at 319/352-1715 or by visiting the agency's web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia.

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