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**BROWARD COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY RECOGNIZED AS BEST IN FLORIDA
BY STATEWIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORGANIZATION**

LAUDERDALE LAKES, FL – Broward County Housing Authority (BCHA) was recently honored as best in the state by the Florida Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (FAHRO) at its 2010 Annual Convention & Trade Show in Orlando.

The “Outstanding Agency” award recognized the housing authority that ranked highest for commitment to solving housing and associated community problems, innovation, industry involvement, affiliations with state and federal associations, awards received and high performer classification from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

“This award is a testament to what our team is accomplishing in Broward County,” said BCHA CEO Kevin Cregan, who was named FAHRO Executive of the Year in 2009. “We have been able to significantly improve the quality of life for residents by creating and facilitating affordable housing opportunities.”

FAHRO, which is comprised of more than 200 housing and community development agencies and associates, cited the quality of the services provided by BCHA.

“Kevin Cregan and his staff are an exceptional group of professionals,” said Jan Hendricks, FAHRO associate for member services and event planning. “BCHA is a forward-thinking and well-run organization that serves its community at the highest possible level.”

In a recommendation letter to FAHRO, Ralph Stone, director of the Housing Finance and Community Development Division for Broward County, said BCHA has helped hundreds of families avoid foreclosure.

“The Broward County Housing Authority has enjoyed an excellent reputation for its superior management of numerous housing programs,” Stone wrote. “The BCHA has developed strategies that distinguish it from most local housing authorities. We have worked closely with BCHA during the past year in helping hundreds of families avoid foreclosure during the present housing/economic crisis.”

The BCHA creates housing opportunities for nearly 12,000 county residents by utilizing public and private funding. It focuses on providing affordable housing through the ownership/management of properties, administration of rental subsidies and counseling of homeowners and prospective owners.

For more information, visit www.bchafll.org.

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