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Housing Authority of the City of High Point Announces High Performer Rating from HUD

For the third time in the past four years, the Housing Authority of the City of High Point (HPHA) has received a "high performance" rating from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for its operations. According to Robert L. Kenner, Chief Executive Officer, this is the highest ranking that may be assigned by the federal government. The Agency earned a 91 percent PHAS (Public Housing Assessment System) ranking for its fiscal year 2007.

"I am extremely pleased and proud that our Agency has achieved this goal for 2007," Mr. Kenner says. "The progress that we continue to strive to achieve for our residents through the diligent work of our staff and with the support of our Board of Commissioners is evident in our score. We will continue to make every effort to provide families and individuals with adequate and affordable housing, economic advancement, and homeownership opportunities in a safe, drug-free, suitable, living environment."

PHAS consists of four components: physical, management, financial and resident satisfaction survey. Out of a possible total score of 100 for all components, HPHA scored 91.

As a result of this high performance designation, the High Point Housing Authority will receive some regulatory relief with respect to reporting requirements and may also facilitate grant applications for the coming year.

Reverend Michael Ellerbe, Chairman, HPHA Board of Commissioners, says, “Our designation as a high performer is the direct result of the high standards we have adopted and chosen to pursue. It represents the fact that we have good leadership, a well-defined vision and the commitment from the entire staff who have worked conscientiously towards that goal.”