MEDIA ALERT:
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SEMI-FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2009 I. DON TERNER PRIZE

ATTENTION: Urban Design, Architecture, City Planning, Housing Development, Non-profit writers and editors

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Fourteen semi-finalists have been chosen for the I. Donald Terner Prize. The semi-finalists will be narrowed down to six finalists in January 2009 and a first-prize winner will be announced in March 2009.

Semi-finalists were chosen from 53 applications from over 21 states. Most of the applicants, 45 percent, were from the West, while 22.8 percent were from the East. Meanwhile, 11.3 percent of applicants were from the Southwest, 13.3 from the Southeast and 7.6 from the Midwest.

The award recognizes successful and innovative affordable housing projects and their leadership teams. The award honors Donald Terner’s vision and principles to the planning, design and development professions as well as to public officials, community representatives, housing activists, and government and private funders by identifying outstanding best practices in the field. Finalists receive $5000 leadership stipends and the first-prize winner will be given $25,000.

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SEMI-FINALISTS
1. Aeon – Minneapolis, Minnesota
2. Affordable Housing Associates – Oakland, California
4. City Heights Community Development Corporation – San Diego, California
5. Colorado Coalition for the Homeless – Denver, Colorado
6. First Community Housing – San Jose, California
7. Gulf Coast Community Design Studio – Biloxi, Mississippi
8. Housing Authority of Portland – Portland, Oregon
10. ICON Architecture, Inc. – East Boston, Massachusetts
11. King County Housing Authority – King County, Washington
12. MacFarlane Costa Housing Authority – San Diego, California
13. Mercy Housing California – Santa Barbara, California
14. South County Housing Corporation – Pajaro, California

DETAILS
2009 I. Don Terner Prize Jury
- Paul Freitag -- Developer, Development S Director & Senior Project Manager, Jonathan Rose Companies, LLC, New York, NY
- Richard Harris -- Director of the State of Oregon's Addictions and Mental Health Division, Eugene, OR
- Greg Maher -- Vice President & Deputy General Counsel, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, New York, NY
- Anne Torney -- Architect and Director of Housing, SolomonETC, San Francisco, CA
- Stockton Williams -- Senior Vice President for External Affairs, Enterprise Community Partners, Inc., San Francisco, CA

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