



Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards 2006

The Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition is proud to announce its twelfth annual **Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards** program. These awards are presented to the most outstanding Low Income Housing Tax Credit (Housing Credit) developments in each of four categories. Each winner receives \$5,000 in prize money to be used to bring additional services, facilities, or amenities to the winning development for the benefit of its tenants. Information describing the Coalition is attached.

Category of Awards

- Category I: Project located in a metropolitan area (minimum population of 50,000 of Standard Metropolitan Area—SMA)
- Category II: Project located in rural area (maximum population of 50,000)
- Category III: Special Needs Housing—without regard to project location
- Category IV: Senior Housing

Note: If any of the four categories does not produce a winning development, the Coalition reserves the right to name two winners in one of the other three categories.

Criteria For Awards

Projects will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Location of project in particularly difficult areas to develop, such as inner city or remote rural areas.
2. Services provided to the tenant in addition to housing, i.e., assisted living services in senior housing developments, computer learning centers, etc.
3. Any program designed to encourage greater tenant self-sufficiency such as job training programs.
4. Unique design features, special aesthetic features, or unique tenant service facilities such as social rooms, health rooms, or dining facilities.
5. Extraordinary community-wide support for the establishment of the development.

****Projects must have been placed-in-service on or after January 1, 2005.****



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Deadline For Application Submission

Seven copies (7) of the completed application must be submitted by close of business on March 31, 2006. Applications should be sent directly to the Coalition at:

Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition
1900 K Street, NW, Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20006-1109
Attn: Victoria Spielman, Executive Director

Nominations

Nominations are encouraged and may be made by state Housing Credit allocating agencies, governmental agencies, national or local nonprofits, or development owners.

Narrative Statement and Other Requirements

Applications should include a narrative statement, no more than five double-spaced pages, setting forth how the project meets one or more of the criteria detailed in the above announcement.

Applicants must submit the approved Form 8609 for the development and the cost certification submitted to the state Housing Credit allocating agency. A Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Completion will be accepted for developments that have not received a Form 8609 by the application deadline.

Entries are encouraged to submit pictures of the project, project plans, local press notices, or any other materials deemed relevant. The Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition reserved the right to keep any videotape submissions in its videotape library and make any such tapes available for public viewing. Pictures included in applications may be used for promotional purposes or in future press and PR releases regarding the Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards program.

Judging

The Coalition will establish a five-member judging panel from representatives of various sectors of the affordable housing community who will evaluate the applications against the above criteria. Award winners will be announced in April 2006.



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Awards Ceremony

The Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Excellence Awards will be presented at a Capitol Hill ceremony in Washington, DC in June 2006. The Coalition will invite appropriate Members of Congress including those from the area in which winning developments are located, their staff, and leaders in the affordable housing community.

For further information, please contact Coalition executive director Victoria E. Spielman at 202-419-2025 or info@taxcreditcoalition.org.