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MHEG Raises \$39.75 Million in Equity Capital for Affordable Housing in Iowa

DES MOINES - Midwest Housing Equity Group, Inc. (MHEG) is pleased to announce the closing of Iowa Fund VI, L.P. with a **record** total of \$39.75 million in equity for affordable housing in Iowa. The equity raised in this fund will assist in the development of several properties and help create hundreds of units of affordable housing. Investors in this fund include: Bank of the West, Bankers Trust of Des Moines, Bankers Trust Company of Cedar Rapids, Capitol Federal Savings Bank, Farmers and Merchants Investment, Inc., MidWestOne Bank, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Principal, Seaboard Corporation, First National Bank of Waverly and Wells Fargo CDC.

"Affordable housing is such a key issue within the community and I am pleased to announce the closing of Iowa Fund VI for MHEG," stated Chris Hensley, Vice President of Community and Government Affairs for Bank of the West and member of MHEG's Board of Directors. "They have worked to increase the number of affordable housing which is a significant need. Bank of the West is pleased to be an investor and contribute to the overall success. As of today IF VI has already invested in two projects, which added 50 affordable units to the state of Iowa."

IF VI anticipates investing in eight additional projects: Christ the King of Des Moines (28 units), Walkers Corner of Woodbine (11 units), High Street of Des Moines (21 units), Forest & Fields of Des Moines (28 units), Crane Artist Lofts (34 units), Greystone of Des Moines (26 units), Capital City Duplexes of Des Moines (16 units) and Corridor Woods of Iowa City (22 units).

MHEG looks for quality multifamily properties that meet the mission and standards of the company. These properties are typically sponsored/developed by non-profit and for-profit developers with a common goal of providing much needed affordable housing. To date, MHEG has invested in almost 50 developments throughout the state, creating over 1,650 affordable housing units. The closing of IF VI, L.P. brings the total of amount of equity raised in Iowa to over \$145 million.

“We started in Iowa in 2001 with a \$10 million dollar fund and this fund pushes us past the \$141 million dollar mark; this reinforces the impact that the Midwest Housing Equity Group has had, through its investment and development partners, in the state of Iowa towards providing more affordable housing for Iowans,” commented Dan Garrett, Executive Vice President of Iowa operations. “I am very proud to be a small part in this.”

MHEG is a tax credit syndicator that operates in four states (Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma in addition to Iowa). MHEG’s mission is to change lives for a better tomorrow by promoting the development and sustainability of quality affordable housing. To date, it has invested over \$725 million of equity into affordable housing throughout the four states. In addition to tax credit syndication, MHEG staff provides technical assistance to developers, owners and management companies on the development and management of tax credit properties. For more information about MHEG please visit our website at www.mheginco.com.

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