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**OAKLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY
HONORED WITH CALIFORNIA'S PRESTIGIOUS
2007 FLEX YOUR POWER AWARD**

OHA Recognized As Award Winner in Energy Efficiency Category

OAKLAND, Calif., May 4, 2007 – The Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) is being recognized by Flex Your Power, California's statewide energy efficiency campaign, as a leader in energy efficiency with a 2007 Flex Your Power Award. Forty-one winners and 32 honorable mentions were chosen from a highly competitive pool of California businesses, local governments and institutions. OHA took top honors in the Energy Efficiency category, along with other high-powered industry leaders Office Depot, Safeway, Inc., and Cisco Systems, just to name a few. The Energy Efficiency category recognizes organizations' efforts to reduce total energy (electricity and/or natural gas) consumption through the installation of energy-efficient equipment, lighting and appliances or through the completion of energy-efficient building retrofits or new construction projects.

The Flex Your Power Awards originated in 2001 to acknowledge outstanding leadership in energy efficiency, helping California through the energy crisis. OHA is no stranger to these awards; BRIDGE Housing, an OHA partner on the HOPE VI Chestnut Linden Court development, was a 2002 Internal Policies and Reforms Flex Your Power award recipient for its Green Building Program.

"The Oakland Housing Authority was inspired to use energy more wisely for the benefit of our environment, our employees and our residents," said Oakland Housing Authority Executive Director Jon Gresley. "We have taken great steps to conserve energy and to save money to help the more than 3,000 low-income families who participate in our public housing program."

The Oakland Housing Authority is committed to being energy efficient and in 1999, became one the first housing authority to participate in the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Energy Performance Contracting (EPC) program, allowing it to use the money saved on utility costs to provide more services to residents. That same year, OHA was the first housing authority in the nation to employ electronic utility tracking. With the EPC program and PG&E rebate partnerships, OHA has made upgrades to

hundreds of units, resulting in savings of 5,626,781 kWh of electricity, 270,537 therms of natural gas, and more than \$1.7 million dollars to date.

“We are proud to be recognized for our energy conservation efforts, especially when our efforts result in better homes and better lives for our residents,” added Gresley.

OHA will be honored at an awards ceremony in San Francisco on May 5, along with other award recipients. Judy Monnier, senior management analyst and EPC project manager will accept the award on OHA’s behalf.

The Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) is the City of Oakland’s state-chartered and federally funded agency to promote the availability of quality housing for low-income persons. OHA works to promote the civic involvement and economic self-sufficiency of its residents and to further the expansion of affordable housing within Oakland. The Authority is currently helping to house 14,000 of the city’s lowest income families. (www.oakha.org)



Judy Monnier accepts the Energy Efficiency award on behalf of the Oakland Housing Authority.

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