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PHFA honors its top lending partners for 2021

Mortgage America takes back the top spot

HARRISBURG – The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency today recognized its top lending partners for 2021 during its annual homeownership awards event, which was held virtually again this year. These lenders work with homebuyers through the application, processing, and closing of affordable PHFA home loans, playing a key role in this process.

In addition to protecting the health of all event attendees, the virtual event allowed the agency to invite all its lending partners to participate this year. That hasn't been possible in the past due to space and cost limitations.

PHFA Executive Director and CEO Robin Wiessmann honored the lending organizations, thanking them for helping Pennsylvania families and individuals realize their dream of homeownership.

“Homeownership is an investment in yourself,” Wiessmann said, referencing homebuyers. “It helps build personal wealth and frees people up to pursue other areas for growth in their life, like continuing education and helping to build their community. The partnership PHFA has with our lending partners helps us to fulfill our mission of providing Pennsylvanians with homeownership.”

Pennsylvania Secretary of Banking and Securities Richard Vague also congratulated the awardees during a videotaped message.

“The lenders being recognized are an integral part in helping Pennsylvanians become homeowners,” said Vague. “These partners play a critical role in PHFA’s work and success.”

Out of approximately 81 lending partners, the Top-10 were honored during the event for their role in marketing and closing PHFA home loans in 2021. The award winners will receive plaques celebrating their outstanding loan performance after today’s virtual event.

The awardees are, in ranking order from number one to number 10: Mortgage America; Howard Hanna Financial Services; Quaint Oak Mortgage; Jersey Shore State Bank; Primelending, A PlainsCapital Company; Huntingdon Valley Bank; Customers Bank; Guaranteed Rate; Meridian Bank; and Residential Mortgage Services.

Also honored in special categories were: Philadelphia Mortgage Advisors for Best Quality Pre-Closing Submissions; American Bank for Most PENNVEST Loans; Jersey Shore State Bank for Best Quality Post-Closing Submissions and Most HOMEstead Loans; Quaint Oak Mortgage for Most Loans to Minority Homebuyers and Most Keystone Forgivable In Ten Years Loan Program (K-FIT); Howard Hanna Financial Services tied for Most Loans to Veterans; Mortgage America for Most Keystone Advantage Assistance Loans, Most New Construction Loans, Most Refinance Loans, Most Mortgage Credit Certificates and tied for Most Loans to Veterans; and Paul J. Rodriguez with HomeSmart Realty Advisors for Top Realtor.

About PHFA

The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency works to provide affordable homeownership and rental housing options for older adults, low- and moderate-income families, and people with special housing needs. Through its carefully managed mortgage programs and investments in multifamily housing developments, PHFA also promotes economic development across the

state. Since its creation by the legislature in 1972, it has generated more than \$15.9 billion of funding for more than 186,412 single-family home mortgage loans, helped fund the construction of 138,000 rental units, distributed approximately \$191 million to support local housing initiatives, and saved the homes of more than 50,520 families from foreclosure. PHFA programs and operations are funded primarily by the sale of securities and from fees paid by program users, not by public tax dollars. The agency is governed by a 14-member board.

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