



Keeping the Lights On and Costs Down in Affordable Housing

DCSEU recognized as Best Housing Partner by the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers

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June 16, 2014 (Washington, DC) - The Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) recognized the DC Sustainable Energy Utility (DCSEU) today as the 2014 Best Housing Partner for its work to support energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for affordable housing in the District of Columbia.

HAND bridges local governments, housing developers, service providers, investors, and community leaders to advocate for affordable housing in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. HAND members gathered at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Northwest Washington, DC, today to honor the six Annual Achievement Award winners.

Since 2011, the DCSEU has delivered financial incentives, technical assistance, and information to tens of thousands of District residents and businesses, helping them to save millions of dollars on their energy costs.

In 2013, the DCSEU committed \$5.7 million to improve energy efficiency in affordable housing and provided technical assistance and financial incentives to support projects serving more than 2,800 residents. The DCSEU's financial assistance motivates developers to invest in energy efficiency measures that deliver savings to their residents as well as reduce their own operating costs.

"Working with the DCSEU has helped to keep our energy costs low and reduce our carbon footprint," said Troy Swanda, Housing Development Director of SOME (So Others Might Eat). "Their technical assistance and incentives have allowed us to install energy saving appliances and solar thermal systems that help us stretch our funding and provide services to more residents."

In addition to energy efficiency projects, the DCSEU provides solar thermal and solar PV renewable energy technologies to affordable housing buildings to reduce natural gas and electricity consumption and costs.

The DCSEU is proactively working to ensure that all DC residents have energy-efficient, sustainable, affordable housing.

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