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Governor Hosts 2005 Governor's Conference on Housing

Governor Ruth Ann Minner kicked-off the 2005 Governor's Conference on Housing today, which brought together national, state and local perspectives on today's affordable housing climate, and provided strategies to address current and future housing needs.

Governor Minner noted, "The Governor's Conference on Housing brings everyone together to exchange information that is vital to the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the First State. We are excited about this opportunity to build partnerships and make progress toward a truly "Livable Delaware."

Keynote speaker Philip Mangano, Executive Director of the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, zeroed in on the importance of partnerships in strategies to end homelessness: "I am pleased to join Governor Minner, state leaders, and the wide range of public and private sector partners who are working together to improve the quality of life for everyone in The First State, both housed and homeless."

DSHA Director Sandy Johnson said, “The recent, intensified pace of home building and the influx of residents from nearby states have pushed home prices out of reach for many of Delaware’s hardworking families. We must find ways to make sure all Delawareans have access to safe, decent and affordable housing.”

More than 300 attendees, representing 130 organizations, participated in the daylong conference. National, state and local housing professionals shared their expertise on a wide range of issues affecting Delaware’s affordable housing industry. They discussed how Delaware’s skyrocketing home prices have impacted local communities and what is being done to address these issues. Topics included Manufactured Housing, Rent Issues and Legislation, Community Land Trusts, Community Design, Consumer/Supplier Issues, Development Regulations, Affordable Housing Preservation, Increasing Outreach to Emerging Markets, “Green” Building Design, Universal Design, Addressing the Needs of Persons with Disabilities, and Safe Communities.

For more information on affordable housing programs available through DSHA, or to find out if you qualify, please visit the DSHA website at www2.state.de.us/dsha or contact the Public Information Office in Dover at (302) 739-4263, in Wilmington at (302) 577-5001, or toll-free at (888) 363-8808.

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