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Delaware State Housing Authority & DNREC's Delaware Energy Office Host Residential Energy Summit

A day long conference was held yesterday at John M. Clayton Hall Conference Center in Newark, Delaware featuring nearly twenty speakers. Opening Plenary kicked off with Delaware State Housing Authority Director, Sandy Johnson and DNREC Deputy Secretary David Small. National, state and local professionals and activists shared their expertise in a wide range of issues affecting not only Delaware's affordable housing industry, but also the nation's.

Sandy Johnson presented a Proclamation from Governor Ruth Ann Minner and Lt. Governor John Carney, officially designating June as "Homeownership Month". Delaware's homeownership rate is an impressive 77.3%, compared with the national average of 69.0%

"There are many innovative approaches to energy efficiency in community planning and development; we need to utilize the resources available and educate others about energy efficiency. Doing so will increase our energy savings, thus leading to truly affordable housing," said DSHA Director Sandy Johnson.

The purpose of the conference was to educate those interested in learning how to increase energy efficiency and save money. Among the topics discussed were: making homes more energy efficient, protecting the environment through energy efficiency and maintaining energy for the future.

The keynote speaker was Ellen D. Lutz, regional director of the U.S. Department of Energy's Mid-Atlantic Regional Office. Ms. Lutz oversees the activities of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, which includes more than \$40 million in funding annually for the development of clean energy technologies throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Ms. Lutz brought a wealth of experience and insight to the Department of Energy and to Delaware's Residential Energy summit. Ms. Lutz discussed examples of national initiatives that demonstrate creative approaches to energy efficiency.

For more information on the Residential Energy Summit please visit the DSHA website at www2.state.de.us/dsha or contact the Public Information Office in Dover at 739-4263.

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