

*Attention: Nonprofits, local governments, and private developers who produce affordable housing for homeownership. You may be eligible for this award!*



**Ninth Annual Excellence Award**

# The 2005 HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence

22nd Annual

Best in American Living

Award Competition

HUD and the nation's homebuilders are turning dreams into realities. Through collaborative public/private partnerships in communities throughout the country, we are creating new homebuying opportunities for lower-income households by removing the barriers to affordable housing, minimizing regulatory obstacles, and educating potential homeowners. Our goal is to line America's streets with affordable, accessible, well-designed, and well-built homes that enhance and embrace the neighborhood.

Alphonso Jackson  
Secretary



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# REGISTRATION FORM

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Alphonso Jackson, in partnership with *Professional Builder* magazine and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), announces the ninth annual HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence competition as part of the annual Best in American Living Award. The HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence recognizes design excellence produced through cooperative public/private efforts that expand homeownership opportunities for underserved American families.

## Criteria

Each entry for the 2005 HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence must meet the following criteria:

1. The home is affordable to people with incomes less than 80 percent of the area median income.
2. The first home must have been completed or the first model home opened after May 1, 2004, and before July 15, 2005.
3. The sales price of the home is below 85 percent of the median home price of the metropolitan statistical area (MSA). Please visit [www.nahb.org/hoi](http://www.nahb.org/hoi) to view the NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index, complete listing, sorted alphabetically, to get your MSA's median sales price. If you have questions, call 800-368-5242, ext. 8343.
4. The home was built through a collaboration of local government, private industry (e.g., builders, Realtors®, and lenders), and nonprofit and/or community groups.
5. The home embodies design excellence as defined by the Affordable Housing Design Advisor (see [www.designadvisor.org](http://www.designadvisor.org) for more information). Discuss how the project meets users' needs, understands and responds to the Design Advisor's content, enhances its neighborhood, and is built to last.
6. The home demonstrates innovation in one or more of the following ways:
  - Uses PATH-identified technologies (see [www.pathnet.org](http://www.pathnet.org) for more information).
  - Overcomes regulatory barriers.
  - Conserves energy and water; reduces construction waste.
  - Improves the construction process to reduce cost or increase efficiency.

*Note: To be selected as a winner, a project is required to provide accessibility. If the project is covered by the accessibility provisions of the Fair Housing Act, the project must meet the provisions of the Act to qualify for an award. For more information, refer to [www.hud.gov/groups/fairhousing.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/groups/fairhousing.cfm).*

Applicants should not supply any information other than this registration form. After submitting this form, each applicant will receive a notebook containing a checklist, detailed entry forms, and instructions for organizing entry exhibits.

Registration forms and the registration fee for each entry for the 2005 HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence must be received at *Professional Builder* magazine no later than July 1, 2005. All entry notebooks must be postmarked no later than July 15, 2005, to be eligible for inclusion in the 2005 HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence competition. Registration fees are \$100 for each entry in this category. Make checks payable to Best in American Living Award. A panel of HUD judges will select the winners for Platinum, Gold, and Silver awards.

For questions regarding HUD application submissions, please contact—

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Mail or fax completed registration form with entry fee to—

The HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence  
Best in American Living Award  
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Public announcement of the 2005 winners will be at the 62nd NAHB International Builders' Show, January 11-14, 2006, in Orlando, Florida. Winners will be presented awards during a ceremony sponsored by NAHB, *Professional Builder* magazine, and several leading building product manufacturers.

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I am submitting a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
for the 2005 HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence  
competition. Please send me an entry notebook.