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ADOH to Host 11th Annual Arizona Housing Forum

Phoenix – On September 10-12, the Arizona Department of Housing will host their 11th Annual Arizona Housing Forum in Tucson at the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort.

The Arizona Housing Forum is the only statewide housing conference in Arizona and it has become a venue for elected officials, policymakers, industry professionals, advocates, and community leaders from across the state and nation to address the significant challenges facing Arizona's housing market. In 2013, over 25 states were represented by over 300 attendees.

"Each year, the Arizona Department of Housing looks to deliver a program that provides our guests with the opportunity to share new and creative ideas while learning from the top professionals in their respected fields. Once again, this year's Forum has attracted individuals from all across the country who will partake in a many diverse sessions, covering a myriad of housing related topics," said ADOH Director Michael Traylor. "As a follow up to last year's theme, Stand Up For Housing, the theme of this year's Housing Forum sends a strong, but simple message, "Do Something!"

For the tenth straight year, the Brian Mickelsen Housing Hero Awards will be presented at the Forum. The Brian Mickelsen Housing Hero Awards recognize outstanding service by individuals and organizations for their commitment to numerous housing issues throughout the state. Nominees in seven different categories are selected based on their efforts to support affordable housing for moderate and low-income Arizona families. The awards are named in honor of the outstanding public service exemplified by the late Brian Mickelsen, an original member of the Arizona Housing Finance Authority and former city manager for the Town of Cottonwood. The winners will be celebrated at a luncheon on Friday, September 12th.

There will be presentations and keynotes from Arizona State University Research Professor and Economist, Dr. Lee McPheters; Tucson Mayor, Jonathan Rothschild; Dr. Uche Odiatu, author of *Fit for the Love of it* and *The Miracle of Health*; Robert Moss and David Gasson will provide an update on the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit program; National consultant Monte Frank will be returning to lead a discussion on the federal HOME Program.

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