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SENATOR AMY KLOBUCHAR ANNOUNCES MINNESOTA COMMUNITIES TO RECEIVE \$6.3 MILLION IN HOUSING GRANTS

464 New Housing Units Funded by FHLB Des Moines

(ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA) – Senator Klobuchar, today, announced that communities in Minnesota will receive \$6.3 million in affordable housing grants from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines. Eight banks that are members of the Federal Home Loan Bank applied for and were awarded grants for the purchase, construction or rehabilitation of rental and single-family housing. The projects slated for completion with these grants will create or rehabilitate 464 affordable housing units and have an economic impact of \$60.1 million in the state of Minnesota.

In the competitive grant program, FHLB Des Moines member financial institutions and community development organizations submit applications for eligible housing projects. “The FHLB Des Moines Affordable Housing Program aids the unique housing needs of each community our members serve,” said Richard S. Swanson, President and CEO of the Bank. “This partnership has strengthened their community by providing quality, safe and affordable homes.”

“These grants represent more than an investment in affordable housing,” said Klobuchar. “They’re also an investment in the prosperity and quality of life in our communities.”

Twenty-nine AHP grants, totaling \$10.4 million, were awarded by FHLB Des Moines during the second competitive round of 2008. In response to community housing and economic challenges, the Bank’s Board of Directors approved changes to the second round of AHP scoring criteria to pay special attention to foreclosure projects.

Each year the Bank commits 10 percent of its annual net income to developing affordable housing. Since 1990, FHLB Des Moines has awarded over \$54.4 million through AHP to create 11,868 homeownership and rental units in the state of Minnesota.

For a complete listing of 2008 AHP grant recipients, please visit the Bank’s website at www.fhlbdm.com/ci_ahp_08recip.htm.

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The Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines is a wholesale cooperative bank that provides low-cost short and long-term funding and community lending to more than 1,200 members, including commercial banks, saving institutions, credit unions and insurance companies. The Bank is wholly owned by its members and receives no taxpayer funding. The Des Moines Bank serves

Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota and is one of twelve regional Banks that make up the Federal Home Loan Bank System.