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## **Warren Hanson Appointed to Affordable Housing Advisory Council**

(Des Moines, Iowa) – Warren Hanson, president and CEO, Greater Minnesota Housing Fund in Saint Paul, Minnesota, was recently appointed to serve on the Affordable Housing Advisory Council (AHAC) for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (FHLB Des Moines). His three-year term will begin on January 1, 2009.

As a founder of the Greater Minnesota Housing Fund, which serves 80 counties in Minnesota with development loans and technical services, Hanson brings more than 30 years of non-profit management, community development and public policy experience to the AHAC board. At Greater Minnesota Housing Fund, he actively supports the creation of healthy communities and initiated programs to promote racial equity and economic opportunity for emerging populations in Greater Minnesota. During his career, he has provided organizational and strategic planning services to a wide variety of non-profit and government agencies in Minnesota. As a founder, chairman and board director of Community Reinvestment Fund since 1986, he helped guide the company to become a source of capital for community development organizations nationally. Hanson also served as president of Regional Strategies Inc, a private consulting firm providing strategic planning services to non-profits for two years.

Hanson is actively involved with a variety of organizations including the Housing Preservation Project Board, Envision Minnesota Gubernatorial Committee for Regional Growth Management, Governor's Commission to End Long Term Homelessness and Minnesota Housing Partnership. He also serves as an adjunct professor for the University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

FHLB Des Moines' Affordable Housing Advisory Council is a 15-member group that advises the Bank on housing and economic development programs and needs. AHAC members are a diverse group of people from across the Bank's five-state district of Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota. Council representatives typically have an extensive housing and economic development background.

Melanie Benjamin, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in Onamia, Minnesota; Lynn Fundingsland, Executive Director, Fargo Housing and Redevelopment in Fargo, North Dakota; Linda S. Morgan, Director, Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity in Waterloo, Iowa and Shawn Pritchett, Executive Director, South Eastern Council of Government in Sioux Falls, South Dakota were all re-appointed to another three-year term on the Bank's advisory council.

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