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Jessica Thomasson Appointed to Affordable Housing Advisory Council

(Des Moines, Iowa) – Jessica Thomasson, director, Lutheran Social Services Housing, Inc. in Fargo, North Dakota, was recently appointed to serve on the Affordable Housing Advisory Council (AHAC) for Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines. Her three-year term will begin on January 1, 2010.

Thomasson brings more than 10 years of housing, neighborhood-based planning and policy analysis to the Advisory Council. At Lutheran Social Services Housing, she actively supports the creation of healthy rural North Dakota communities through developing and operating affordable housing units. During her career, Ms. Thomasson has provided financing solutions for North Dakota's housing and community development challenges through her work at Fannie Mae, North Dakota Community Business Center and directed community develop initiatives for the city of Fargo. Thomasson is actively involved with a variety of organizations including the Lake Agassiz Habitat for Humanity, CHARISM and CommunityWorks North Dakota.

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.

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