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Michael DeVos Named New MSHDA Director

Members of the MSHDA board of directors announced that Michael R. DeVos has been named the Authority's new executive director. DeVos began his new duties January 24.

"The Michigan State Housing Development Authority is a key partner in our efforts to grow Michigan's economy by revitalizing Michigan cities and helping more people realize the dream of homeownership," said Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. "I am pleased that Michael will be bringing his enormous energy and experience to Michigan to help a great program become even stronger."

DeVos, who had unanimous approval from the board, replaces Rick L. Laber who has been serving as MSHDA's acting director for the last 18 months.

"We are confident that he will bring to Michigan a wealth of knowledge based on his extensive experience in the affordable housing industry," said Board Chairperson Gilbert B. Silverman. "We are looking forward to working with him in moving ahead with the goals and mission of the Authority."

DeVos began his career in 1982 as a real estate salesperson and became a developer in 1984. He was a principal in 11 projects totaling over \$4 million including renovations, subdivisions, condominium conversions and income property. He joined Resources for Community Development in 1991 as executive director where he monitored projects totaling more than \$30 million. In 1995, DeVos became the director of development at the Maine State Housing Authority where he oversaw annual program budgets totaling \$60 million.

DeVos graduated Magna cum Laude in 1981 from Harvard College and obtained an MBA in 1991 from the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley.

"I am approaching my move to Michigan and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority as a challenging journey that will give me the opportunity to work in a field that is near and dear to me," said DeVos. "MSHDA is well-respected nationwide as a leader in the affordable housing industry, and I am honored to serve as executive director of such an excellent organization."

MEDIA FLASH

Seventh Annual Michigan Conference on Affordable Housing Planned for June – Planning is well under way for this year's affordable housing conference to be held at the Lansing Center May 16-18, 2005. The largest of its kind in the nation, the conference theme this year is "Partners Building Communities." MSHDA and 27 partners committed to furthering the affordable housing cause in Michigan are planning the 2005 conference that will feature five informative learning tracks which include a wide range of breakout sessions, unique entertainment and more. This year's keynote speakers are Christopher P. Gardner, president and chief executive officer of Gardner Rich & Company, and Henry Cisneros, former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. More than 1,500 participants from around the state are expected and we invite all members of the media to attend as well. For further information or to make a media request or recommendation, please contact the Communications Office at (517) 373-0011 or visit www.housingconference.org.

Just a Reminder – We have a standing offer for any members of the media who would like to have MSHDA staff either appear on radio talk shows or television news broadcasts, or provide guest columns or articles for publications. Raising public awareness of MSHDA's many affordable housing options for low- and moderate-income residents throughout the state is always a well-received subject in any news medium, and we would welcome any opportunities you can provide.

MSHDA GRANTS

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Contact Telephone #</u>
CDBG		
City of Greenville	\$168,200	(616) 754-5645
City of Marquette	\$171,900	(906) 228-0435
City of Menominee	\$243,900	(906) 863-2656
City of Tecumseh	\$243,900	(517) 424-6003
Dickinson County	\$175,000	(906) 774-2256
Ingham County	\$243,900	(517) 349-1643
HOME		
Bay Area Housing, Inc.	\$30,000	(989) 893-9292
Channel Housing Ministries, Inc.	\$60,000	(231) 873-2222
City of East Lansing	\$115,000	(517) 319-6859
City of Flushing	\$44,400	(810) 659-3130
Community Housing Alternatives	\$12,500	(734) 482-6585
Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency	\$30,000	(906) 932-4200
Great Lakes Community Non-Profit Housing	\$60,000	(517) 223-8695
Greater Lansing Housing Coalition	\$30,000	(517) 372-5980
Jackson Affordable Housing Corporation	\$105,000	(517) 787-9241
HOMELESS		
Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness	\$1,910,553	(517) 485-6536
HOUSING RESOURCE FUND		
City of Jackson	\$280,400	(517) 768-6406
Greater Lansing Housing Coalition	\$222,620	(517) 372-5980

MSHDA'S JANUARY HOMEBUYER AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT PRODUCTION

	<u>Number of Housing Units</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Single Family	55	\$5 3,990,337
Michigan Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC)	58	\$ 4,767,166
Property Improvement Program (PIP)	9	\$ 78,223

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