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**SOUTHWEST HOUSING SOLUTIONS NAMED ONE OF TOP 50
AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS IN THE NATION**

DETROIT, April 30, 2009 — Affordable Housing Finance magazine has named Southwest Housing Solutions as one of the top 50 developers of affordable housing in the United States.

Southwest Housing Solutions is the only developer in Michigan to make the list, compiled in the April/May edition of the magazine. Affordable Housing Finance (AHF) ranked Southwest Housing Solutions number 40 on the list. “Despite the market challenges, the organization closed on 223 units in 2008, the most it has done in a single year,” AHF wrote.

“To be ranked as the 40th leading developer in the nation of affordable housing units is a landmark achievement for our organization,” said Timothy Thorland, executive director of Southwest Housing Solutions. “The economic downturn means that the need for affordable housing is increasing, even as the financing for such projects becomes more difficult. The fact we are continuing to grow our inventory of quality affordable housing units is vital to the wellbeing of our community and a great tribute to our talented staff.”

Since 1979, Southwest Housing Solutions has provided affordable and supportive housing opportunities to the southwest Detroit community. It is recognized as a leader in the planning, development and management of affordable housing and commercial property. Southwest Housing Solutions manages more than 400 apartment units in 24 multi-story historic buildings, serving as a catalyst for commercial and cultural development through mixed-use projects. In addition, Southwest Housing Solutions’ Housing Opportunity Center promotes homeownership and financial literacy through professional, bilingual and free counseling services and programs.

Southwest Solutions (<http://www.swsol.org>) is the holding company of Southwest Counseling Solutions and Southwest Housing Solutions. The family of corporations offers a wide range of services to create a stronger and healthier southwest Detroit community, including mental health and early childhood services, affordable housing, home ownership counseling, employment opportunities and innovative economic development projects.

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