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AN EXCITING NEW DIRECTION...

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PCHA designated "High Performer" by HUD

PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA – The Pinellas County Housing Authority (PCHA) recently completed the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) certification and is pleased to announce the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded PCHA a designation of "High Performer".

According to HUD, SEMAP certification enables HUD to better manage the Section 8 tenant-based program by identifying a housing authority's capabilities and deficiencies related to the administration of the Section 8 program. As a result, HUD is able to provide more effective program assistance to housing authorities.

PCHA's SEMAP score, for the year ending in December 31, 2009, was 100% with an overall performance rating of high. Scores are determined by the results of 14 key management indicators.

Recently, French Villas, Rainbow Village and Lakeside Terrace, three of PCHA's public housing properties, completed physical inspections by HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC). The on-site inspections determine each property's compliance with required Uniform Standard Physical Condition Standards, and the scores ultimately become a part of the agency's annual Public Housing Assessment Score (PHAS). The properties received an overall score of 98, with another "High Performer" designation.

"I am very proud of our staff and the work we do to provide safe, quality housing and innovative programs for our residents. We expect to be designated by HUD as "High Performers" in every area," said Debbie Johnson, PCHA's Executive Director.

For more information about HUD's certification process, please visit their Web site at www.hud.gov. To read more about PCHA's "High Performer" designation, housing



properties or Section 8 program, please call 727-443-7684 or visit our Web site at www.pin-cha.org.

About Pinellas County Housing Authority (PCHA):

Formed in 1965 and governed by a five member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida, the Pinellas County Housing Authority (PCHA) provides housing and rental assistance to a total of more than 4,500 families in Pinellas County. The authority is proud to be rated by HUD as a "High Performing" agency. More information about the authority's programs and services can be found at www.pin-cha.org.

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