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HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY CERTIFIED AS A DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT HIGH PERFORMER

HOUSTON—The Houston Housing Authority (HHA) is certified as a High Performer for its Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP), which is an annual evaluation required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for all public housing authorities. The SEMAP assesses 14 indicators of performance to determine how well the housing authority is administering its Housing Choice Voucher Program, also known as the Section 8 program. SEMAP uses HUD's national database of tenant information and information from audits conducted annually by independent auditors. HHA also earned bonus points for its achievements in encouraging assisted families to choose housing in low-poverty areas. High Performer is the highest rating HUD awards. HHA has received High Performer for seven years in a row.

Some of the key indicators evaluated by HUD include waiting list management, sound determination of reasonable rents, accurate verification of family income, timely reexaminations of family income, correct calculation of the tenant share of the rent and the housing assistance payment, timely housing quality inspections, and enrollment of families in the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program to increase employment income.

“We are proud to be recognized by HUD as a high performer for our voucher program,” said Houston Housing Authority President & CEO Tory Gunsolley. “The staff works hard every day to keep the program, which is drastically underfunded running smoothly.”

More than 17,000 families participate in the voucher program, of the participants, 14.7 percent are elderly, 23.6 percent are disabled, 48 percent are children, 5.2 percent are veterans and 25 percent of new admissions were homeless.

ABOUT HHA:

The Houston Housing Authority provides affordable homes and services to more than 60,000 low-income Houstonians, including over 17,000 families housed through the Housing Choice Voucher Program and another 5,500 living in 25 public housing and tax credit developments

around the city. HHA also administers the nation's third largest voucher program exclusively serving homeless veterans. More information about the Houston Housing Authority can be found at www.housingforhouston.com.

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