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**Boulder Housing Partners Wins Prestigious International Design Prize  
*One of only 14 Winners Worldwide***

BOULDER, Colo., Oct. 19, 2012 – Boulder Housing Partners (BHP) and its Red Oak Park development have been named the winner of a 2012 Urban Land Institute (ULI) Global Award for Excellence in Real Estate Design and Development by the Urban Land Institute. BHP executive director Betsey Martens accepted the award this morning at ULI's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary national conference in Denver.

Red Oak Park was selected as one of 14 global winners from among a broad mix of exemplary projects from around the world, according to Randall K. Rowe, Chair of the ULI Urban Open Space Award Jury and Chairman, Green Courte Partners, LLC.

"We're honored that Red Oak Park would be recognized not only as a model of affordable housing, but among smart growth developments of all kinds," Martens said. "It is a project that sets high standards for design, community and sustainability – even in the context of affordability."

Red Oak Park was formerly a mobile home park located on Valmont between 28<sup>th</sup> St. and Folsom St. Today it includes 59 single family, duplex and triplex affordable housing units that opened in August, 2011. All the units are classified as 100% affordable, with rents approximately 20 to 50% less than similar units in Boulder. Boulder-based [Coburn Development](#) was the project designer.

The new homes have many green and energy efficient features to reduce their environmental impact and help reduce utility costs for residents, including highly efficient walls and windows, efficient heating and cooling systems and ENERGY STAR appliances. The development is close to bike lanes and bus routes. It features a community center for youth programs and neighborhood events, and a playground for young families. BHP has partnered with Clace, a nonprofit that provides multicultural workshops and art, science and math activities for families and youth.

A free community wireless network was recently activated. "Residents now have access to information and resources to support job searches, education, childcare and more," said Martens.

"I love living here, and what I like most are the solar panels," said Shirley Cheatham, retired. Cheatham says that her heating and electric bills are \$8.42 per month, and she has saved enough energy units over the summer to heat her home this winter.

Boulder is leading the way nationally in the development of solar energy,” said Mayor Matt Appelbaum. “Boulder Housing Partners and their award-winning sustainable communities are showing how solar is integral in our community development efforts to benefit all of our citizens.”

Other ULI award [finalists](#) were urban development projects in China, Australia, Italy, Vietnam and Turkey, as well as numerous U.S. cities.

**About Boulder Housing Partners:** [Boulder Housing Partners](#) is the housing authority serving the City of Boulder since 1966. BHP builds, owns, and manages quality affordable housing for low and moderate-income Boulder residents, and helps those residents pursue successful, productive, and dignified lives. BHP is one of only 35 public housing authorities in the United States participating in the prestigious [Moving to Work](#) program, which encourages innovation by providing flexibility in the use of federal funds.

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