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Boulder, CO—The Boulder Housing Partners (BHP) [High Mar community](#) has won a national 2014 [Senior Housing News Architecture and Design Award](#). The annual awards competition recognized cutting-edge design, excellence and innovation in seven senior living communities around the country.

“We’re honored to receive this recognition,” said Betsey Martens, executive director of BHP. “In all of our new developments, we strive for high quality design, sustainability and integration with surrounding neighborhoods.”

Opened last June, High Mar offers 59 affordable apartments for seniors—the first fully affordable senior housing to be built in the City of Boulder since 1982. Located on Moorhead Avenue, near Table Mesa Drive and US-36, the community is fully occupied with a waiting list.

High Mar was recognized in the Affordable Housing category. Applicants were evaluated against three criteria: 1) design and aesthetics 2) community integration and 3) amenities and lifestyle. High Mar exceeds other affordable senior properties with its focus on maximizing the health and wellbeing of its residents through thoughtful design, sustainability and wellness opportunities. A mix of public and private spaces in and around the building promotes community gatherings, space for private contemplation and enjoyment of dramatic mountain views. High Mar was also designed to be energy efficient and meet the standards of Enterprise Green Communities and the City of Boulder Green Points programs.

High Mar was designed by [The Abo Group](#), an award-winning sustainable architecture firm based in Lakewood, Colorado. The general contractor was Boulder-based [Deneuve Construction](#).

BHP has received local and national recognition for its Holiday Neighborhood, a redevelopment of the former Holiday Drive-In Theater in North Boulder. In 2012, it received a Global Award for Excellence in Real Estate Design and Development by the Urban Land Institute for the Red Oak Park neighborhood, a former mobile home park in town.

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. Its communities have won national and international awards for sustainability and affordable housing development.

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