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RHA'S Executive Director Shawn Burr Honored with National Professional Development Certification

Certificate is Culmination of Rigorous 18-Month Curriculum

Rochester, NY — Rochester Housing Authority's Executive Director Shawn Burr was recognized last month at a luncheon by the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association's (PHADA) for completing its rigorous National Executive Director Education Program (EDEP) 10-course curriculum. The EDEP provides a meaningful educational experience for executive directors who desire to stay current with industry standards and gain new insight into the profession.

"I am honored to have received the EDEP certification," said Burr. "Not only did the comprehensive coursework enhance my knowledge and skills, it also provided the important opportunity to network and connect with other senior housing authority officials."

The program's classes reinforced technical, managerial, and strategic competencies, blending theoretical concepts with practical problem-solving techniques to help participants hone their management skills and enhance their industry knowledge. The EDEP is sponsored by PHADA in conjunction with Rutgers University.

Burr began his career at RHA in 1991 as a Public Housing Inspector. Since then, he has held numerous positions within the organization. In his current role as Executive Director, Burr's Shawn's chief responsibilities include overseeing the Development, Capital Projects, Information Technology, Public Housing, Maintenance and Systems Maintenance departments. One of his many accomplishments is his work to balance necessary rehabilitation and preservation of existing public housing with new and affordable housing development, while providing homeownership and self-sufficiency opportunities for individuals and families.

About Rochester Housing Authority

Established in 1955 as an independent public corporation by New York State Public Housing Law, the Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) serves more than 27,000 lower-income families, seniors, and disabled residents in the five-county Greater Rochester area. Approximately 20% of those reside in the 2,300+ RHA public housing units, while others served receive assistance in the form of voucher or certificate programs that help them afford eligible, private housing. www.rochesterhousing.org

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