



FHLBank of Topeka's Andy Jetter Named "Outstanding Housing Advocate"

--Bank President & CEO Honored for Success of Affordable Housing Program, Shaping National Housing Policy--

Wichita – The Kansas Housing Conference named Andy Jetter, President and CEO of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka, "Outstanding Housing Advocate" of 2011.

Recognized for his 20 years of experience in affordable housing and efforts shaping national housing policy, Jetter has been instrumental to the success of the FHLBank's Affordable Housing Program (AHP), the nation's largest source of private grant funds used to finance owner-occupied and renter-occupied housing developments.

Accepting the Ad Astra Award in Wichita, Jetter said he feels fortunate to work with the true heroes of affordable housing. "It's those of you that use AHP and our other programs, the partners on the ground making projects happen, that contribute so greatly to the people we serve. If nobody came in and used our programs, they wouldn't do any good," said Jetter.

Since 1990, the twelve FHLBanks nationwide have devoted ten percent of their income each year to fund AHP through the work of local member financial institutions. These members work with nonprofit organizations and developers to create a wide array of affordable housing options for older adults, people with disabilities, individuals experiencing homelessness and first-time homebuyers. More than 740,000 housing units nationwide have been financed using AHP funds, including 457,000 units for very low-income residents.

In the past 21 years, the FHLBank Topeka has approved more than \$150 million in AHP funding to help finance 803 affordable housing projects impacting 35,828 housing units. More than \$40 million in AHP funding has been approved to help finance 234 projects or 9,533 low-income housing units in Kansas.

Jetter's history with the FHLBank is extensive. He joined the Topeka bank in 1987 as an attorney, was promoted to general counsel in 1989, vice president in 1993, senior vice president in 1996 and executive vice president and chief operating officer in 1998. Andy has been President and CEO since 2002.

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Before joining FHLBank, Jetter was engaged in the private practice of law in Omaha, Neb., and served as a full-time instructor in the areas of finance and management at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration and economics from Midland Lutheran College, Fremont, Neb., and juris doctor and master of business administration degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Left to Right: Noelle St. Clair, Andy Jetter and Jeff Ragsdale of FHLBank of Topeka, along with Dennis Mesa of KHRC at the 2011 Ad Astra Awards Ceremony in Wichita.

In addition to his leadership of FHLBank of Topeka, Andy has served on the board of directors of the National Housing Conference and the National Association of Affordable Housing Lenders. He has also served as chair of the Housing and Community Development Committee of the FHLBank's Bank Presidents' Conference that has guided affordable housing program policies at the national level.

Presented annually at the Kansas Housing Conference, the Ad Astra Awards celebrate housing advocates who consistently make a positive impact on their communities and the best practices of affordable housing developers, public housing authorities, community service organizations and others. Other award categories include Special Achievement in Affordable Housing Development, Excellence in Partnership and Innovation in Housing and Community Development.

To find out more about Andy Jetter and the Affordable Housing Program visit the FHLBank of Topeka's [website](#). To listen to Andy Jetter's acceptance speech click [here](#). For more information about the Kansas Housing Conference or other 2011 Ad Astra winners, visit www.kshousingconference.org.

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